

MAILBAG: Thank you for your letters and messages.

“When times were really difficult this little leaflet, “*Reflections Bl. Peter Vigne*” was a great comfort to me. The WYD group from Rouen really appreciated your welcome, your smiles etc.....I spent this afternoon in my room and it was **Peter Vigne who accompanied me** especially page 2 (Oct-Nov Reflections), the extract on the Rosary. The “*Hail Marys*” I frequently recite bring us into living communion with Jesus through the heart of Mary his Mother. The invitation “to confidently take up the Rosary again” has helped me greatly. Thank you!”
M. Th. Mille. Louviers, near Rouen. FRANCE

“The leaflets help me understand the Word of God, Mary and Jesus our Saviour; especially people’s testimonies.”
Delphine FRANCE

A TESTAMENT OF FAITH..... Andrea Bocelli.....

“I OWE EVERYTHING TO GOD. I have always been a **profound believer**, even from when I was very small and became aware of my limitations. I don’t believe in luck. No one would doubt that behind every house building, there is always an architect. Why shouldn’t the universe, which is so much more complex than a building, have one too? ...

Music is my DNA, because I could not conceive the world without it...My religious spirit is independent of music. **Music is, for me, above all, A GIFT FROM GOD**, because it can be prayer, but also therapy.

That is why I sing and I want to sing more and more sacred music. **I believe that CHRISTMAS** is still the most widely **celebrated feast of the year**, and that people have not forgotten the true meaning of Christmas, even if the abundance of media messages go in another direction. It is surprising to see how the public know how to discern the fads and theories of marketing and **recognise values that are true and lasting**”. Andrea Bocelli

DATES for DECEMBER:

3rd: First Sunday of Advent: A time of reflective preparation to welcome into our hearts Jesus Emmanuel.

8th: Feast of the “Immaculate Conception” of Mary because she will be called to be the Mother of Jesus. This year, let us pray for PEACE in the Holy Land where she lived and her Son was born. **Glory to God and Peace on earth this CHRISTMAS.**



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The final 2 months of the year: Peter Vigne wants us to experience them with confidence and to walk with Hope in our hearts. Just like the Saints we celebrate and the deceased we call to mind. Next comes a time of Waiting.....ADVENT.....as we continue on our journey towards Christmas! He also reminds us that this journey has real meaning only with GOD at the centre, at the source of all we experience. With him: PEACE to all.

Where do you hope to go?

..“Perhaps you never thought that **God alone must be your final end**, to whom you must strive and include in your life plans.

So, where do you want to go, what do you want to become?

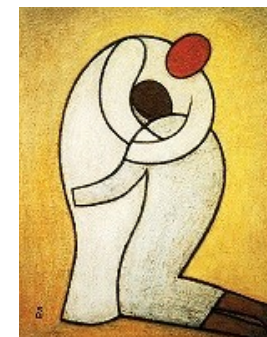
What do you wish to focus on if not on God, going to him in all things and seeking to follow his will at all times?

Perhaps you have behaved like children who to avoid their father’s presence because of some misdemeanour, try to hide here and there among relatives and friends. But eventually, they have to return home to their father’s house

sooner or later. Where else will those troubled little ones find a forever home? Who will provide them with what is rightfully theirs? Or who will take responsibility for them giving them all they need?

Likewise, dear Christians, where do you hope to go when you die? Why not throw yourself into the arms of your Creator who loves you?

Why not love him above all things: because you will find in him your heart’s desire”.



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Present and ...FUTURE!

There are questions we would rather not face....or that scare us a little or a lot! Today, Peter Vigne places before us the question of the present and the future. **How can I live my life today with my inner gaze directed towards my final end?** What steps, what desires, or decisions should I choose or refuse?



Peter Vigne asks us the question: **“dear Christians, where do you claim to be going?** Here, he’s not talking about an excursion or a holiday? In his “parable” about young children we find the clue: **“in the end they have to return home to their father’s house sooner or later”**. Each year during the month of November we remember all those who have departed from this life, those we have known and loved. And with every passing year we draw closer to that **final passage, that is death**. It is really about the passage through the door of this life to NEW LIFE with God. So from now on **“why not throw yourself into the arms of your Creator who loves you”?** as Peter Vigne suggests. We must reaffirm personally, consciously and frequently the words of the Creed: **“I BELIEVE in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen”** This is why **the Feast of All Saints is filled with meaning and hope**. It is the celebration of those who are Alive for ever. **“In this stands the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus”** says Revelation 14, 12. And our faith in Jesus will help us as we make our way from All Saints through Advent to the joyful celebration of CHRISTMAS! Such is the beautiful rhythm of our life...and looking at the **“Holy Land”** today, we cry out **SHALOM, SALAM, PEACE**. BR

November 30 2023 is the ANNIVERSARY of the foundation of our Congregation. The Eucharistic experience of Peter Vigne gradually marked the spiritual and apostolic life of the “Sisters” in Boucieu, and it continues to support and nourish it today in our Communities. We invite you to give thanks to the Lord for the Charism that Blessed Peter Vigne and the founding Sisters received and handed down to us... and for the **308 years of the Congregation that kept this Charism alive**, a gift of the Holy Spirit.



Blessed Peter Vigne walk with us.

PEACE

When Peter Vigne guided pilgrims on the Stations of the Cross he always prayed for the gift of PEACE.

“Oh Jesus...there is no better sign that Heaven will one day be our final home than when we live in peace with all...this we ask through the intercession of your Holy Mother”. With Pope Francis let us pray for peace in our world: *“Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be “brother”, and our way of life will be that of Shalom, Peace, Salam”*.

“The plea for peace expresses the pain and the horror of war... We need the **“AUDACITY OF PEACE”**.... Realism is not enough, political considerations are not enough, the strategic approaches implemented so far are not enough. More is needed, because war continues. What is called for is the audacity of peace – right now, because too many conflicts have lasted far too long, so much so that some never seem to end. **In a world where everything speeds by, only the end to war seems slow**. The audacity of peace is the prophecy required of those who hold the fate of warring countries in their hands, of the international community, of us all. It is especially the case with regard to believing men and women, that they give expression to the cries of mothers and fathers, to the heartbreak of the fallen, and to the futility of destruction, and so denounce the madness of war. Yes, **the audacity of peace** challenges believers...to transform it into prayer, to invoke from heaven what seems impossible on earth. Insistent prayer is the first kind of audacity (*Lk 18:1*). Let us not be afraid to become **beggars for peace**, ...in order to surmount the wall of the impossible, constructed on the apparently irrefutable reasoning arising from the memory of such great sorrow and so many wounds suffered in the past. It is difficult, but not impossible..... **Let us trust** that the Lord always hears the anguished cry of his children. **Hear us, Lord!**”

Francis Sept 2023

MARY STAR OF HOPE

“Holy Mary, you belonged to the humble and great souls of Israel... When you hastened with holy joy across the mountains of Judea to see your cousin Elizabeth, you became the image of the Church to come, which carries the hope of the world in her womb across the mountains of history. Shining over his birth in the stable at Bethlehem, there were angels in splendour who brought the good news to the shepherds...). From the Cross you received a new mission. From the Cross you became a mother in a new way: **the mother of all those who believe in your Son Jesus and wish to follow him.** In this faith, which even in the darkness of Holy Saturday bore the certitude of hope, you made your way towards Easter morning... Thus you remain in the midst of the disciples as their Mother, as the Mother of hope. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, our Mother, teach us to believe, to hope, to love with you.** Show us the way to his Kingdom! Star of the Sea, shine upon us and guide us on our way!”



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