

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. Our former Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just that after the floods in 2010! In a short period of time we created partnerships with supermarket chains and restaurants; we have paid dozens of medical prescriptions, we have spent gallons and gallons of petrol riding across the island giving lifts, we have prevented families from going hungry, getting their electricity cut off, running out of gas, losing their homes. **We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, and keep them dreaming...**

The Mission Statement of People Helping People is... through social solidarity, to mobilize many people to help many people in a combat against poverty, hunger, illness, exclusion, indifference, intolerance, and social injustice, with a special preference for the last, the least and the lost, having as a model the person of Jesus, the «Good Shepherd» (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15). Our wish is that it may always be an open door when all the other doors close, building in this way, different feelings and acts of Mercy (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Matthew chapter 25).

"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

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>> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA:

ACCOUNT NAME:

Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0003 4938 1759020

IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

SWIFT: TOTAPTPL

NIB: 0018 0003 49381759020 94

Bank Address:

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>> DONATIONS FROM THE USA:

**Instructions for sending funds to
People Helping People in Madeira,
Portugal, from USA:**

Write a check made out to: Fr
Bernardino Andrade PHP
in the bottom of the check in Memo
area add: **PHP**



Mail the check to:

Mr. L.A. Contreras
60 Meeks Lane
Oakley, Ca 94561

The funds will then be transferred to
the People Helping People account in
Madeira, at no cost.

Any questions or concerns please
contact Larry Contreras at
707-333-5501 or email him at:
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>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

ACCOUNT NAME: Sinead Moynihan

BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

SORT CODE: 30-13-55

IBAN: GB05 LOYD 3013 5502 4617 43

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.
Any questions or concerns about transferring to
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When sending any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com with the date, amount, and name on the transfer so that Fr. Bernardino is able to confirm with you as soon as the transfer is received. Thank you.

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JOYFUL GIFT

4th of July 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França.

This morning's Mass intention is for the soul of Miguel Fernandes, who passed away 1 month ago in Funchal, after complications from covid-19. May God comfort his family, and may his Soul rest in peace ☩



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Ezekiel 2: 2-5; Psalm 122(123); 2 Cor 12: 7-10; Mark 6: 1-6)

Ezekiel was a priest in the Jewish exile to Babylon in 597 BC. Like all prophets, including Christ and Paul, Ezekiel suffered for speaking truth to those who did not want to hear it. Here he is commissioned to speak the Lord's words to Israel – "whether they listen or not". **The Psalm** begs the Lord to have mercy on the people, who are suffering humiliating contempt by others. The last three chapters of Paul's second letter to the **Corinthians**, perhaps a separate letter, contains an impassioned defence against allegations that he was weak, and less committed because he earned his own living. Paul compares his suffering to Christ's, whose sufferings bring believers to accept suffering as the way to the Kingdom. We can only speculate about Paul's "stake in the flesh". But it clearly caused bodily pain, sometimes, as in Galatia, keeping him from his work of spreading the gospel. And it brought humility instead of the pride he might have had from his successful work. But this very weakness was a continual reminder of his apostolic task. **In Mark's Gospel**, Jesus, too, finds his words are not listened to, even "among his own relations" and family. Although the later Gospels soften this rejection, it is clear Jesus found it painful.

PSALM RESPONSE: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Scripture Readings brought to you by: Chris Oliver... www.bible-groups.info

* The Scripture notes are sent to us every week by Chris Oliver from the UK. If you'd also like to have these sent to you by email or included in your parish newsletter, please contact Chris at: chris@chris-oliver.net



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "Glory and praise to our God..." - n. 166

Alleluia - "Alleluia, alleluia, glory to the Lord..." - n. 251

Offertory - "Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation..." - n. 69

Our Father - "Our Father, who art in heaven..." - n. 729

Peace - "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - n. 495

Communion - "I am the bread of life..." - n. 237

Thanksgiving - "Give thanks with a grateful heart..." - n. 164

Final - "You shall go out with joy...." - n. 645





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1.

FOUR DOORS THAT ARE ALWAYS OPEN

There is a Latino-American song that keeps repeating the same refrain again and again: «There are four doors that are always open: The Church, the Hospital, The Jail and the Cemetery»

About two weeks ago I had the privilege of entering two of them. It was on a Friday morning. After some bureaucracies, Carla and I have been authorized to enter a local prison. One of the guards told us: «This is like in the movies: You wait. The prisoner arrives. There is a glass between you and her. You share the telephone between both of you, and then you take turns in talking with the prisoner. Then you wait until we call you». That's what we did. Of course, we had no choice. That was a prison. And in prisons there are not too many choices.

