With Leo XIV, let us contemplate Mary in her Assumption (August 15) and entrust to her his intentions, ours and those who suffer.



"WE ENTRUST TO MARY the service of the Bishop of Rome, Pastor of the universal Church, **we look to her, Star of the Sea,** Our Lady of Good Counsel, **as a sign of hope.** We implore her intercession for the gift of **peace,** for **support** and **comfort** for those who suffer, and for the grace for all of us **to be witnesses** to the Risen Lord. May **Mary Most Holy**, Woman of Pentecost, **Virgin visited by the Spirit**, Mother full of grace, accompany us and intercede for us. And let us all entrust ourselves to the intercession of Mary Most Holy. Through the work of the Spirit, she became "**a dwelling place consecrated to God."** With her, we can also experience the joy of welcoming the Lord and of being a sign and instrument of his love. May the Mother of God help us to press forward together on the path of peace"

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

JULY 8 FEAST OF BLESSED PETER VIGNE: On 8 July the Church celebrates the feast of Blessed Peter Vigne, priest, missionary and founder…We unite with the Church in giving thanks to God: by the example he gave you encourage us, by his teaching you enlighten us, and by his prayer you watch over us".
>>>>>>>we entrust to him the General Chapter of the Congregation which will take place from July 11th to 26th in Valence, France.
THE MONTH OF AUGUST includes some "significant" dates in the life of Blessed Peter Vigne.
We celebrate the anniversary of his birth: August 20th 1670 in Privas and the anniversary of his baptism: August 24th which for him was a very important day saying "it's the day we were called to the Gospel, it's a particular resurrection". It's also a call to us to remember our own Baptism! Why not visit the Church where the baptistery is a visual reminder of your Baptism?

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REFLECTIONS Blessed PETER VIGNE today

On May 8, 2025, with great joy we welcomed Pope Leo XIV. He came from Peru, was born in the United States, and is an Augustinian monk. Hearing his first words and greetings was indeed a very emotional moment. We must now accompany him in the intensely difficult mission that is entrusted to him. May the Holy Spirit guide him, and may Mary accompany him.

JOY
Pope Leo XIV

I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, ***I come to you as a brother,*** **who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy,** walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family. 18 May 2025



May peace be with you all! these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for God's flock. **I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families**, among all people, wherever they may be, **in every nation and throughout the world.** Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

8 May

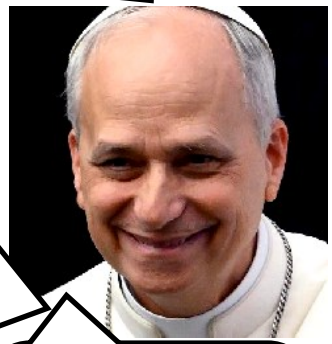
In the family, **faith is handed on together with life**, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, **families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus,** who loves us and desires our good, always 1

to cast their nets again and again, to **bring the hope of the Gospel into the "waters" of the world**, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace.18 May

Pope Leo's messages for July and August can also support and encourage us. Our lives can "multiply hope" around us.

Multiply hope

With the power of the Holy Spirit…..go and bring the hope of the Lord Jesus to everyone. 8 June



Jesus tells us that **God throws the seed of his Word on all kinds of soil**, that is, **in any situation of ours:** at times we are more superficial and distracted, at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm, sometimes we are burdened by life's worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming.
God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom. This is how he loves us: **he does not wait for us to become the best soil**, but he always generously gives us his word. **Perhaps by seeing that he trusts us, the desire to be better soil will be kindled in us.**
THIS IS HOPE founded on the rock of God's generosity and mercy.
21 May

We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family. 21 May



*"When you **firmly and humbly believe** in the first Shepherd, you are united not to the small branches of the tree but to its main body. You therefore have no need to fear the changeable nature of human opinion. Moreover, **a member firmly united to the visible Head of the Church receives the spirit of the invisible Head who guides him,** Jesus Christ, when his humble, obedient, and lively faith keeps him firmly attached to Him "* **RL 1 219**

Able to unwind

*Whether to take a holiday or not… In this issue of "**Reflections..**" Peter Vigne quite simply invites you to take time out and relax. This could perhaps be your way of "multiplying Hope"… in yourself and in those who live or work with you… Put away your bow and stop shooting arrows, the words, looks, or gestures that we store away. You will feel better and you will hear Saint Paul and Blessed Peter Vigne whisper in your ear:* ***Rejoice!***

"Rejoice in the Lord always, says St Paul. Again I say: Rejoice! Let your kindness be known to everyone. The Lord is near". Ph. 4,5



Rejoice……

Cassien tells a story that St John the Evangelist was enjoying amusing a partridge: that however had scandalised a hunter! This great Apostle made him understand that, just as his bow must sometimes be eased, ***the human spirit must also be able to relax*** *in its spiritual pursuits…For entertainment after meals Saint Louis requested* ***light hearted and cheerful conversations****…However, there was to be no unpleasant or evil words but only those capable of nourishing faith and inspiring piety in those who listen…Any bitterness, or bad temper or anger or shouting or abuse must be far removed from you, St. Paul reminds us (Eph. 4:31). Nor should you ever appear childish in your words and actions!*

You must ***maintain a happy medium in*** *recreation—or leisure—between words spoken for entertainment and those spoken for edification!*

In so doing, both the ***salvation of the soul and the health of the body benefit.***

HN 11-85-86.

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