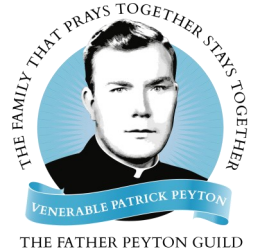


For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Holy Days in April:

April 14 – April 21

Holy Week: Passion (Palm) Sunday through Easter Sunday

April 28: 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

Reflection Questions:

In my family, who has shown a sacrificial love that is inspirational?

Do I recognize the Cross as a sign of hope, of Jesus' victory over evil?

How can I connect to the joy and hope that Easter brings?

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the Easter Season we are reminded of the centrality of **sacrificial love**. From Passion (Palm) Sunday through Easter Sunday, we are drawn into the drama of God's love for all mankind in a focused way.

As a young boy, Patrick Peyton learned about the ultimate act of love that Jesus offered to the Father in giving His life for our redemption. He, like many of us, also learned that we are called to imitate in our own lives, a self-giving love for family, friends, and even strangers.

Upon joining the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father Peyton learned the expression: "**The Cross, Our Only Hope.**" This short phrase is a great reminder of Jesus' sacrificial love that redeemed our lives.

As a seminarian and then a priest, Father Peyton believed in the fruitfulness of offering up suffering in our lives. As he lay gravely ill with tuberculosis in a seminary infirmary, his own mother offered not only her suffering but also her life, that he might live and be ordained a priest. As the result of countless prayers and the faith of Father Peyton's mother and family, the Holy Cross community, and Father Peyton, each one of them grew in faith, hope, and love for God as He willed that Father Peyton be healed. **For the rest of his life, Father Peyton gave of his life to repay this great debt to God and our Blessed Mother.**

In this mission of service to God, Father Peyton sought out people who were homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons and asked them to offer their suffering for the success of the many Rosary Crusades that sought to bring prayer into the homes of people like you and me.

As we reflect and give thanks to God for the sacrificial love of Jesus, may it inspire each of us to recognize our ability to **reflect the love of God in how we give of ourselves in prayer for others and in our actions of charity** both in our homes and beyond.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father David S. Marcham

"The Rosary is a gospel prayer, a prologue and epilogue of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Mass, and one of the greatest and most effective prayers for the family."

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -