PRAY with PETER VIGNE

My God, in your great goodness bless the rest you have prepared with **so much tenderness** for all your creatures.
Make us participants of all the praise and adoration that are continuously offered to you, in Heaven and on earth.
Give to our family, friends and enemies the grace to live a good life and die a holy death, that we may all come **to your eternal Joy**.
Jesus, my Saviour,
I entrust to you my own soul saved by your precious Blood.
Jesus, protect me
Jesus bless me,
Jesus lead me to Eternal Life.
Amen

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A SENSE OF WONDER

Whether you are on holidays or not try to develop a sense of awe and wonder for the gift of creation which Peter Vigne tells us, proclaims and shouts aloud "LOVE YOUR GOD"

"We should pity those who, willing to submit everything to the rules of reason would rigorously condemn the belief systems which help people bear the sorrows of life, and gives them a morality which the best laws could never do. **It is good, it is indeed beautiful**, whatever is said, that all our actions are filled with the fullness of God and that we are constantly surrounded by his miracles. Ordinary people are much wiser than philosophers. **Every fountain, every roadside cross, every sigh of the wind in the night brings with it a miracle. For the person of faith, nature is a constant source of wonder."**

Chateaubriand Le Génie du christianisme

INFORMATION.

On July 7, in the parish church of Nossa Senhora do Ó, à Altinho , **BRAZIL** Sr Josinete Josefa Duarte will make her Final Vows in our Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The chief celebrant will be Dom Bernardino Marchió, bishop of the diocese of Caruaru. With her let us give joyful thanks to the Lord for the gift of Consecrated Life in the Church. It is always an occasion to i nvite you to join us in prayer on the 8th of each month in praying for Sacramentine Vocations.

Blessed Peter Vigne, Apostle of the priesthood and Consecrated Life
pray for us and accompany all those who are called today.

>>>July 8 will be a day of festival in Boucieu le Roi in honour of Bl. Peter Vigne. We join with each Sacramentine Community, the Eucharistic Associates and the Friends of Peter Vigne in a prayer of thanksgiving.

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REFLECTIONS Blessed PETER VIGNE today

The focus for these two months is on Bl. Peter Vigne. We will attempt to rediscover all the riches both human and spiritual hidden behind his pleasant and simple demeanour. Let us welcome the witness of his life and be challenged by it.

a life, a gift, for LIFE

"This worthy priest was endowed with the rarest virtues; when instructing children he had **invincible patience**, especially when dealing with the slowest of learners whose spoken language was the local dialect. He acted as translator for them, helping them understand the principal mysteries of our holy faith.
All those who met him were attracted by **his humility.**
To reunite the faithful in the sheepfold of Jesus Christ and to establish peace, he remained ever vigilant against those who would sow discord and division…….His outstanding **strength and courage** helped him persevere in the difficult tasks he faced every day. He would go from the pulpit where he preached the truth of God's Word to the confessional and from the confessional to religious instruction classes; simply put, the church was where he spent all his time…..
He was called to preach a mission in **Rencurel,** a very large parish in the diocese of Grenoble. He **edified all the people** with his inspiring sermons enriched with encouraging thoughts from the Gospels…. On the feast of Saint John the Baptist he made a supreme effort to continue…..He took for his sermon the repentance proclaimed by the precursor of Jesus Christ…..that was his last sermon.

He died on Friday July 8th 1740 at four o'clock in the evening".

The real story of the death of Fr. Vigne……

Do you wish to catch a glimpse of Heaven?
Come devoted follower of Christ, see here the beautiful soul of a Servant of God.
Through him God's love shines wherever he goes..
To share his faith is his great joy.
The Pulpit of Truth is the source of his beautiful work.
Beneath the standard of the Cross his activities flower and come to fruition.
At the end of his mission
as he lowers his eyes
he receives the light,
God opens Heaven to him…"

A spiritual lament on the death of this holy priest.

July , August ...with Bl. Peter Vigne

To read and fully accept this leaflet "*Reflections, Peter Vigne*" it is important to know him better. His Beatification was not the result of "*pure chance*" but the recognition by the Church of his priestly and missionary life, lived according to the Heart of God. From **his birth on August 20th 1670** God had chosen him. He was **baptised on August 24th** and later, somewhere along life's journey, a powerful Eucharistic grace directed him to the priesthood, the missions, and the foundation of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. If, immediately after his death, two of his contemporary priests proclaim his virtues, it is interesting to read what Peter Vigne wrote to one of his priest friends on January 15th 1731. He simply holds up a mirror to his own life!

"*By your **good nature and charity** you are like a water fountain that keeps on overflowing even as it fills. God wants you to persevere to the end, and spend your life **like a swimmer in a huge river, where, with head held up, arms active and eyes fixed on the target port or shore**, one tries to avoid danger".*

One can say with great certainty that during his 46 years of missionary work, Bl. Peter Vigne walked with "***his head up and his arms active"*** to live fully his call to evangelise and serve without sparing himself. He lived with his "***head up"*** focussed on Jesus in the Eucharist in praise and intercession, and with "***arms active"*** ready to help all those he met.

The following advice to his "*beloved Christians"* was already tried and tested in his own life:

"We must never lose heart in doing good*…..A Christian who does not go his centre, to God, serving him…..has lost his way.* ***Everything we say and do here below will serve us for eternity,*** *for eternal joy or eternal torment…."*

Peter Vigne was a good and faithful servant and his life, like his message continues to challenge us today. Wherever you are during these two months, on holidays or not, Peter calls you to keep your **"head up and your arms ready for action"!** For example: *your head up* to admire and respect the beauty of creation giving thanks to God for so lavish a gift; *arms ready for action,* to serve rather than to be served, and make my contribution to the common good in whatever I may do or say!

"*Walk tall, walk straight"* during these two months with a blessed and trustworthy guide to lead you! BR

A WAY OF BEING

A text of Pope Francis is almost a "portrait" of the priest, Peter Vigne……and could serve all of us in our daily life.

"…...The priest of Christ is anointed for his people, not to choose his own projects but to be close to the real men and women whom God has entrusted to him. No one is excluded from his heart, his prayers or his smile. With a father's loving gaze and heart, he welcomes and includes everyone, and if at times he has to correct, it is to draw people closer. He stands apart from no one, but is always ready to dirty his hands. The Good Shepherd does not wear gloves.

As a minister of the communion that he celebrates and lives, he does not await greetings and compliments from others, but is the first to reach out, rejecting gossip, judgements and malice. He listens patiently to the problems of his people and accompanies them, sowing God's forgiveness with generous compassion. He does not scold those who wander off or lose their way, but is always ready to bring them back and to resolve difficulties and disagreements. He knows how to *include*.

3 June 2016

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY we are asked to "*pray that priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests* "

In many countries there is a great shortage of priests….the Church therefore must pray for vocations to the priesthood.

There are 415,656 catholic priests worldwide according to the latest statistics issued by the Vatican. The greatest number (37,4%) are in America, followed by Europe (31,6%), then Asia (15,1%), Africa (13,4%), and lastly Oceania (2.5%). They have to serve a global catholic population of more than 1,2 billion.

AT THE TOMB OF BL. PETER VIGNE

- "Blessed Peter Vigne, we have just discovered you! Thank you for being here! We ask you to watch over us and protect us from all harm. We entrust to you our family and its peace" C and R
- "Remembering my visit to this church with my family I ask Peter Vigne to give me the courage and the will to cope with a serious illness….JB
- "Peter Vigne, I sense your presence in this church. Watch over humanity that is lost and protect us" J.
- "I am an atheist but I love this place, so peaceful and comforting…" L.