

INFORMATION: With joy the Congregation announces that on December 29, 2023, in Kilakala-Morogoro, in **Tanzania**, the celebration of the Perpetual Vows of **Sr. Antusa Modesti K., Sr. Eva Rogath M.**

Sr. Flora F. Kimario took place.

Let us rejoice and thank God with them. On the same day two Sisters celebrated their Golden Jubilee. In 2023 in the various Sacramentine Regions, 14 Sisters also celebrated their Jubilee of 70, 65, 60, 50 and 25 years of consecration to the Lord. We entrust them all to your prayer of Thanksgiving, asking the Lord to **increase his Calls** to the young and not so young, inviting them to offer their lives in love and service, in response to his Love, alive and active in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. **“You call: here I am Lord!”** »



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*Happy New Year
2024
PEACE, good health*



The text of Blessed Peter Vigne expresses his “wishes” for each one of us. May each day of the New Year be a GOOD DAY, guided and directed towards the Love of God, and therefore towards the GOOD of those who are close to us.

MAILBAG “Reflections, Peter Vigne” help to strengthen our faith. The layout is attractive and pleasant to read. I feel close to him because I am familiar with Boucieu and the Way of the Cross. I like the letters they give us news from all over the world. Best wishes.

Christine Combe FRANCE

“Reflections Peter Vigne” helped me develop my faith. Let us have faith in God and rely on Him for everything. Thank you very much...for the good work you are doing in preparing this Message. Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, thank you very much for your presence here in Tanzania and thanks to you I can witness to my faith.

Monica Anderson TANZANIA

Dates to remember in January:

6: **Epiphany.** Like the Magi let us follow the Star that leads us to Jesus.

7: **Baptism of Jesus** in the Jordan. A call to live our own Baptism and to be faithful to it.

25: **Conversion of Saint Paul** so dear to Peter Vigne. Another call to be consistent, like him who committed himself to a more Eucharistic life with the help of the Priests of the Holy Sacrament of Mgr d'Authier de Sisgaud.

In February: 2. **Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and World Day for Consecrated Life.** Pray for those called to the Consecrated Life and for the communities.

14: **Ash Wednesday.** Lent begins. A journey of 40 days to Easter.

Every morning of the year

“My dear friend in Christ, let us love God, let us truly love him. If for some reason, love does not come easily, let us at least pray to him with all our strength for the grace to love him.

*During morning prayer, review the past and give thanks for the present, then look to the future and **be resolved to make it holy**, in that way you will succeed!*

*If the perfect love of God, or a sincere regret for failing to correspond to his will purifies your heart, and **with the help of grace** and a genuine effort on your part to **please God in all things, in all your plans, words, and deeds, you purify your soul**, then you will grow in holiness.*

That is what a pure heart and a steadfast spirit before God means and it is what David yearned and begged God for!

*What a holy life would be ours, if every morning we raised up our hearts and minds to God! A day that begins with such a **loving offering and a desire to please God in all things is indeed a holy day!***

*Do your best to **start your day with the Lord and to continue it in his presence**, then at the close of the day you will have no regrets....”*

H.N. 1. 47-48

P. Vigne p.l.m.

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Start as you mean to go on! “Do your best to start your day with the Lord and to continue it in his presence, then at the close of the day you will have no regrets....” This good advice from Peter Vigne is also very appropriate

for the beginning of a new year! Start well and continue as you mean to go on!

How ? At least by trying to do what he insists on and which is not always top of our daily agenda: “let us pray to him with all our strength for the grace to love him” during the next 365 days, and not just a “one-time” holiday activity!

Why ? Because, if we want the year to be a GOOD and HAPPY one, we will have to, “with the help of grace and with maximum effort on our part”, “take care to sanctify the future” which begins right NOW and continues every day. This is required of us, whatever our age, wherever we are, in our family, in community, at work, in our various occupations. Seek, like Peter Vigne, to nurture and develop our “best self” and if we do so daily with “a steadfast spirit before God” then we will “please God in all things”.

It is a beautiful **Christian life programme**, essential if we wish to avoid “apathy” or a lack of interest in living our faith with conviction. **A HAPPY YEAR.**

JOY and PEACE to everyone and to our world which is suffering so much. B.R.

“Jesus protect you, Jesus bless you, Jesus guide you”

The Crib

The shepherds, alerted by the Angels, humbly prostrate themselves, before the mystery of God made man. And the kings, dazzled by the Child, discover gold in the eyes of his Holy Mother, and Joseph’s wondrous gaze. The Angels sing Glory to God who made himself so small to be among us, He, Light of all peoples. (poem that I composed shortly after my Baptism. I am 74 years old and I was baptized on April 8, 2012. I was 63 years old. Denise-Josiane.)



“We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God”

Colossians Ch 1 v.9-10

Let us contemplate the Child...He makes himself close, tender and compassionate, for this is God's style: closeness, compassion, tenderness.

Francis 24-12-2023



January 24 is an important date in the life of Peter Vigne. The feast of the conversion of St Paul reminds us of Peter Vigne’s well-considered commitment already intimately lived since 1711-1712.

This period marks the beginning of his encounter with the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament. Their Congregation, founded in 1632 by Mgr d'Authier de Sisgaud, directed the Diocesan Seminary in Valence from 1639. It was the first in the whole of France! Peter discovers in them their great love of the Eucharist, of parish missions, and the education of young people.. Perrossier writes, “**With them he felt perfectly united, in heart and mind...and his main devotion to the Most Blessed**

Sacrament was also theirs...”

Peter Vigne sees that with them, his love for the Eucharist is further enriched and gradually his desire to be an “associate” member of this Congregation of priests begins to grow. While remaining a diocesan priest and a missionary he wishes to benefit from their spiritual help and missionary zeal.

On October 10, 1723 he signed his act of admission which reads:

“Messire Peter Vigne....informed us that, feeling called to the missions for several years and to be more successful, he desires to be helped by our prayers, to be associated with all our spiritual benefits and to be regarded as one of our confreres...” His signature appears on the first page of this leaflet.

On **January 25, 1724** he pronounced the prayer of commitment which perfectly demonstrates the deep bond that united Mgr d'Authier de Sisgaud and Peter Vigne: **the Eucharist.**

“...My Creator and Redeemer

...I offer myself, I dedicate and consecrate myself out of duty and out of love, to you my Saviour...present in this **sacred and divine Host** that I adore...that I love with all my understanding and will, with all my strength, with all my heart, with all my soul and with all my powers. I promise to live and die in this love, **to work with all my strength...so that all may know, love and adore this wonderful mystery of your infinite love...**”

In his Memoires we read: “**I was received into the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, on the day of the conversion of St Paul, the year 1724...**”. We can easily imagine the great joy he experienced that day.

Our Founder thus enriched his own Eucharistic spirituality. And 300 years later, from that “source” which marked Father Vigne, we too continue with joy and gratitude to nourish ourselves as we sing the Eucharistic Praises he received from his confreres and passed down to us:

“Glory to you, Lord Jesus, hidden God who love us, present in the Eucharist until the end of time”.



B.R.