

WITNESS: The story of Peter Vigne Eucharistic Associates at **SANTA MARIA MATER ECCLESIAE** began in 1988. It was started by Sister Maria Adriana and Sister Maria Tecla, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. They looked after the church and cared for the priests, and especially the children preparing for their First Communion. One of their charisms is specifically dedicated to the education of the youngest members of our community. **They helped us, the adults, to grow and rediscover the power of Eucharistic adoration.**

Today, Sister Maria Salomé, Sister Maria Coletta, and Sister Maria Blanca continue their invaluable work of evangelization and spiritual accompaniment on our journey of faith, under the guidance of the parish priest, Father Gabriele. They help the community understand the path the Lord wants to show us to reach out to others.

We thank the Lord for this precious gift he has given us and hope that we can always better discover the talents that have been given us, in order to put them at **the service of others** which is precisely another charism of the associates that we try to practice discreetly while our sisters show us “their way” discreet, constant and helpful!

Anna Rita, Peter Vigne Eucharistic Associates, **ROME ITALY**



On September 20-21 a group of young people accompanied by the Vocation's Ministry team gathered in Jaua (near Salvador), in Brazil.

“We are counting on your prayers for their perseverance.”

DATES

1st November: Feast of All Saints.

30 November: Advent begins...we light the first candle as we begin the journey to Christmas, marked by the Jubilee of Hope.

8 December: feast of the Immaculate Conception...Mary looks forward to the birth of her Son Jesus.. She is the “Beautiful Tabernacle of God”.



TO ALL OUR READERS AND FRIENDS: A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF PEACE FOR OUR WORLD.

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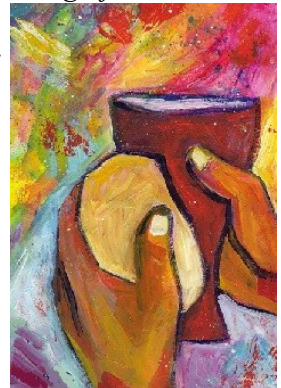
We have reached the final months of the year and the Jubilee of Hope which will conclude in Rome on January 6, 2026. At the centre is Christ who by his Offering is our life. He guides our footsteps firmly on the Advent journey, already so near, but this time of preparation mustn't be seen only in terms of wreaths, lanterns, twinkling lights and other such things that already adorn the shops and streets! Peter Vigne reminds us that Jesus Christ is the true and precious “gift” that we receive through FAITH.

HE COMES...He is near!!

“My God, you received Abel's offering.....likewise receive Jesus' Offering. As soon as he came into the world he offered his life to you as the first expression of all that was good in this world.

Receive his Offering again as you favourably received Abraham's made perfect by faith and obedience! But here, there is much more faith, trust, and perfect obedience.

Receive the offering of my Saviour like that of Melchizedek King of Justice. Being superior to Abraham he blessed him, and as priest and king he offered him bread and wine. He was King of Salem, which means Peace, Shalom.



AND BEHOLD JESUS, the one Melchizedek foretold!
*He is the great King, who will judge the living and the dead. All power is his and from him each one will receive justice. From Him comes every blessing. He is **THE PRINCE OF PEACE** who has no father on earth and whose lineage is indescribable.*

His Body nourishes the soul as bread nourishes the body.

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Prince of Peace

Peter Vigne speaks to us about the Old Testament offerings of Abel, Abraham and Melchizedek....perhaps they mean nothing or very little to you!!! The quality of their offerings already foreshadowed the great

Offering of Jesus which was the strength and joy of All-the-Saints we celebrate in November. His offering of bread and wine in the Upper Room became for them and for us too, a source of *"every blessing"*. A Eucharist!! *"His Body nourishes the soul as bread nourishes the body"*.

If Melchizedek was king of Salem, king of Peace, (Genesis 14, 17-20) **Jesus comes once again**, for us all and for the world and his coming was heralded by the song of the Angels: ***"Peace on earth to those on whom his favour rests."*** Of course it's the carol we sing at Christmas....but only at Christmas? No, not at all.

At every Eucharist the Prince of Peace comes.....While celebrating Holy Mass, Peter Vigne says to God the Father: *"As soon as he came into the world he offered his life to you as the first expression of all that is good in this world"*

"The Saints next door" whom you have known and loved also offered with Christ the very best of themselves. And if you think of those who have died, those you remember and pray for during this month you will certainly discover lives offered quietly, devoid of fanfare.....but so rich in love!

And then December comes...with **ADVENT, Waiting with Mary, for "Behold**

The belief that love can reach into the afterlife, that reciprocal giving and receiving is possible, in which our affection for one another continues **beyond the limits of death—this has been a fundamental conviction** of Christianity throughout the ages and it remains a source of comfort today.

Benedict XVI Spe salvi 48

PRAY WITH PETER VIGNE.

MY GOD

Come, wake us up:

let our first thoughts
be directed to you,
thoughts of service and new life.

Grant us the grace
of perseverance.



May we, having prayed,
loved and served you well
in this life, like the Saints,
praise you for all eternity. Amen

310 years.. November 30 the foundation

It is always good to celebrate a birth! November 30th 1715 marks the "birth-foundation" of our Congregation in Boucieu le Roi, France. We express a **deep and joyful gratitude** to the seven women guided by Fr. Vigne in their desire **to offer their lives totally to the Lord whom they loved and adored, and to instruct the girls in the villages** where they quickly established new communities. The bishops greatly appreciated their mission as adorers and educators and frequently requested Fr. Vigne to send sisters to their dioceses. They knew that these women were close to the *"good people of the countryside"* and that for them ***"working to instruct others was genuine practical charity"***, as Peter Vigne frequently told them.



That corresponds exactly to what Pope Leo XIV mentions in his apostolic Exhortation **Dilexi te**. N° 71, signed on October 4th this year.

"Many female congregations.....founded in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, stepped into the spaces where the state was absent. **They created schools in small villages**, suburbs and working-class neighbourhoods. In particular, the **education of girls became a priority**. The religious sisters taught literacy, evangelized, took care of practical matters of daily life, elevated their spirits through the cultivation of the arts, and, above all, formed consciences.



Their pedagogy was simple: closeness, patience and gentleness. They taught by the example of their lives before teaching with words. In times of widespread illiteracy and systemic exclusion, **these consecrated women were beacons of hope. Their mission was to form hearts, teach people to think and promote dignity.** By combining a life of piety and dedication to others, **they fought abandonment with the tenderness of those who educate in the name of Christ"**.

Give thanks to the Lord with us on November 30th and ask the Lord that many vocations will spring up and flower, like those of our Founding Sisters who were adorers, educators, nurses, ..etc, close to those who needed them wherever their communities were established.

