

## 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.

## JOYFUL GIFT

6th of November 2022

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira

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### CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This morning we are blessed to have **Fr. Bernardino Andrade** celebrating Mass for us.

This 10am Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole Island of Madeira.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14; Psalms 16(27); 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38)

The second Book of **Maccabees** relates events from about 180 to 160 BC, including the martyrdom stories of Eleazar, and of this family of a mother and seven brothers, written to encourage God's people in times of persecution. The Syrian king Antiochus imposed Greek culture on the Jews, prompting a revolt led by Judas Maccabeus. The brothers each profess aspects of their faith, including confidence in individual bodily resurrection. The Jews later succeeded in throwing off their oppressor. **The Psalm** asks for God's favourable judgement, confident He will help us against our enemies. The second letter to the **Thessalonians** was written to calm a community startled by claims that "the day of the Lord" was upon them. As long as they love and believe in the truth given them originally they should stand firm and have no fear. They should continue to pray confidently for Paul and all preachers. In **Luke's gospel**, after meeting Zacheus Jesus entered Jerusalem, cleansed the Temple and responded to challenges about his authority. Then he is asked about resurrection, with another example of seven brothers. He says those worthy to attain resurrection will no longer die or marry, "they are children of God", the living God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, whom Moses called "Lord".

**PSALM RESPONSE:** I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

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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** - "Shine Jesus..." - n. 344

**Offertory** - "Be still, for the presence of the Lord..." - n. 58

**Communion** - "Do not be afraid..." - n. 125

**Thanksgiving** - "Adoramus te Domine..." - n. 9

**Final** - "This is the day..." - n. 574



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**SEMINARY, THE HEART OF THE DIOCESE**



1.

The Portuguese Bishops chose this Sunday to be dedicated to the Seminaries. It was in one of these that I spent thirteen years of my life. Today, in this column I decided to reflect on my vocation.

2.

**REFLECTING ON MY VOCATION**

I was 12 years old. The youngest of 11 brothers and sisters, from a poor family. I was having a little informal conversation with my mother and my sister, when my sister, Agostinha, surprised me with this question: « Bernardino, wouldn't you like to be a priest? ».

It sounded like a very strange question but without any hesitation I said yes. My mother and I started getting all the necessary information and in a short period of time I entered the Seminary. It was October 15, 1950 when I entered the Seminary in Funchal. It was June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1965, when I was ordained as a priest in Quelimane (Mozambique).

One day, in California, a newsman, after a few questions, asked me: « But... Father, when you were 12 years old what did you understand about priesthood? ». My answer was: « I am almost 70 years old and I still do not understand it. »

**Priesthood has always been a fascinating mystery that God has been slowly revealing to me** through the celebration of the Sacraments, my Pastoral ministry, my prayer life and especially in my contact with the poorest of the poor. Alleviating the suffering of the world, being a sower of hope and compassion, struggling for social justice, combating cruel bureaucracies and social inequalities, preparing lay leadership and Small Communities have always been some of my biggest priorities with a few successes and lots and lots of failures.

**The poor have always been my main masters.** They are the ones who have taught me what priesthood is about. When I entered the Seminary, I didn't do it to study my vocation. When I entered the Seminary, I did it to be a priest.



1965 - First Mass

Now I am almost 85 years old. **If I could go back in life, I would choose to follow the same road.** I never thought that it would be so difficult to be a priest, but I never thought that it would be such a fascinating and happy life. Everything I do, I do it with love and passion. When I look at a host that I just consecrated during Mass, sometimes I still feel tears in my eyes. And I still do not understand why and I don't care to understand. I am passionately in love with Jesus and his project of «bringing good news to the poor» (Lk. 4:18) to build, starting in this world, the Kingdom of His Father who is «Our Father who art in Heaven and on Earth».

To summarize **my Mission Statement as a priest, it would be:** « *I came to bring good news to the poor* » (Lk. 4).

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

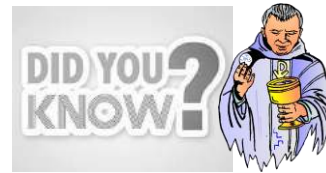


2022 – 57 years later



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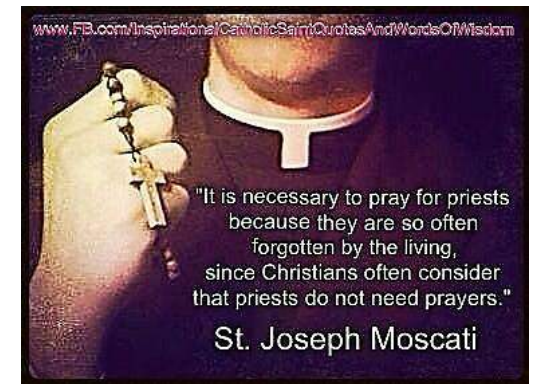
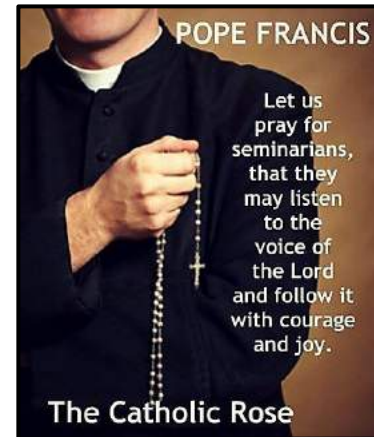
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**Did you know that in most major Ports around the world, the Diocese assigns a chaplain (a priest, deacon, religious, or lay ecclesial minister) to serve cruise ship passengers, staff and crew?** - The assigned chaplain's ministry is to provide for the pastoral needs of passengers, and also crewmembers who may spend from 6 to 9 months at sea.

□ In 1922 Pope Pius XI, bestowed his blessings on an association called *Apostleship of the Sea USA (AOS-USA)*, which still exists today, and implements a «*Cruise Ship Priest Program*» which works with cruise lines to place Catholic chaplains on their ships.

**THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**



**CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE - here at the Chapel**

**Every Christmas, we are reminded** in the midst of plenty that for many families in Madeira Christmas is a continuing time of scarcity and struggling to survive. This year, we are hoping to present each family under the care of the *People Helping People* charity, with a surprise hamper. From now until Christmas we are asking people to **bring along toiletry items** such as soaps, lotions, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. which may be placed in the

basket at the entrance of the chapel. Supermarkets often have specials where these items can be bought at a discount. By starting early, we hope that we will be able to provide each family with a hamper at Christmas especially suited to their needs.

