



For the third consecutive year, the Parish of San Julian de Burgos held a summer camp in our convent in Sasamón. This was a multi-activity, Christian formation camp of 75 young people.. It was directed by Diego, Father Daniel Sanz and a team of 8 supervisors. Here is some of the feedback we received:

"We want to thank the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for welcoming us into their beautiful home ...

May God bless your Congregation and your mission. Muchas gracias. P. Daniel »

"The only thing we can say is **GRACIAS** because with you we feel *"at home"*, you offer us your "home" and your time. The best part of the Camp is when we meet you in the corridors ... there are no words to express how much we love you! **In a short time we formed a large family.** One more year, a new adventure, and always the same feeling of being "CHEZ-NOUS"! A home of a thousand memories and feelings: joy, hope, friendship ... a welcome with open arms. And on your part so much patience and affection. It is a real joy to share with you days of hospitality, forgiveness, friendship, mutual help, sharing the Word of God and the celebrations of the Eucharist: *"You are the light of the world ... your light must shine among others so that, seeing your good works, they will give glory your Father in heaven"* Mt.5, 13. Thank you for your hospitality which allowed us to experience all that with you. We can never forget it. The first day I was anxious that after three years we could no longer come again because of the large number. But I was mistaken, what luck! Thank you, thank you, yes we will be back next year!"

FRANCE >BOUCIEU LE ROI: 18-25 August.

A week for altar servers from the Diocese of Lyon and Avignon organised by Fr Xavier Skof and Mark Quatrefages. The week ended with a performance: "L'Ardéchois or Blessed Pierre Vigne who deserves to be known"

"Forty-four young altar servers and a number of adult helpers spent a week in Boucieu **getting to know Blessed Peter Vigne**. Some of us had heard of his name but that was all. Thanks to the warm welcome we received from the sisters, the wonderful location, the excerpts we heard from his biography and writings, the young people were able to organize a production tracing the life and times of Peter Vigne for the last evening of our stay. It was a great success. **The Way of the Cross....** "Grand Voyage".....is very rich in teachings. Peter Vigne's insight and ingenuity for evangelisation found in the re-creation of the passion and resurrection within the local landscape an important catechetical tool. The Stations of the Cross were appreciated by all, including the youngest members of the group. Finally, discovering the life of Peter Vigne helped us to understand that **every generation needs missionaries**. We prayed for vocations, especially for priests anxious to spread the Good News in a world that no longer knows it. Fervent prayers were addressed to Blessed Peter Vigne our powerful intercessor with our Father in Heaven at his tomb in the church of Boucieu le Roi.

For all his saints and for the sisters who welcomed us, may God be truly praised."l'abbé Marc Quatrefages

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In the face of horrific events caused by those intent on sowing death and destruction everywhere, Peter Vigne encourages us to sow the seeds of goodness day after day. We must not lose a minute of the precious time given to us: it must blossom and bear fruit where we are. Whether it's a delicious eye-catching fruit or an ordinary humble one, what matters most is, it gives "LIFE".

Blessed Peter Vigne help us we pray, on this thirteenth anniversary of your Beatification, Tuesday 3 October.

"A laissez-faire farmer would certainly feel a twinge of regret on seeing a bumper harvest everywhere, and himself reduced to poverty and hunger pains through his own fault.

With hindsight, regrets are greater when one sees so many lost days...



*Precious time during which one could have stored up treasures in Heaven through the **love and holiness of life**, like the harvest that depends on the quality and quantity of seed sown.*

*And yet, this seed is not like the seed of good works. They never fail to produce heavenly treasures and everlasting joy, if through the **grace of perseverance**, we seek to reap that great harvest.*

Remember then to offer your day to God every morning and renew it often throughout the day"

H.N.1. 52-53

Vigne p. missionnaire.

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Harvest

More than a "click"

Obviously, to talk about "sowing", "cultivating" and "perseverance" is a far

cry from the "mouse click" that is now so familiar to all of us!

"To persevere"....and be consistent doesn't sit well with our culture of the immediate, the *"already and now"*.

