

TESTIMONIES

***“During my life I was really blessed to have met the Sisters and Communities of the Blessed Sacrament. Forty years of faithfulness and cooperation together!. Over the years I have become an ever more active member of Peter Vigne Eucharistic Association. Every two months I waited patiently for the “Reflections” to arrive. Peter Vigne’s example expressed in contemporary language has guided and strengthened my faith in the presence of Christ with me”. *Christine M. Issy-Les-M. FRANCE*

>>Thank you Christine for your fidelity and witness. May Blessed Peter Vigne be always at your side!

**PETER VIGNE, ARDENT MISSIONARY

in the community of Bezerro, Brejo Santo, Ceará, BRAZIL

Devotion to Father Vigne in the Community of Bezerro was established in 2017 when Aldenir Jose Tiburtino, Deno, was suffering from a serious lung disease. Sr. Vera Lúcia took the statue of Fr. Vigne to his home and it remained there for the 9 days of prayer.

The next day Deno went to Fortaleza to start his treatment. He was operated on and his recovery was a source of surprise. His treatment was easier and he did not need any other drugs during chemotherapy.

After 40 days Deno returned home, still fragile but very confident of his recovery. Today he has returned to work as usual. On the occasion of the feast of Father Vigne his entire family was present during the evening sessions of the novena. As a sign of gratitude, they were chosen to carry the flag which was placed in front of the chapel. Since then, the practice of receiving the statue of Father Vigne into one’s home has spread throughout the local Church community. The statue remains with each host family for 9 days, a practice that goes on during the year, up to the feast of Bl. Peter Vigne.



In December: A FRUITFUL ADVENT JOURNEY..

*Follow the Star like the Magi,
to meet the Child of Bethlehem.*

*Place a lighted candle in your window
a sign of hope and a symbol of hospitality.*

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We are in the final months of 2018! November which is always marked by remembering the dead, could also be the month dedicated to “everyday life” Saints. December, which has hardly begun when already the shops are vaunting their wares, distracting us from what Christmas is all about: the Birth of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary and celebrating it in a meaningful way with Church and family. Why not put a light in the window this year?

Through Love freely given

I have no desire to forsake my soul’s true goal:

therefore I love you my God above all things and your Love truly enriches my

life. I am ever more willing to love you my God when I consider not only what you have done for me but what awaits me after this life. Rejoice, my soul, a kingdom awaits you! It was purchased for you by Jesus Christ. In that kingdom of eternal, ineffable and heavenly Joy, God has reserved a place for you.

Teach us Lord God to prepare for that Kingdom by making the most of your infinite gifts.

Let us therefore be diligent to enter God’s eternal rest by ways of love. Will our hearts remain cold and indifferent towards that compassionate King of Heaven who seeks only our

happiness? Seeing how weak and powerless I am to undertake that pilgrimage, he sends me all I need for the journey. He promises that if I trust him I will lack nothing. He will give me whatever I ask for, if I ask him correctly, and if it is according to his will, our eternal happiness. Thank you my God for your amazing work in my life, how good you are! You are most worthy of our praise and love! Has anyone ever seen such an affectionate Father caring so tenderly for his children and so deserving of love in return?



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Undertake the Journey to Heaven



Following the recent death of the French-Armenian singer Charles Aznavour one of his most famous songs was back on the airwaves:

*Take me to the ends of the earth,
Take me to the land of wonder
Where suffering is less painful
In the warmth of the sun*

The passage taken from the writings of Peter Vigne is certainly not as well known, but it too invites us to walk “without baggage and a heart that is free” like the Saints who accompany us throughout the month of November. Clearly, that is something we have to *long for*: *I have no desire to forsake my soul’s true goal: therefore I love you my God above all things and your Love truly enriches my life*. Sometimes we run the risk of focussing on the negative, concentrating on the grey skies and failing to see the wisps of blue breaking through, however faintly. Wallowing in misery *our hearts are in danger of remaining “cold, indifferent and without hope”*. Speaking from his own experience, Peter Vigne points out the way to us: “*Seeing how weak and powerless I am to undertake that pilgrimage, the Lord sends me all I need for the journey*”. We do not travel alone nor in isolation to the land of true wonders. The realities of everyday life and the life of Faith are not easy. Suffering is sometimes present, bereavements too.....and we think of our departed loved ones especially during this month. And so Fr. Vigne invites us to trust God at all times: “*if I trust in God, I will lack nothing. He will give me whatever I ask for, if I ask him correctly, and if it is according to his will*”. Every day we must set out anew on our “pilgrimage to Heaven” travelling in the “Light” Christ has left us—the Eucharist— *Beautiful Sun of the Church*. In it we find all we need for the journey, strength, joy and peace even in the midst of the violent upheavals that threaten us. B.R.

DATES to remember:

NOVEMBER:

1st All Saints

21: Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple.

30: Saint Andrew and the foundation of our Congregation. We give thanks to Bl. Peter Vigne and our 7 Founding Sisters, “saints” of “daily” religious life.

DECEMBER

2: ADVENT begins and the preparation for Christmas.

8: The Immaculate Conception.

28: Holy Innocents.

30: The Holy Family

FINAL VOWS:



In Morogoro **TANZANIA** on November 30, marking the 303rd. anniversary of the Congregation since its foundation in 1715:

Sister Juliana JOSEPH SANGAWA, Sister Marie Julienne PUPULU OTUNG and Sister Solange KANIKI MAKI NTALASHA will make Final Vows and Felista PATIENS NGONYANI will make First Vows.

We join with them, their families and all the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament on this joyous occasion. Let us continue to pray for vocations: remembering on the 8th of every month to pray for Sacramentine vocations.

Call to Fidelity

At the moment of consecration to God, our Sisters promise to live in **FIDELITY**, their commitment to God in the Church and as a member of the Congregation: “***I am resolved to consecrate myself entirely to Him and to follow Christ all life***”.

Much in the same way during the marriage ceremony, both partners promise **FIDELITY**. During his audience **24 October 2018, Pope Francis** gave this beautiful teaching on fidelity....and it’s applicable to both married couples and religious.

No human relationship is authentic without fidelity and loyalty. One cannot love only as long as it is ‘convenient’; love is truly manifested beyond the threshold of one’s own personal advantage, **when one gives unreservedly**. Fidelity is an attribute of a free, mature and responsible human relationship. Friends, too, reveal themselves as authentic because they remain so in all circumstances, otherwise they are not friends. Christ reveals authentic love; the One who lives in the boundless love of the Father, is, on this strength, the faithful Friend who welcomes us even when we err.....



The call to married life, therefore, requires a heartfelt discernment of the quality of the relationship and a period of engagement to confirm it. To approach the Sacrament of Marriage, the engaged couple must establish the certainty that the hand of God is in their bond and that he precedes and accompanies them and will enable them to say: *With the Grace of Christ I promise to be faithful to you always*. They cannot promise each other fidelity “*in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health*”, and to love and honour one another all the days of their lives, solely on the basis of good will or of the hope that it ‘will work out’. They need to ground themselves on the solid terrain of God’s faithful Love. Indeed, **FIDELITY IS A WAY OF BEING**, a style of life. **One works with loyalty, one speaks with sincerity, one remains faithful to the truth in one’s thoughts, in one’s actions**. A life woven of fidelity is expressed in all dimensions and leads to being faithful and reliable men and women in every circumstance. However, to achieve such a beautiful life, our human nature is not enough. **God’s fidelity needs to enter our being, to infect us**.