to Easter….when we walk the road of conversion, express sorrow for the sin that hurts the heart and damages our relations with others, re-affirming once more our hope and trust in God who is always faithful.

MAILBAG: *A period of particularly cold and snowy weather hit Europe leaving many people dead. A series of earthquakes and avalanches brought concern and destruction to central* ***ITALY.*** *We really feel for our Sisters who write*:

"We feel a terrible pain with what's happening in Italy right now: earthquakes, heavy snow, severe frost, and communications cut thus hindering the search and rescue efforts. On January 18 the series of strong earthquakes that hit central Italy were felt here in Rome and we had to evacuate the pupils from the school. Yesterday the school remained closed but we are open today. Needless to say the parents are very worried" Sr. Angelina Tiberti. FRASCATI (ROME)

"Thank you for the prayers for our Italian people who are sorely tested by the earthquakes and the rigours of the climate. Pray for those who have been badly hit and for the rescue workers who are working non-stop in the search for survivors……..

+++I **also ask for prayers for a member of PVEA** in the parish of Mater Ecclesia (Rome) **who is very ill**. **We are praying for a miracle, that he will be healed through the intercession of Peter Vigne.** Sr. M. Lucia Santori. ROME.

>>>Let us all **pray with confidence** for that intention: ***Blessed Peter Vigne, hope of those who suffer, pray for us and grant us our request.***

++What better way to begin 2017 than to say **"THANK YOU"** for this day spent together. For the love and affection we experience in our group. For the bread that we shared and will continue to share long into the future, "THANK YOU".

"THANK YOU" for these extraordinary days; "THANK YOU" for being part of this great family. May **Peter Vigne accompany us throughout 2017** and may there be health, peace and love for our families, friends and the whole world. By continuing our meetings we wish to move forward on our Faith Journey as we celebrate today the Baptism of the Lord" Amigos de Pedro Vigne. BURGOS. SPAIN

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE. "WITNESSES OF HOPE AND JOY"



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul 11 instituted a day of prayer for men and women in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Presentation of Jesus in the temple on **February 2nd**. This Feast is also known as Candlemas, when candles are blessed symbolising Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Christ to all peoples. These two feasts also highlight the sense of **offering and gift**: consecrated Life is above all the offering of one's entire being to Jesus Christ, for the service of others, the Church and the world. It is a day to give thanks and to pray for vocations to the Consecrated Life……..and the 8th of each month

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REFLECTIONS Blessed PETER VIGNE today

With the bitterly cold weather spell gripping many countries in Europe, leaving havoc in its wake, we are facing into the months of February and March….while Brazil and Tanzania on the other hand would certainly be very happy with a drop in their 34 degrees summer temperatures! However, it is the temperature of the "heart" that matters most as we go through these two months. ***March is the month in which the majority of Lent falls,*** *but the* ***feasts of Our Lady in February and March*** *are an occasion to read Peter Vigne's beautiful dedication text, offering his book to "The Incomparable Virgin". She guides and inspires him, he admires her, she is the "blessed and chosen one of God" and with child-like confidence he places all his trust in her! His dedication sings of Mary's beauty, and he invites us to fix our gaze on and contemplate with great tenderness Mary our Mother, the "flawless mirror of infinite Beauty".*

Feasts*= 2 February: The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple*

11 February: Our Lady of Lourdes

25 March: The Annunciation

To Mary Queen of Heaven, Incomparable Virgin MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



"*To whom could I dedicate and offer this booklet but only to the One who perfectly embodied for us a life of holiness? She, whose virtuous life and perfect obedience to God's will and pleasure, earned for her this sublime calling to be* ***his beloved Daughter, the Mother of his adorable Son and the constant dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.***

All that is good in this Rule of Life comes from the Father of Lights and was inspired by your powerful intercession ***O Holy Virgin!*** *you whom we also call the* ***Mother of Grace*** *and* ***help of Christians.***

With the Church and with all Christians I praise you, not only as most ***blessed by God above all creatures****, but also as the* ***source of all Blessing****. Receive then this Booklet as a little gift from a child to his good Mother who gave it to him in the first place!*

And may this great and wonderful God through the mediation of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, obtain for all who will read this booklet with devotion and conviction, be guided by the reflections and rules contained therein. Grant that in so doing, they will be ***counted among your children.*** *Through you, may they be* ***blessed by God*** *and one day* ***enjoy the eternal happiness*** *for which we are all created. Amen*

