From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In addition to your continued prayers for Venerable Patrick Peyton’s Beatification and Canonization, this month I invite you to join me in reflecting on the beauty of the Church confirming the heroic virtue and holiness of the Saints—people like you and me who have boldly followed the call of Jesus. They are both our role models and intercessors as we seek to follow their example.

We also are mindful to pray for our departed loved ones who have gone before us in faith. In the wonderful order of the Church calendar, after thanking God for the Saints, we pray to God the next day for our loved ones, that they may be together with God and all the Saints in Heaven.

November is also a season to give thanks to God for the gifts of life, family and friends, and to pray for peace in our world. In many countries, we remember how in 1918, in the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, the signing of the Armistice of World War I became a day to give thanks to our veterans and to God for a time of peace.

In 1953, an Air Force chaplain asked Father Peyton to modify his Rosary prayer book so that Airmen could carry it in their uniform as they served throughout the world. In doing so, they would be reminded of Father Peyton’s message: “A World at Prayer is a World at Peace.” This message, whether to people in the United States, the Philippines, Brazil, Ireland and all the countries in between, is one that crosses all borders and nationalities. For whether it is peace within our homes, cities, states or countries, we need God to help us find the good both within our brothers and sisters, and also within ourselves.

Perhaps you and your family or chapter will be inspired by these November prayer activity ideas:

1. Make a list of your departed loved ones and pray for them each day during the month of November. (Collect photos of them and place them around a statue of Our Blessed Mother, under a Crucifix, etc. and light a candle as you pray.)

2. Make a list of people, material and spiritual gifts, and answered prayers that you would like to give thanks to God for in prayer. Place this list along with the list of your departed loved ones.

As we continue our walk with Christ, let us be united in prayer asking for peace to reign in our families and homelands, striving to live as saints in-the-making under the guidance and protection of our Lord and Blessed Mother.

In Jesus and Mary,

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