For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild



United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



This month's reflection is by Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C., president of Holy Cross Family Ministries comprised of: Family Rosary, Family Theater Productions, The Father Peyton Institutes and CatholicMom.com.

May is the Month of Mary!

May 12: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

May 30: The Ascension of our Lord

May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

MARY IS ALIVE!

That was a phrase that young Patrick Peyton said lifted him out of the lowest point in his whole life. Just two years away from his life's goal of becoming a priest, he was diagnosed with terminal tuberculosis. He said, "I had given up all hope when Father Cornelius Hagerty came to me in my worst moment and said, "Patrick, Mary is Alive!" That reality changed the whole downward spiral of his life. Suddenly, he came alive with hope and prayed to Mary for a healing. This is when he discovered his God-given mission to spend the rest of his life getting millions of families to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

So friends, Mary is alive! **Can I prove this to you?** Let me offer four witnesses among so many possible candidates:

Saint Juan Diego. On December 9, 1535, this poor indigenous peasant, not yet baptized, still a catechumen, encounters the exquisitely beautiful Lady of Guadalupe, on the hillside of Tepeyac. As proof of her identity heaven emblazons the image of the beautiful Lady on Juan Diego's Tilma.

On July 19, 1830, in the convent of the Daughters of Charity, Rue du Bac, Paris, a beautiful child awakened a young nun in the middle of the night, with these words: **"Sister Labouré, come to the Chapel, the Blessed Virgin is waiting for you."** Mary said, "God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted but do not fear, you will have the grace." One Billion miraculous medals have been blessed and given to the faithful.

Next, February 11, 1858, Lourdes, in southern France, a poor peasant girl, **Bernadette Soubirous**, out gathering firewood for her destitute family, is visited by a beautiful lady, who encourages her to pray the Rosary and discloses that she is the Immaculate Conception. Today, many thousands of pilgrims experience God's grace and healing in the baths at Lourdes every year.

Finally, on May 13, 1917, three poor Portuguese children, **Lucia Dos Santos, Jacinta and Francisco Marto**, reported seeing a lady more brilliant than the sun who asked them to pray the Rosary daily for the end of the Great War and the salvation of souls. The lady revealed that she was

"The Rosary is Mary's way for us to talk to Him, for she, His mother, gave us this way, and a mother knows best."

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -

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the Immaculate Heart of Mary and on October 13, before tens of thousands of onlookers, the sun danced in the sky.

Mary is Alive! Because of this, I would like to ask a special favor. I ask it on bended knee; please pray for the beatification of Patrick Peyton. The world needs a saint for families today!

In Jesus and Mary,

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Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C. President, Holy Cross Family Ministries

Next Steps to Blessed

Please keep praying! Currently a possible medical miracle is being studied by a medical team. If approved, the details will be reviewed by a group of theologians, Cardinals and Archbishops. If a miracle is confirmed, the Holy Father would declare Father Peyton, "Blessed," and Father Peyton would formally move to the next stage of the sainthood process.



Father Peyton pauses to pray in Albany, NY, USA. 1950's.



The beautiful statue of Mary that welcomes visitors to the Father Peyton Center, N. Easton, MA, USA.

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, June 7, at noon (ET).

If you have special intentions you would like us to pray for at that Mass, please email Father Marcham at VicePostulator@HCFM.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 U.S.A.

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.

Father Peyton's Autobiography Reprinted - Available Now

In his own words, Father Peyton tells the story of his life and dedication to the Blessed Mother as he discerned his vocation, overcame the obstacles of advanced tuberculosis and his lack of education to become a priest. He eventually preached to more than 28 million people worldwide, worked with Hollywood stars, and founded Family Rosary and Family Theater Productions.

Originally published in 1967 and reissued in a revised edition in 1997, this third edition of *All for Her* includes black-and-white photos and a new foreword by Holy Cross Family Ministries President Rev. Willy Raymond, C.S.C., reflecting on Peyton's legacy as a saint for family prayer and his cause for canonization.

Available in print and as an eBook at: www.avemariapress.com



Prayer Idea

Consider praying outside. Don't forget to thank God for the beautiful world He created!



In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers those who were involved in the Father Peyton Guild who have gone to their eternal rest. Please submit the names of deceased Father Peyton Prayer Guild members to VicePostulator@hcfm.org so we can remember them in our prayers at the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, MA, USA.

FatherPeyton.org News

We are excited to announce a few updates that have been made to FatherPeyton.org:

1) There is now a page just for members of the Father Peyton Prayer Guild! You can find recent newsletters and other materials on the **Father Peyton Prayer Guild page** (Chapter 8).

2) There will be three new videos coming soon, so check back frequently for new content!



Pray for Father Peyton's Intercession

God, our Father, your wisdom is displayed in all creation and the power of your grace is revealed in the lives of holy people, who inspire us to trust you more fully and to serve others more generously. In a unique way, you blessed the life and work of your servant Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., and made him a fervent apostle of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of us all. Through his intercession, we ask this favor...[**add your intention here].** Please grant it, if it is for your honor and glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Online chapter meeting hosts: Danielle Bean and Margaret Dwyer Hogan

Online Chapter of The Father Peyton Prayer Guild

In January, Danielle Bean and Margaret Dwyer Hogan established a chapter of the Father Peyton Prayer Guild, like many of you have. Their chapter is a bit different, however, as it serves the online community of Catholic Mom and others who participate online. Once a month, Danielle and Margaret pray the Rosary live on Facebook and everyone is encouraged to tune in and pray along. You can find them on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/CatholicMomCommunity

To learn more about Catholic Mom, check out their website: www.CatholicMom.com



Members of a chapter in Uganda pray the Rosary together.

We'd Like To Hear From You!

Did your chapter host an event? Did your family find a creative way to pray together? Do you have a story of a prayer that was answered? Let us know!

Whether you answered yes to one of the questions above or just want to send us a picture or update, we would love to hear from you!

You can write to us and send it to the address at the bottom of this page or email vicepostulator@hcfm.org. We look forward to hearing from you! Members of the University of Notre Dame chapter hosted a Rosary Rally at the university's famous grotto.





If you know of a Guild member who did not receive this communication, that indicates we do not have their contact information. Please forward the contact information to us by phone, email or through the online membership form at: www.FatherPeyton.org/chapters/chapter-8

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