

Foundation in Brazil:120 years

Sr Jailde, Superior General wrote, "We will have the joy of participating in the celebration of 120 years of sacramentine presence in Brazil. It is also an opportunity to thank the Lord for the 165 Sisters who from 1903 to 1955 left to sow our Charism in Brazilian lands with great courage and dedication. Of these 165 sisters, 105 died in Brazil..."

A beautiful celebration of thanksgiving took place with emphasis on: light, a boat and a tree...symbols of the lives given, of the seed sown in the ground which continues to bear fruit in our current sacramentine mission. For those 120 years we sing our **MAGNIFICAT** today, in Brazil, France, Italy, England, Ireland, Spain, Tanzania. Joy of the Congregation.

This is how Sr. Antonina M. Soares de Almeida sums it up: "the journey of the first five missionaries: faith, courage, trust and selflessness. Looking at a past rich in blessings that made the small shrub blossom and the Congregation has grown; Today, we appreciate what was sown and built in the past..."

Yesterday, faith, renunciation and prayers,

Today, gratitude, thanksgiving!

The present has its roots in the past! Everything is grace !"



MAILBAG:

The second testimony as promised:



"Father Vigne taught us, the Christian Cross is very important because it represents the Passion and love of Jesus who sacrificed himself for us so that we might have eternal life. Every human being must carry his cross with joy and love as Jesus taught us, and to go forward with love welcoming life's simple joys despite its suffering.

Let us therefore love the Cross as a Christian symbol, wherever it is,

because it represents love for humanity". MARCELLO P.V.E.A. Frascati ITALY

k>> **REMINDER:** The 8th of every month are days of intense prayer that many young and not so young people will hear the Lord's call to the Sacramentine way of Life "without being influenced or deterred by anyone".

> < Your letters are always welcome, entrusting your intentions to Peter Vigne or reacting to his writings. It is a wealth to be shared!



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This leaflet covers the months of July-August...months we associate with holidays, rest, travel-tourism, and pilgrimages. It's also a time to give the soul a much deserved vacation too. This year the months are marked by World Youth Day which takes place in Lisbon. Here, in the Portuguese capital Pope Francis will meet young people from all over the world and we can be certain that he will remind them again that they are infinitely loved by God and never doubt it.



An important date:8July:
FEAST of BL. PETER VIGNE.
A day of thanksgiving for his life and his continued intercession for us



a torrent...of gold

God's love transforms us utterly, the Apostle John tells us. It dwells in us and purifies the heart....Like a fire it consumes and removes all dross and impurities from the soul. Such love adorns the soul with indescribable beauty and makes it precious in the eyes of God and of all the Angels and Saints in Heaven. This love sets hearts ablaze with a fire that will burn for all Eternity. Overflowing with joy and goodness, like a torrent or a river in spate, such is God's love for us.

And yet, what effort do we make to let it flow in and through our lives?

God's love gives value to all our actions even the most insignificant! It is like gold, it makes all things beautiful and precious wherever it is found.

When motivated by love, all our daily activities, from getting up in the morning to going to bed at night, give glory and praise to God and are radiant and precious in his sight.

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Vigne p. 120 missionnaire.

8 July
Peter Vigne
20-24 August

WORD OF GOD

Quoted by Peter Vigne in the text.

Whoever is without love does not know

God, for God is love.

*No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, **God remains in us**, and his love is brought to perfection in us.*

Whoever acknowledges that

Jesus is the Son of God,

God remains in him and he in God.

***We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.** God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.*

First Letter of St John . 4

God's love story

To think that there is someone who knows us, who sees our suffering and disappointment, who is moved with us and calls us by name. It is a law which we find engraved on many pages of the Gospel. There are many people around Jesus who search for God, but the most prodigious reality is, that long before that, in the first place there is God, who is concerned about our life, who wants to raise it, and to do this, he calls us by name, recognizing the individual face of each person. Each person is a love story that God writes on this earth. Each one of us is God's love story. He calls each of us by our name: he knows us by name; he looks at us; he waits for us; he forgives us; he is patient with us.

Francis 17-05-2017

15 August

Assumption of the Virgin Mary

"Just as a child raises his eyes to his mother's face and on seeing her smile forgets every fear and every pain, so do we, turning our eyes to Mary, recognize in her "God's smile", the immaculate reflection of divine light; in her we find new hope even in the midst of the problems and tragedies of the world.



Benedict XVI

Peter Vigne tells us our "path of love" must be nourished by prayer and the Eucharist.

We cannot live without breathing.
But the soul also needs to breathe and eat.
Its breath is prayer,
and its nourishment is the Holy Eucharist.

Paul Claudel

Peter Vigne's life which began on August 20, 1670 is like a **long unfolding love story**. He was baptised on August 24 and later he became involved in special parish events at a very difficult period, still scarred by the hostilities that marked the wars of religion. Nothing could be further from Christian love. Despite that, or perhaps because of it, a significant event will turn the life of this young man upside down: an encounter with Christ, with his Eucharistic Presence. This event will mark him for the rest of his life. It will change his outlook, his values and his future. **Peter Vigne knows that he is deeply loved by God**, that he is sent and that God is always with him. Having experienced the loving presence of God and become a priest and missionary, he devotes his life to preaching and witnessing to God's love with eagerness and generosity. Durand, a member of municipal administration of Privas wrote: **"we found him to be above all animated by zeal and Christian charity which wins hearts to God"**. Peter Vigne is familiar with a world torn apart by violence, poverty and the pain of families marked by ignorance. In his preaching and missions his sole desire was to ensure that the love of God is known, because **"this love gives value to all our actions, even the most insignificant! It is like gold that makes all things beautiful and precious wherever it is found"**. That was what he experienced and demonstrated in all the villages and hamlets where he preached the Good News. Following his death in Rencurel on July 8, 1740 a witness wrote **"people were drawn to him by his humility...he had amazing strength and courage....we must not forget to mention his charity, the greatest of all his virtues"**. His "charity", nourished daily by the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Love made every heartfelt response **"radiant and precious in the eyes of God"**

On July 8 the Church gives thanks to God for Blessed Peter Vigne, "priest, missionary and founder" and prays: **"Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.**

You give the Church this feast in honour of Blessed Peter Vigne; you inspire us by his holy life, instruct us by his preaching, and give us your protection in answer to his prayers"

The Church recognizes that he **is a witness** and that he **"teaches" us today** as he did three centuries ago! This leaflet "Reflections" allows us to simply disseminate this teaching. It can help us live and nourish our Christian life at any time of the year!

Pierre Vigne is an intercessor: *"in answer to his prayer, you give us your protection"*. Let us entrust our intentions to him.....

He will present them to the Lord.

B.R.

Blessed Peter Vigne, pray for usguide us.

