From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I’d like to share with you a reflection from Emily Daversa, our Father Peyton Cause Intern from Stonehill College. It is a wonderful reminder of how through listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit we can help each other in sharing the Good News of Jesus and Our Blessed Mother and even go beyond what we think we can do for God.

“Recently, Father Marcham and I were visited by Vicente and Annie Quirindongo from South Carolina. I had not met them before, but knew their names because they are leaders of a chapter of the Father Peyton Guild. At first I thought I was just going to gather the prayer cards for them to take home while they said hello to friends around the office. However, Father Marcham asked me to join him in his meeting with them.”

“While discussing their chapter, I learned that their meetings run a little differently than ours here in Easton, MA. In the Quirindongo’s chapter, meetings take place weekly and are hosted by different families in their homes. There is not one leader of the Rosary; instead all participate by passing around a cross and each person says an Our Father, Hail Mary, or Glory Be. Annie then shared stories of faith connected to members in her chapter. One story was of a man who she knew and repeatedly invited to the meetings, but never came. One day he agreed to come, but then did not show up because he needed to do some things at home. Annie called him and let him know she would wait for him. He could do what he needed to do and the group would be ready when he came. And he did. He went to the meeting, continues to go, and has become one of the more involved members of the chapter.”

“Upon hearing this story, I was surprised and impressed; that is a bold move to make. How did she know he was going to come if she waited? Since he had been reluctant to come to past meetings, what made her think this time would be different? Being the introvert I am, I would be hesitant to keep inviting someone if I thought they weren’t interested. I would let them know they are welcome to come, but leave it at that. I think that’s part of the reason why evangelization is so difficult for me. It’s easy to pray and learn with people who want to be there, but it’s much more difficult, and at times uncomfortable, to reach out to those who might be reluctant. However, those are just the people who need us to reach out to them the most.”

“It is our mission, as Christians, to spread the Word of God and help bring others closer to God. While this sounds like a daunting task, I think of the people in my life who have helped nurture my spiritual life. They are all just regular people, who took a chance and invited me (sometimes repeatedly) to join them at Mass, a Catholic Daughters meeting, a praise and worship night, etc. Sometimes all it took was a friend to be with me and I was much more comfortable going. So I challenge you (and myself) to reach out to someone and invite them to join you. Whether it be to a Father Peyton Guild meeting or Mass or just to join us in prayer, let’s not be afraid to let others know that all are welcome and invite them to pray for Father Peyton’s intercession and Cause for Sainthood.”

May God bless you,

Father David S. Marcham
Vice Postulator/Guild Director

“The person with the Rosary in hand has the key to learning the most important of all lessons: the love God has for us, the destiny He has in store for us and the way He is helping us reach that destiny.”

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -
New Guild Membership Options

New Program Resources for Guild Members

Monthly Mass for Guild Members and their Families

Did You Know?

Father Peyton held 260 Rosary Rallies around the world, the first of which took place in London, Ontario, Canada in 1948.
Reminder: The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Learn more about Venerable Patrick Peyton

You, your family and friends are invited to visit www.FatherPeyton.org to learn more about Father Peyton, C.S.C., the Father Peyton Guild and the ministry continued in his name. The site includes photos from the ministry’s archives and short videos. As the Guild program is updated, the Guild area of the site will be expanding too.

Prayer Idea: Host an event at your parish to teach others how to pray the Rosary, tell them about Father Peyton, share a personal testimony about Rosary Prayer, and invite them to join the Father Peyton Guild.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Join us in saying a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s presence in our lives today and every day:

Loving and gentle God, we believe that all things are possible with you.
We pause this day to give you thanks for the many ways that you bless us.
Your generosity is so great that we are humbled by you gifts of courage, strength, and love.
We lift up our hearts filled with gratitude to you this day.
Amen.

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