

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

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

Older issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Chapel's website/blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org

JOYFUL GIFT

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Father Bernardino Andrade is our priest for this 10am English Service Mass on Sunday mornings. He was born here in Madeira, but spent many years as a priest in Mozambique and also in the USA.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65(66):1-20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*)

Isaiah wrote this beautiful imagery of a compassionate God to encourage the Jews returning from exile in Babylon to rebuild the Temple. The Lord sends his peace to Jerusalem through which he will give peace and nourishment to those who recognise the new creation coming with Jesus' resurrection. **The Psalm** praises God's power as revealed throughout history but especially during the Exodus. This fond farewell concludes our readings from Paul's letter to the **Galatians**. Human distinctions and marks on our flesh like circumcision no longer signify. We have become a new Spirit-filled creation, the "Israel of God" - God's chosen family to carry God's message to the world. The new Mass translation, "**and with your spirit**", picks up Paul's final phrase. God's grace is to be deep and personal, affecting our whole lives. In the reading from **Luke's gospel** last week, Jesus "set himself to travel to Jerusalem". For the rest of Ordinary Time, the "ordinally numbered weeks", all our gospel readings are from his journey, as Jesus; consciously focussed on his coming suffering in Jerusalem. Today we hear of Jesus sending 70 disciples on mission ahead of him, like the 70 elders chosen by Moses to lead the Exodus. But Jesus' disciples are offering Israel a last chance to change her mind about Jesus.

PSALM RESPONSE: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "Walk with me, O my Lord..." - n. 600

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

Amen - n. 722

Communion - "We come to share our story..." - n. 607

Thanksgiving - "Hail, Mary, full of grace..." - n. 203

Final - "To Jesus' heart, all burning..." - n. 585





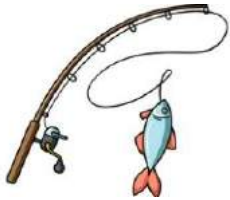
«TEACH THEM HOW TO FISH» - A BROKEN RECORD

1. «When Someone is Drowning, It's No Time To Teach Him How To Swim». This is the title of a story written by Elise Miller Davis in Readers Digest. Ms. Davis tells of sitting near a swimming pool one day and hearing a commotion. A head was bobbing in and out of the deepest water. Ms. Davis saw a man rush to the edge of the pool and heard him yell: «Hold your breath! Hold your breath! ». Then a young lady joined him screaming: «Turn on your back and float! ». Their voices caught the attention of the lifeguard. Like a flash, he ran the length of the pool, jumped in, and pulled the man in trouble to safety. Later, the lifeguard said to Ms. Davis: «Why in the name of Heaven didn't somebody holler that one word - «Help»? «When someone is drowning, it's no time to teach him how to swim. »



2. Do you understand that there are people in our community who are barely staying afloat? Families are disintegrating, young people are becoming chemically addicted, middle-aged people are facing life-crises that would blow your minds. Just because the strategy of going out two-by-two, door-to-door is outmoded doesn't mean the need has disappeared. This is one of the stories Fr. Kadavil shares to illustrate today's Gospel (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, year C)

3. Working with the poor it's very common to hear stories similar to this. When we present the poor and ask for help, it's very common to hear: «Don't give him the fish. Give the cane and teach him how fish». When a poor person is starving to death, or dying of serious illnesses please don't try to «teach him how to fish». Don't teach him anything. Before anything else please recognize his presence, hug him and give him a dish of soup, a glass of milk, or a slice of bread. Don't teach him anything. Just feed him. Just be his brother or his sister. Just love him/her.



Bishop Pedro Casaldaliga from Brazil who received many death threats for defending the poor against injustices and helping them to free themselves from poverty used to say: «Sometimes the poor are so fragile, so weak that they need us to give them the fish already fried». Alexandre from the Association People Helping People says that sometimes the poor are so weak that they need us to give them the fish already cooked and the bones carefully taken off. «When someone is drowning it's no time to teach him how to swim». When someone is starving or dying of serious illnesses and approaches us for help, it's no time to teach him anything. Please hug him and do everything possible to save him and alleviate his suffering.

In today's Gospel Jesus sends his disciples two by two with this sense of urgency. This sense of urgency to build the Kingdom of the Father is the DNA of the followers of Jesus.

Love and Peace
Fr. Bernardino Andrade,
03-07-2022



“Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely right there where you are – in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in your schools. ... You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go, you find people who are unwanted, unloved, uncared for, just rejected by society – completely forgotten, completely left alone.” - Blessed Mother Teresa †

Every month Pope Francis proposes a special prayer intention. For the month of July his special intention is for the elderly. This is what Pope Francis has to say about this:



“We cannot speak about family without talking about the importance of the elderly among us. There have never been so many of us in the history of humanity, but we don't quite know how to live this new stage of life: there are many plans for assistance for the old age, but few projects for existence. We elderly people often have a special sensitivity for care, for reflection, and affection. We are, or we can become, teachers of tenderness. And indeed, we can! In this world accustomed to war, we need a true revolution of tenderness. We have a great responsibility towards new generations about this. Let us remember: grandparents and the elderly are the bread that nourishes our lives, the hidden wisdom of a people. That is why we must celebrate them, and I have established a day dedicated to them. Let us pray for the elderly, that they may become teachers of tenderness so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility”.

On July 24th this year, the Catholic Church will celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.



THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

6 AWESOME FACTS ABOUT ST. JOHN PAUL II

<p>1</p> <p>HE LOVED SKIING AND HE CONTINUED DOING IT UNTIL HE WAS 73 YEARS OLD.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>HE VISITED 129 COUNTRIES AS POPE! HE TRAVELED SO MUCH, IT WOULD EQUAL 3 TIMES THE DISTANCE FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>HE RECEIVED CONFESSION FROM PADRE PIO IN 1947. HE WOULD CANONIZE HIM 59 YEARS LATER.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>IF YOU PUT TOGETHER EVERYTHING HE WROTE, IT WOULD EQUAL THE LENGTH OF 20 BIBLES.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>HE WAS THE FIRST POPE TO SET FOOT IN A MOSQUE.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>HE KNEW ALL 2,000+ BISHOPS OF THE WORLD BY NAME AS HE KEPT A MAP WITH EVERY DIOCESE.</p>

CalatholicLink SOURCE: 21 AWESOME FACTS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT JOHN PAUL II - LIFETEEN.COM

WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREAT OUR CELLPHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...CARRIED IT WITH US EVERYWHERE?

...TURNED BACK TO GO GET IT IF WE FORGOT IT?

...CHECKED IT FOR MESSAGES THROUGHOUT THE DAY?

...USED IT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

...SPENT AN HOUR OR MORE USING IT EACH DAY?

