During this month of October, as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary we continue the tradition of honoring Mary as we remember how Pope St. Pius V and all Christians prayed the Rosary during the battle of Lepanto in 1571.

Just like our brothers and sisters in the faith from the 16th century turned to Our Blessed Mother during times of uncertainty and battle, we too look to her for protection and assurance. Whether the battles between good and evil that we face are between nations, ideologies, or within our own souls, we are blessed to have Our Blessed Mother’s intercession and maternal care.

Many of us were fortunate to come home from school or sports practice to our own mothers each day. And, no matter what had happened in the classroom or after school they were there to listen, encourage, and protect us. What a gift to have their love and concern as we navigated the different ups and downs of growing up and learning about life and it’s many challenges.

Father Peyton was blessed to have a mother like many of us and so it was natural for him to understand Our Blessed Mother’s role in our lives. Just like his earthly mother, through reflecting on the life of Mary and her Son Jesus by praying the Mysteries of the Rosary, Patrick Peyton came to be as familiar with Our Blessed Mother’s love as his own mother’s.

Earthly mothers are given a special maternal gift from God; one that only they can possess. It is the same gift Our Blessed Mother has as well. If you are trying to describe Our Blessed Mother’s love and protection for each of us to your family members, you could begin by referring to those qualities in your own mother. For it is by experiencing the gift of true maternal love that we find the capacity to appreciate and understand the spiritual maternal love of Our Blessed Mother.

In addition to her title “Queen of the Holy Rosary”, Mary was also given the title: “Our Lady of Victories” for the victory at Lepanto and also for the many other types of victories that allow us to continue walking together with Christ. During this month of October, the month of the Rosary, where we remember the power of praying the Rosary in the battles that we face, let us draw strength from the love and protection of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, which has been mirrored in the lives of our own mothers here on earth in so many ways.

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mary Queen of Victories, pray for us!

In Jesus and Mary,

Father David S. Marcham
Vice Postulator/Guild Director
The Power of Your Prayer
Thanks to all your prayers and support, the legacy of Father Peyton lives on! In 2017, millions of people around the world experienced the joy of praying the Rosary.

1.4 MILLION Rosary Prayer App downloads from around the world since its launch.

962,100 Rosaries distributed in 24 countries to families, schools, parishes, nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, and other organizations around the world in 2017

Mission Impact Report 2017; Holy Cross Family Ministries

Online Resources for Guild Members
We now have materials available on our website! Please visit FatherPeyton.org/chapters/chapter-7 to view and download monthly newsletters, prayer slips, posters and more!

Monthly Mass for Guild Members and their Families
Each first Friday of the month we offer Mass at the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, MA for the intentions of the members of the Guild and their families. The next Mass for Guild members will be Friday, November 2nd at noon (ET).

If you have special intentions you would like us to pray for at that Mass, you can let us know online at www.WorldAtPrayer.org or by mail. If mailing, please place your intentions in an envelope and mail to:

Office of the Vice Postulator
Father Peyton Guild - Monthly Mass
Holy Cross Family Ministries
518 Washington St.
N. Easton, MA 02356

Your prayer requests will be placed at the altar of the Mass. In addition, please know that you will be remembered daily by our prayer group as we pray the Rosary before Mass.

Did You Know?
In Detroit on October 6, 1991, Father Peyton announced his intention to collect 1 million Rosaries that would be sent to Russia, the Balkans and former Eastern bloc nations for distribution by local ordinaries. Within a year his goal of 1 million was exceeded, and this program, now called Rosaries for the World, continues to distribute Rosaries today.

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In Memoriam
Please remember in your prayers those who were involved in the Father Peyton Guild who have gone to their eternal rest:

Mary Jo Ashburn
Gloria Simpson
Ambassador Margaret Heckler

Reminder: October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary.

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. You will find Guild Resources there as well.

Prayer Idea: Try praying the Rosary during sunrise or sunset, or take a walk while praying the Rosary.

Guild Members Across the U.S.
Currently, there are Guild members living in 34 of the 50 states of America! Active Guild members live in the green states on this map. The white states are those that don’t have any Guild members yet.

While we would like to increase membership from every state and country, we are especially trying to reach those in Maine, Connecticut, Delaware, West Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico and Alaska.

If you know anyone who might like to join the Guild, please invite them to contact us or submit a membership form online!

If you know of a Guild member who did not receive this communication, we do not have their contact information. Please forward the contact information to us by phone, email or through the online membership form at:
https://hcfm.formstack.com/forms/frpeytonguildmembership

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