

MAILBAG "During our last meeting we reflected on the Gospel of Mark 4, 26...which restated Peter Vigne's invitation to sow seeds of the Gospel in our lives....even one "tiny seed". We looked at the seeds of the Gospel in our daily life: respect for friends, love for my children and grandchildren, patience, cheerfulness when going about our simple daily tasks, listening to others, love of God, understanding, affection, harmony, friendship...accepting what each day brings, accepting ourselves... faults and talents...As Pierre Vigne says, we must "sow in a field that never fails to bear fruit and grain." We asked him to help us"



Amigos de Pedro Vigne Burgos, SPAIN

"Reflections Peter Vigne" have allowed me to deepen and live my Catholicism and faith. Thank you for the bi-monthly Reflections which strengthen my faith.

Joseph Nyanga, Morogoro TANZANIA

INFORMATION: The Congregation entrusts to your prayer of thanksgiving Sr. Beatriz, Sr. Marisa and Sr. Railda who made their first Vows in Brazil, on June 16. This is always an occasion to sing the MAGNIFICAT, to ask for the grace of fidelity and to remind ourselves that the 8th of every month is a special day of prayer for Sacramentine Vocations.



A WISH: The Paris 2024 Olympic Games, which will take place from July 26 to August 11, 2024, and the Paralympic Games from August 28 to September 8, have been announced for a long time. It is to be hoped that they can take place with respect between all the athletes and those who will go to see them! It would be a good "sport" that would maintain peace!!

We are all a ray of sunshine for someone, but we don't always know it.

A. de Saint-Exupery

"Being able to find joy in the joy of others: that is the secret of happiness."

Bernanos



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

Paul Claudel

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For July and August we are offering some short texts by Peter Vigne which can enrich our lives today.



A small harvest.

It is in the infinite love of Jesus and his grace that I place all my trust.-

Never let the smallest detail of the good God gives you to do remain undone.

Do for God who loves you unconditionally a tiny fraction of what you would do for a stranger!



One can seriously damage the foundations of a young child's early development.

That is why the Holy Spirit points out to us that habits acquired early in life are difficult to break and can persist even into old age.

*It is for You, Lord, that I am formed.
In You I have all that I need for
You are the source..
Having the Almighty
King I shall have riches.
Having the sea of happiness and the One who made it,
I shall rejoice in it at my ease.
Having the Sun, I shall have light. Having my God, I shall have everything.
Having the whole world without Him, I shall have nothing.*

You are such a wonderful creation that you yourself have the possibility of helping the One who must perfect you, God! For you would deserve no reward if you had not worked on it yourself!



*For Faith to be perfect it must be:
strong, lively, whole, effective and humble."*

Vignemissionnaire

July and August, significant months in the life of Peter Vigne

I want to do everything possible to die a holy death.

With the help of God's grace and in His presence, I wish to make an act of total surrender of all things to Him, doing so willingly before death; clinging only to that which is essential. You O Lord are my inheritance forever and it is for you that I want to live. PBL 1. 92

Pierre Vigne

What Fr. Vigne wrote in 1713, he lived in practice and the Sisters in Boucieu le Roi who had known him for 25 years, from 1715 to 1740, simply left this testimony: **"He lived and died a Saint"**.

Why? Because they saw him **living for God** and according to God, living to **proclaim the Gospel** and in accordance with the Gospel, **living for the Church** and in accordance with the Church, which at that time was involved in combatting the effects of the so-called "wars of religion" and especially living for the **renewal of the Church** which

was essential and which he did during his many missions.

The Feast of Bl. Peter Vigne is celebrated on July 8, the day of his death in Rencurel (FR). The Church has recognized that he is a witness and that he still "teaches" us today. Together let us give thanks to God because *"by his example you encourage us, by his teaching you enlighten us, and by his prayer you watch over us."*

On August 20 and 24 we will continue the thanksgiving for his birth and Baptism in Privas (FR) in 1670.

As Pope Francis said, his Baptism bore fruit, and in the difficulties he experienced he always *"chose God."* A call to do the same! B.R.

Let the GRACE OF YOUR BAPTISM bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; **turn to him in every situation.** Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and **holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life** (cf. Gal 5:22-23).

When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: *"Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better"*.

In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love....

Pope Francis. Gaudete et Exultate 15.

The feast of the **ASSUMPTION**, August 15, invites us to admire Mary, as Father Vigne did so well by contemplating her and praying with the tenderness of a son. From there sprang all the "titles" he gave her, which are a true song of love in honour of the One who is for all "Our Lady" and our Mother.

*Incomparable Virgin Mary, Mother of God.
Beloved daughter of the Father,
Mother of Jesus, her adorable Son,
Unceasing dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.*

*Virgin most powerful and Mother of grace,
Help of Christians.
Mary, blessed by God above all,
The Source of all Blessing.*

*Beautiful Tabernacle of God among men,
Mother of God and his humble Servant.
Dwelling place of the eternal Word.
Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Pierre Vigne

Incomparable Virgin Mary



Peter Vigne's statue of Our Lady Mother-House, Valence

The ROSARY is both meditation and supplication. Insistent prayer to the Mother of God is based on confidence that her maternal intercession can obtain all things from the heart of her Son. She is "all-powerful by grace", The supreme poet Dante expresses it marvellously in the lines sung by Saint Bernard:

"Lady, thou art so great and so powerful, that whoever desires grace yet does not turn to thee, would have his desire fly without wings".

When in the Rosary we plead with Mary, the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, she intercedes for us before the Father who filled her with grace and before the Son born of her womb, **praying with us and for us.**

The Rosary of the Virgin Mary JP11 16

A POET AND MARY

"Recite your rosary," says God, "and don't worry about what some idiot says: that it's an antiquated devotion that will soon be abandoned. This prayer, I tell you, is a radiant beam of the Gospel: no one will change it for me.

What I like about the rosary, says God, is that it is simple and humble. As my Son was. As my Mother was.

....Recite your rosary, says God, your prayer must turn, turn and return, as you finger the beads of the rosary in your hand...Come on, says God, recite your rosary and keep your mind at peace. Amen."

Charles Peguy (1873-1914)