

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



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

*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).

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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:

Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A,  
9020-119, Funchal  
Madeira, Portugal.



### >> PAYPAL:

genteajudandogente2016@gmail.com

### >> 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: l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

### >> 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

**BIC:** LOYDGB21035



The funds will then be transferred to Madeira. Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihian7@icloud.com

**Food items are also appreciated and can be left in the basket at the Chapel door on Sunday mornings.** When sending any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com with the date, 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

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Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
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### CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! Father Bernardino Andrade is our appointed Sunday priest for this 10am mass in English. This is the only Catholic Mass in English on the whole Island of Madeira. Father Bernardino was born in Madeira but lived and preached for many years in America, and also in Mozambique.



### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66(67); Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29)

In **Acts**, after the success of the first mission of Paul and Barnabas in setting up Gentile churches, Jewish Christian visitors from Jerusalem came to Antioch saying Gentiles must be circumcised to be saved. So Barnabas and Paul went up to Jerusalem for what is called the First Council of the church. The issue appears simple, but underneath were two other issues: whether Christianity could remain within Judaism; and whether Paul's new Gentile Christian communities could remain in communion with the rest of the church. The Holy Spirit leads the discussion to a decision. **The Psalm** calls on all peoples to praise the Lord because he governs wisely and makes the earth give food. From **Revelation** we have part of John's vision of the new Jerusalem, the church, founded on the apostles. Here Christ dwells among men, so no Temple needed. In **John's gospel**, Jesus' Last Supper discourse shows his joy that he will soon return to his Father. He promises to send "another" Advocate who will make Jesus present in his church for the rest of time. The name "advocate" captures the several roles the Holy Spirit plays in the church and for us. He both consoles and advises or counsels us, while also representing us to God in the heavenly court.

**PSALM RESPONSE:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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\* 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](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net)



### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry** - "We behold the splendor of God" - n. 604

**Gloria** - n. 669/671

**Alleluia** - n. 251

**Offertory** - "Gifts of bread and wine" - n 159

**Amen** - n. 727

**Shalom** - n 495

**Communion** - "Amazing Grace" - n. 32

**Thanksgiving** - "Ave Maria, Gratia Plena" - n. 39

**Final** - "Bind us together Lord" - n. 65

**FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART** – by Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
(bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)



**REASONS TO GET UP IN THE MORNING**

**Today (17/05/2022) I had to take a taxi.** The taxi driver, very politely, left his seat, opened the back door of his car and invited me to enter. I declined the back seat by asking him if I could ride in the front seat. Of course, he said yes and allowed me to take the seat at his right side. We started talking. I asked for his name, where he lived, and if he had a family (and usually taxi drivers like to talk, and I like to listen to them). **Talking about his family,** he mentioned that he was very happy, had a wonderful wife, a seventeen and an eleven-year-old daughter. When he got to this point, he opened his heart saying that they were the reasons for him to get up in the morning. I don't think that there could be anything more depressing for any person than going to bed at night without knowing why they got up that morning.

**When he dropped me off,** I started reflecting about some of my main reasons why I get up every morning. And then I realized that these were the main *loves* or *pillars* of my life. And what happens is that these *loves of my life* inundate the 24 hours of my day. They are:

1.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD INSPIRES ME, GUIDES AND CHALLENGES ME**

The Good Shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep that are protected in the sheepfold, and walks and runs through dangerous roads and dangerous paths and dangerous rocks looking for the **one** who is lost. Sometimes I am afraid that the Church does completely the opposite: which is leaving the ninety-nine that are lost and spending all her time and energy protecting and taking care of the one that's safe in the sheep fold. This is maybe the first reason for me to get up in the morning. Two weeks ago we celebrated the Feast of the Good Shepherd in the *Cantinho do Bom Pastor* (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd), in Bica da Cana. The Mass presided by our Bishop Nuno, was especially dedicated to the people in the Front Line, who, very often worked beyond their strengths to help people overcome this pandemic. It was a Mass of Thanksgiving.

2.

**PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE PUSHES ME**

The Association *People Helping People* always takes me from my comfort zone and forces me to put all my energies, my car and my money to serve the needy. We get lots of help but never enough to answer to the dramatic needs of our poor. Today I received this SMS: *«Dear Father: Since last Monday Mr. Alexandre has been trying to help me but he was not able to do it. I know that you are not getting enough income to help those who need help. But I have to take two kinds of medication for my depression that would help me to breathe and not to feel dizzy and lose my balance. Tomorrow I have to do a thyroid biopsy. I don't know what to do. I am tired. Life doesn't have any meaning for me. I feel very lonely. A few days ago I talked for long time with Mr. Alexandre. He is a very human and generous person. He comforted my soul. I like him very much. Thank you, Father, for everything».* Somebody had to take money from his own pocket to answer to this human drama of a mother who had to take her 15-year-old daughter to the hospital for trying to commit suicide. This is another reason for me to get up in the morning.

3.

**ENGLISH MASS ATTRACTS ME AND SUPPORTS ME**

The English Mass is another reason to get excited and jump from my bed every morning, especially every Sunday. That's where I celebrate the Lord's Supper with my special friends and, before the Mass ends, I always hear a «special appeal» done by special people that brings hope and smiles to many needy people. A poignant question that always challenges me and makes me get up in the morning is: «If I don't do it, who is going to do it»? Love & Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade,  
22/05/2022



**ECUMENICAL MASS IN FUNCHAL** – Uniting Catholics and Anglicans



Anglican Bishop David, and Catholic Bishop Nuno sharing an Ecumenical Mass together

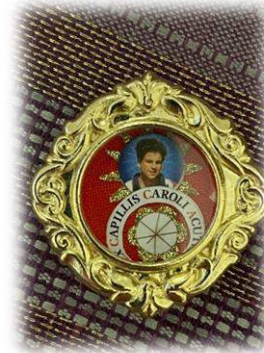
**Last Tuesday (May 17<sup>th</sup>), an Ecumenical Service was held at Igreja de São Pedro** (St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church) in Funchal. Bishop Nuno, the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Funchal, and Bishop David, the Anglican Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Europe jointly led the worship. This Mass brought together Catholics and Anglicans, in the light of the "Malines Conversations" an ecumenical journey which in 2021 celebrated its centenary.



(The **Malines Conversations** were a series of five informal ecumenical conversations held from 1921 to 1927 which explored possibilities for the corporate reunion between the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England, forming one stage of Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue).

**RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS** – Arrives in Funchal

Source: <https://www.jornaldamadeira.com/2022/05/10/se-vai-receber-reliquia-do-beato-carlo-acutis/>



**Tomorrow, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at 4:30pm** the Sé Cathedral in Funchal will receive the symbols of the World Youth Day.

Also on this day during the **5:30pm mass at the Cathedral**, the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be presented. Carlo was a young Italian who died at only 15 years old, offering his suffering for the pope and the Church. The relic was an offer from the holder of the Cause.

Carlo Acutis was born in May 1991, in London, where his parents were working, and died in September 2006, in Monza (Italy), aged 15, a victim of leukemia. **He was beatified** in a Mass at the Basilica of St.



Francis of Assisi, Italy, on October 10, 2020, in the presence of his parents, Andrea and Antonia, and his two brothers. Carlo Acutis is considered the first '*influencer*' on religious issues, and known as the 'patron of the internet'. Carlo's life was totally dedicated to Christ. "*To be always united with Jesus, this is my life project*", Carlo Acutis wrote at the age of 7.

**FUNDRAISING EVENT:**

**Quizz Night for "People Helping People Charity"**

**Saturday 4th June 2022 @ Moynihans Irish Pub**

**Time:** 19h30 for 20h00

**Quizz master:** Tony Gomes

**Menu:** Fish & Chips Or Hamburger & chips

**With beverage:** Glass of wine / beer or soft drink.

**Details of prizes to follow.**

**For more info contact:** Zac De Sousa