And yet, life can't be lived at the click of a "mouse" and **neither can it be reduced to immediacy.**

The labourer must sow his field....the harvest will come later! Just as a grain of wheat must remain underground for a time before it germinates and becomes a young plant, or the apple blossom on the tree that needs sun and rain and seed, before giving its fruit.! The speed of a "click" is not enough. It is not enough for a team of researchers who sometimes persevere for years before reaching the result of their research.

Everything in life begins in small ways and then develops. We commit the beginning of the day to the Lord and all that it brings, the beginning of the school year, the return from holidays.

A "fresh start" a "beginning all over again" demands more than a simple "click"!

It takes a "will" that is persistent and perseveres so as not to regret those "lost days" ora lost school year!

In many countries, this time of year is marked by the resumption of school or work

This gives us the opportunity review the way we plan our day. An essential tip is to start it well:

"remember to offer your day to God every morning" Peter Vigne reminds us, because his message is for us too! God must not be a "stranger" in your daily life nor a distant friend. In your heart and mind search for Him with a renewed spiritual, "click". Remember a word from the Gospel of the day, a prayer you know by heart, or one that is special, then **"renew it often throughout the day"**. In that way you will reap what you have sown—a rich and abundant harvest! B.R.



Preaching in the remotest areas of Dauphiné and Vivarais he became an ardent defender of the right to education for all and more urgently for girls who were often left out of the education system. As early as 1715 he directed and encouraged the Sisters who "instructed" children, in order to meet the needs of the community. Shortly afterwards, their mission officially became, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the accompaniment of the pilgrims and the **"education of youth"**. It is to this mission that Pierre Vigne devotes a long chapter of their *Rule of Life*.

He insists that it is a top priority for the *"renewal"* of parish and society which *"depends on the good education of our young people who will one day participate in it"*

A pedagogy that promotes the education of each student and helps him/her to get involved is therefore very important.

"We must inspire those young people to learn.....be certain of this, a lesson that is short and to the point is more helpful than one that is lengthy and dragged out. With all the love and longing of your heart, imitate Christ the Good Shepherd by your zeal in caring for his little flock".

At the beginning of this academic year, Fr. Vigne encourages all who are involved in education, including of course, the parents! The **"harvest depends on the quantity and quality of the seed sown"**! BR

There is a growing mentality of relativism, which holds that everything is



equally valid, that truth and absolute points of reference do not exist. But this way of thinking does not lead to true freedom, but rather to instability, confusion and blind conformity to the fads of the moment. As young people, you are entitled to receive from previous generations **solid points of reference** to

help you to make choices and on which to build your lives: like a young plant which needs solid support until it can sink deep roots and **become a sturdy tree capable of bearing fruit.**

Message for World Youth Day 2011. Benedict XVI

OCTOBER: A MARIAN MONTH

October is a month we associate with Mary. This is the month of the **ROSARY....a month to offer "roses" to Mary**, the flowers that have become the symbol of love and appreciation. The Rosary: a bouquet of 50 roses. Roses of contemplation, admiration, or intercession, the name of each rose is **"AVE MARIA"**. Blessed Peter Vigne invites us to pray frequently to Our Lady and not to lose heart. Through her intercession our prayer will be heard.

Let us offer roses to Mary, full of grace, the Mother of God.



Peter Vigne put into action the invitation he launches today. Despite enormous fatigue, time involved, and hardships, he is always on the move because he has "work" to do. He sets out to *"sow his field"*, the one the Lord entrusted to him. His missions, his preaching, his many meetings, the Way of the Cross at Boucieu, and Burzet, his books, the foundation of the Congregation, etc., are proof of this. In the midst of so many activities,

Peter is deeply **concerned for children and young people:** their education and training. An educator at heart he is not a school "master" and neither does he teach, but he "instructs" the young people who accompany him during his missions as he points out: *"On the 4th of May 1724, I took little Pierre Murcin. I never promised him anything because I fed and instructed him. I gave him a "Book of Hours", a jacket and other items..."*

Peter Vigne and Education