Dedication BOOK OF HOURS

Carry the message

I hope you are sitting comfortably and have time to listen to the story I have to tell. It began many years ago, in 1737....So you see, I am 280 years old and I continue to bring the message Peter Vigne entrusted to me all those years ago!. I am in fact just a small book, a kind of *"paperback"* book of the time! I am called a **"BOOK OF HOURS".** I owe my existence to Peter Vigne who gave life to me and continued to nourish me during his missions. When the time came for him to leave the parishes and the faithful who had come to listen to his sermons, Peter, my author, was wondering how to continue to spread the message he had given. How to accompany the lives of those Christians and nourish the seeds of the Good News he had sown during the weeks and months of missions? How to protect the **vibrant colours of God's graces** so generously welcomed, from losing their brilliance? Before me, another book smaller still, entitled *"Hours spent in God"* already had that same mission in 1723. (that book is no longer to be found even though more than 2000 copies were printed) I am the second "enlarged" edition.

In his Journal Peter often mentioned me because he gave me (several copies) to parishes where he preached, to friends or to those who helped him. I am always with him wherever he goes, on foot or on horseback! For example, at Crestet, where his mission lasted a month and finished at Christmas 1726 he gave Mr. Desroche where he boarded *"two copies of the "Hours" one for each of his daughters"*. At Macheville, in January 1727 at the end of the mission he also left me to the daughter of Granion his host. At Cornas, Fr. Vigne began a mission on 9 February devoting himself completely to it: "*This mission has been one of the most useful and fervent"* he said and so he left behind him 10 copies of "The Hours" to maintain that fervour. At Vernoux he gave 27 copies to Sisters Rose and Souveraine. I was indeed very busy as you can see, bringing the message every day. At Bozas, for example, I was sent to be at the disposal of all those who came to pray at *"the Lady altar"*



The money he received for me was used for mission work and to help those whom he saw in real need, such as "poor Magdon de Saou" or "Suzon de Jure, a new convert". I invite all readers, then and now, **to pray, meditate, nourish the faith you received and make it part of your daily life because I was written by Peter Vigne expressly "*to sanctify the daily life of every follower of Christ*"**

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of my pages! Why? "***You are the treasure of the whole church…..Give us the grace to believe in your Word, to believe in you, to put all our trust in you***" And so my beloved missionary recommends that you: ***"Enjoy the light of this Beautiful Sun of your soul: Jesus Christ"***

Remember that I am dedicated to the Virgin Mary. May she guide and accompany you at each Eucharist, celebrated and adored. May she be with you too during the season of Lent and as you join in the Way of the Cross. Through her may you be ***"blessed by God"*** BR

Communion… in space!



"When you see the earth from that vantage point and see all the natural beauty that exists, it's hard not to sit there and realise there has to be a higher power that has made this". Those are the words of Michael S. Hopkins, colonel in the U.S. Air Force and a current NASA astronaut who left in September 2013 on board Soyouz TMA-10M and docked at the International Space station several hours later. Just a few weeks before going into space, Hopkins completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult classes and became a Catholic. He said he wanted to become a Catholic not just because his wife and two teenage sons were Catholic but because "I felt something was missing in my life"

Under special arrangement with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, and with the help of his parish priest, the rookie astronaut carried a pyx with six consecrated hosts broken into four pieces. It was enough so that he could take Communion once a week for the 24 weeks he was on board the space station.

"Knowing Jesus was with me when I stepped out the door into the vacuum of space was important to me" Hopkins said. He used some of his time to keep up with the Sunday readings and his pastor's weekly homily, both of which he received via email from the support person for his family assigned by NASA who was a member of the parish. Photos show the astronaut praying inside the cupola, "space chapel" or admiring the cosmic panoramic view.

"My crewmates knew I had the Eucharist with me" Hopkins said. "In fact, I coordinated with my Russian commander. He knew everything going on. They were all aware of that, but I never tried to make a big deal about it and publicise it. They respected my faith and my desire to follow that faith even when I was in orbit"

and you...on earth??

This testimony raises **a very important question which could inspire us on our Lenten spiritual journey:** Holy Communion, how important is it for me? ***"You Lord want to be with me and make me capable of living as you live. You wish to enliven my soul with your love, and with love and confidence I welcome and receive you"….*** Fr Vigne's Communion prayer in the Book of Hours.

LENT

During the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, 1 March and continues until Easter Sunday, 16 April 2017, we are invited with Catholics all over the world to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We are called to "conversion" to change our lives, in other words to "turn our lives around" towards God and others, in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a question of opening our hearts and minds to the Word of God, to the Eucharist and to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a journey