

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

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

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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

>> PAYPAL:

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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
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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

JOYFUL GIFT

12th of June 2022

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Fr. Bernardino **today**, and on his First Mass Day in 1965 (57 years ago!)

CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

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

Father Bernardino Andrade is our priest for the English Service Mass on Sundays. He was born here in Madeira, but spent many years as a priest in Mozambique, and also in the USA. **Today, June 12th, Fr. Bernardino celebrates his 57th Anniversary as a Priest!**



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Proverbs 8: 22-31; Psalm 8:4-9; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15)

Written after the return from the exile in Babylon, the Wisdom books contain the practical knowledge of both the Israelites and the peoples around them, accumulated over two thousand years. Wisdom is the art of living a life at peace with God and with other people. It was developed by reflecting on the great questions: life, death, suffering, love, evil, relationships. It was seen to be a universal guide for living, and so given by God. So Wisdom came to be seen as a person – the caring, feminine side of God, existing from all eternity. In today's reading from **Proverbs**, Wisdom speaks of sharing God's delight in His work at the beginning of creation. **The Psalm** expresses our amazement at the dignity the infinite God has given to mankind's finite nature in his wonderful creation. In his **letter to the Romans** Paul insists that being justified, or made "at peace" with God, means that our previous alienation from God is overcome. God's love "poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit" has brought us into an intimate relationship with God, but we confidently hope in a more glorious intimacy in the future. No wonder Jesus says in **John's Gospel** "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now". The Spirit gives us understanding.

PSALM RESPONSE: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "Father in my life I see..." - n. 135

Glory - n. 669

Alleluia - n. 679

Offertory - "I give my hands to do your work..." - n. 241

Amen - n. 727

Shalom - n. 495

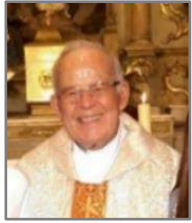
Communion - "Sweet heart of Jesus..." - n. 521

Thanksgiving - "Father, we love you..." - n. 137

Final - "The Spirit lives to set us free..." - n. 561



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.



MY FIRST MASS FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

It was June 12th, 1965, in a football field of the City and Diocese of Quelimane, Mozambique, very very far away from Madeira Island, my home land. My Bishop imposed his hands over my head, anointed

my hands, and I became a priest forever. It was the day of my Priestly Ordination. Not counting the day of my Baptism, there is no doubt that the day of my Ordination was the most special day of my life.

After the Mass of my ordination, the Bishop, who always treated me like a son, asked me to give him a special blessing. The same thing happened with Father Vasco and Father Benjamim, two other priests who were ordained during the same ceremony. **It was a very emotional and special moment... except for one thing.** I am a member of a large family. Together we were thirteen members: my father, my mother and eleven brothers and sisters including me. But not one of them was present at my Ordination.

Only three weeks later, on July 4th, 1965, in my home Parish in Ponta do Sol, after travelling from Mozambique to Madeira, surrounded by my family, many friends, many neighbours and many Parishioners, I celebrated my First Mass in Madeira Island. Exactly in the same church where I had been baptized, received my First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



My mother and father

On the day of my first Mass, one of the most touching moments for me happened just before leaving to go to Church. It really was not part of my plans. My mother called me to her bedroom, closed the door, and asked me to hear her *Confession* and give her *Absolution*. She did this in such a natural way as if she had done this during her entire life. I was nervous but she was not. She knew that I was a priest and she knew that I could give her Absolution and say *«Your sins are forgiven. Go in Peace»*. **I was not ready for this.** I almost felt like asking God: *«Lord, can I do this? Do I have to do this?»*. I sat down on her bed, my mother knelt before me and together we had one of the most special celebrations of the

Sacrament of Reconciliation of my entire life. After that it became normal for my mother and my father to come to me for Confession every time I visited them on holiday.

Sometimes she would come to Confession and after that she would call my father to come to Confession too. Then I would tell her: *«Mother, you don't know if he wants»*. Her answer was: *«Of course he wants»*. And then she would call my father again and tell him: *«Manuel, come. Bernardino is waiting»*. And I had no choice, but I was not sure if my father also had no choice. But maybe it was his choice, because even after my mother died, he continued coming to me for Confession.

This was on the fourth of July of 1965. **This was 57 years ago.** I am not sure if I have been a good priest but one thing I know: I have been a very happy priest. And everything started when I was 12 years old, and my sister, *Agostinha*, asked me: *«Bernardino! Wouldn't you like to be a priest?»* and I said *«Yes»*. And that YES has been, and will be, repeated for the rest of my life.

Love & Peace,
 Fr. Bernardino Andrade



Cathedral of Quelimane



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

THE HOLY TRINITY

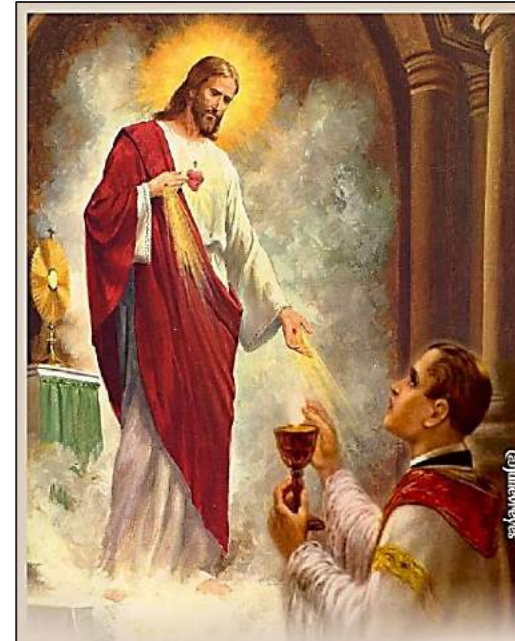
If we take a look at our self, each human is made up of a mind, a body, and a soul, and yet we are still only one person.

A fire has flames, heat, and light, but yet it is still just one fire.

When you hear a person's speech, you are hearing three things - his words, his thoughts, and his voice, yet it is still one speech.

GOD - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Three Persons, yet One God in Trinity. The Holy Trinity.

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ETERNAL GOD, bless and protect our priests, who represent You on this earth. Grant them the graces they need to administer Your people. Keep them pure and strong in Your love; give them courage when things are difficult, and be with them when they are lonely; strengthen them in times of weakness, that they may be examples of Your Truth and guide us always on Your path. Amen.

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI -
 Thursday 16th June
 at 10:00 AM



In Portugal, The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated on Thursday June 16th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. **We will have Mass in our Chapel at 10:00 AM.**

Also on Thursday at the Sé Cathedral there will be a special Mass at 6:00 PM presided by our Bishop. The Mass will be followed by a beautiful procession. The streets leading up to the Cathedral will be decorated with runners made up of flowers. This is the first time that the procession will take place since the pandemic started.

MASS AT "CANTINHO DO BOM PASTOR"

Today 12 June at 5:00pm



To celebrate the 57th anniversary of Father Bernardino's Ordination, he will be celebrating a special Mass at 5pm this afternoon at the *Cantinho do Bom Pastor* (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd) at *Bica da Cana* which is about a 45-minute drive from Funchal. All are welcome!