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For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Guild

United in Prayer for Spiritual Cause



From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you the day before Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day and can't but help think that they are not only thematically linked but also meant to be connected in how we live our lives.

Over time, Valentine's Day has become a day when we express our love for a husband or wife, a mother, boyfriend or girlfriend and like Ash Wednesday there are symbols of this love: hearts, flowers, and candy for one and ashes in the sign of the Cross for the other.

The love and faith that young Patrick Peyton received in his family were also intertwined. Looking back he would often speak of the example of his parent's faith and love for God and the Blessed Mother and say that: "The Rosary is a chain that binds the family together."

Jewelry, another gift of Valentine's Day is meant to communicate a love that is shared; for Father Peyton and for you and your loved one's the Rosary can be an even more powerful means to communicate and live this love for each other and God. I invite you to share this bond of love with your family and to invite members of your Chapters of the Guild, and other friends to pray the Rosary with and for families this Lenten Season.

This month at the Father Peyton Center our Guild speaker was Mrs. Margaret Hogan who shared her faith journey from childhood to married mother of four children: ages ranging from 10-19. Her career in politics had many successes but the most powerful part of her story was the realization that God was calling her to begin to pray the Rosary with her husband and children. In addition to the Holy Spirit, her parents loving care, and the support of her husband, what brought her to this realization was a friend who gave her a Holy Cross Family Ministries Rosary prayer leaflet. Margaret shared how she placed it on her car visor and would memorize a different Mystery every day. From there she came to learn of the ministry that Father Peyton and his inspirational life and now works with us in sharing his message and Cause for Canonization.

This Lent, I urge you to consider sharing, each in your own way, the value of praying the Rosary as a family and our efforts through the Father Peyton Guild to pray for Venerable Patrick Peyton to become a Saint for Family Prayer. Margaret's friend is just but one powerful example of what a difference you can make in another person's and their family's life.

May God bless you,

Father David S. Marcham

*"The Rosary is worthy of husband, wife, and children to trust, to love,
and to grasp with their hearts as well as their hands." - Venerable Patrick Peyton*