Later on I passed by a church and a cemetery. The doors were open but I was in a hurry and I had the freedom to enter or not. I just left it for another opportunity and I didn't enter. At three PM I entered another door. It was the door of the city Hospital where I had to stay a few days for a back surgery.

There was a team of three doctors and according to them it was a successful surgery. But it was also a great experience. What impressed me the most was the dedication of all the nurses and the auxiliary personnel. Many times I told them: "What you do for us and the way you do it, is not just a profession or a job. It is more a vocation". Anything they did was not just taking care of sick *bodies* but of *people*. Sometimes they acted more like mothers taking care of their babies than like professionals just taking care of sick bodies. And I believe that *the way* they do the treatments is half of the cure.

2.

WHAT KIND OF CATHEDRAL?

When I was the Hospital Chaplain, it was not uncommon to call the Hospital the *Cathedral of Suffering*. Very often I had to use the lift. I always tried to establish a short conversation with my companions. One day we were two people inside of the lift. My companion was a very well-dressed man, with a suit and a tie. I had no idea what kind of job he had. We were already on our way up when, to break the ice, I said «we are in the Cathedral of suffering». His reply was: «It is also a Cathedral of Hope». In one or two seconds the door opened and closed. That man disappeared. But that trip for me was like a course on being a chaplain and caring for the sick. Since then, not ignoring the reality of the suffering, I have always tried to transmit the idea that the Hospital is a *Cathedral of Hope*. And it brought me to mind a sentence I learned many years ago: «*It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness*».

Fr. Bernardino Andrade
July 4, 2021



Claudia and Wojciech – Making their Marriage Vows 10 years ago: United forever.

There is a couple at Mass this morning (they are Portuguese and Polish): Claudia and Wojciech Hydzik, whose Marriage was blessed by Father Bernardino 10 years ago.

They are attending our Mass today to renew their vows and to have their 2 beautiful children blessed by Father.



Claudia and Wojciech United forever: Renewing their vows with their children Julia & Lucas - 10 years later.



Congratulations and a Happy 10th anniversary!

Source: www.aleteia.org/2018/06/29/the-worlds-smallest-image-of-the-virgin-mary-our-lady-behind-a-magnifying-glass/



A chapel in the city of Viacha (in Bolivia), is responsible for housing the *Virgin of the Litanies*. This is quite a special image - not only because visiting it involves a trip to a city 4,200 meters above sea level, but also because the image itself is only 4.7 cm tall, making it a contender for the smallest image of the Virgin Mary in the world. In fact, local authorities proposed that the tiny sculpture be noted in the Guinness Book of World Records.



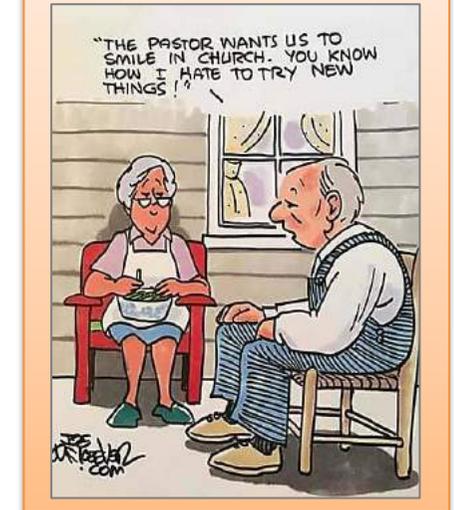
On very specific occasions during the year, the image is taken to the top of the mountain, where countless devotees from the Bolivian highlands venerate it year after year.

Where does this devotion to the Virgin of the Litanies come from? Based on various traditions, according to the Bolivian Ministry of Culture, the origin of this devotion dates from the early 19th century, when the Virgin of Litanies appeared to a shepherd girl who was being attacked by a snake, scaring the reptile away. The next day, it is said, the peasants returned to the place and found a small stone with the sculpted image of the Virgin. This miracle led to the building of a chapel on the top of the mountain, on the Hill of the Litanies.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



SUNDAY HUMOUR



FOOD BASKET - Donations received

Thank you once again to everyone who has been bringing food and toiletry items to the Chapel for the poor. They have been greatly appreciated. The basket will be at the entrance of the Chapel every week, and anything is most welcome. Thank you for making a difference!

