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FAMILY ROSARY

***Birthday of
Venerable
Patrick Peyton***

(1909-1992)

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THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

It's a new year! Take a moment to breathe in this fresh start. Begin or end each day with family prayer to get in the habit of praying together. Don't worry, it doesn't have to be perfect! Take comfort in knowing there is no one "correct" way of doing it.

It's a busy time of year for everyone, but it's especially important to slow down and enjoy each other's unique presence.

Know that we are joining you and your family in prayer. We promise to be with you, growing in faith, every step of the way. May God continue to bless you and your family.

A LITTLE HISTORY

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. began his ministry in 1942 with the goal of building **family unity** through daily prayer of the Rosary. Inspired by his own father who had a deep devotion to family prayer, praying the Rosary became the foundation for the life of Father Peyton (1909-92).

We at Family Rosary are ever so grateful Father Peyton's family instilled in him the importance of **family prayer**. Now it can be part of your family's tradition so you can fulfill the vision that "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together," the message created by Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., so many years ago.



“A WORLD AT PRAYER IS A WORLD AT PEACE.”
VENERABLE PATRICK PEYTON



BIRTHDAY OF VENERABLE PATRICK PEYTON, 1909 – 1992



After reading about the inspirational life of Venerable Patrick Peyton, take a moment to share something that stood out to you about his work with your family.

DECLARED VENERABLE

On December 18, 2017 Holy Cross Family Ministries received some wonderful news – our founder, Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., was declared Venerable by Pope Francis! How exciting and encouraging it is just to write the designation, **Venerable!** This designation represents a rare recognition by the universal Church that Father Peyton is a person of heroic virtue and a life worthy of veneration by all Christians. This is indeed “extraordinary” when one considers the life of this man.

HONOR HIS BIRTHDAY

On January 9, the birthday of Patrick Peyton, it is only appropriate to take a moment to ponder his life. We can learn so much from it: the power of prayer, the importance of persistence, and most especially, that **ordinary people are able to accomplish extraordinary things when we surrender ourselves to the mission God has for our lives.**

HIS STORY

Patrick Peyton was a man who came from humble beginnings on a small farm in Carracastle, County Mayo, Ireland. He found his way to the United States and into the Congregation of Holy Cross. While a seminarian and studying at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., Patrick was stricken with tuberculosis. As his condition became increasingly grave, he was transferred to the infirmary at Notre Dame. For almost a full year Patrick languished in his hospital bed. A wise, elderly priest encouraged him to put his trust in the power of Mary’s intercession. Almost immediately doctors saw signs of improvement and could not explain his recovery. Patrick was convinced that he had regained his health and strength through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin.

HIS MISSION

In gratitude to Our Lady, he was determined to spend the rest of his life promoting devotion to her so everyone would come to know the blessings that she is eager to bestow on those who turn to her with confidence and love.

And so he did. Venerable Patrick Peyton made it his life’s work to promote the Rosary. He began his

crusade with a typewriter and a lone volunteer, writing letters to the faithful to pray the Rosary daily.

He moved into media, utilizing radio and eventually films, television and outdoor advertising to reach people around the world with his message of peace and unity. Working with some of the biggest stars in Hollywood to produce numerous programs, Father Peyton founded Family Theater Productions.

In the late 1940's he began his famous Rosary Crusades, which took him all over the world. He led 40 massive rallies preaching family unity through the praying of the Rosary. These events drew crowds estimated at 2 million in cities like Manila and São Paulo.

ALL FOR HER

All of these and other incredible accomplishments of Father Peyton can be found on FatherPeyton.org, but it is most important to remember that he did it **ALL FOR HER**. Father Peyton never forgot his one true calling: priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross, devoted to Mary, Mother of Christ. He had committed himself to work wholeheartedly for Our Lady, not for himself. He knew she would always come to his aid. His confidence in her was unbounded and she did not disappoint him.

The childhood habit of praying a daily Rosary, instilled in him by his parents, clearly sustained him throughout his life, which allowed him to share the beautiful gift with others.

CONTINUE HIS MISSION

The world that Father Peyton encountered during his life is not so very different from our world today. Families face the same struggles and anxieties. By putting Christ at the center of family life through learning the mysteries of the Rosary, we discover not only how to live our lives but we also grow closer to Christ and learn to trust in God's plan.

Father Peyton's life and mission are a powerful example of the power of the Rosary, and it continues today through Holy Cross Family Ministries. Join our mission to promote family prayer and world peace by signing up to be a member of the [Father Peyton Guild](#).

Please continue to pray for Father Peyton's Cause so that one day he will become "Blessed," then a "Saint." After all, the world needs "A Saint for Family Prayer."

Remember what Venerable Patrick Peyton said, "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together" and "A World At Prayer Is A World At Peace." Be bold and live out his mission. We encourage you to continue praying with your family, wherever you are.



MARGARET DWYER

Margaret has been married to her husband Michael Hogan for twenty years, and they reside in Easton, Massachusetts with their four children. She is a catechist at her church, and loves to help Holy Cross Family Ministries spread devotion to Father Peyton's cause and his continuing ministry, Family Rosary.

BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER IN PRAYER

We hope the time you've spent reflecting with this material has been enriching. Don't forget to share Venerable Patrick Peyton's story with those close to you!

For additional online resources for family prayer including a Prayer Petition Page and our World at Prayer Blog, please visit our website at www.FamilyRosary.org.

This e-book and all our resources represent a culmination of Father Peyton's passion for family unity through prayer. We hope our services will enhance your family's prayer life particularly remembering Father Peyton's famous words, "*The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.*"

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