Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Pentecost Sunday at the Father Peyton Center in Easton, MA, USA, we celebrated the 27th anniversary of Venerable Patrick Peyton’s entrance into eternal life with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Each year, people around the world whose lives have been touched by the message and life of Father Peyton gather to reflect upon his ministry to families, pray for his Cause for Sainthood, and offer a Mass of remembrance and gratitude to God.

This year we were blessed to have Bishop William Wack, C.S.C., preside and preach at this Pentecost Mass. Concelebrants included: Bishop Arthur “Bud” Colgan, C.S.C., (Chosica, Peru); Bishop Jorge Izaguirre, C.S.C., (Chuquibamba, Peru); Bishop Lumen Monteiro, C.S.C., (Agartala, India); as well as fifteen Holy Cross priests. The congregation was comprised of hundreds of families and individuals including an honor guard of the Knights of Columbus.

Bishop Wack struck a joy-filled note with his presence and preaching on the spirit of Pentecost, the gift of Our Blessed Mother and the mission of Father Peyton. He also emphasized the importance of family prayer as a foundational element in the mission of the Church to evangelize within our families and beyond into our communities.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C., president of Holy Cross Family Ministries, expressed his gratitude to all who prayerfully and enthusiastically embodied the spirit of Pentecost and mission of Father Peyton to unite families in prayer, especially the Rosary. He also asked (via Facebook Live) that each year a celebration of a Mass take place around the world marking the anniversary of Father Peyton’s going home to God on June 3, 1992.

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I join Father Willy in thanking you who mark this anniversary by offering Mass and your prayers, and encourage others to join us in this spiritual union. It is my hope that the accompanying photos convey what many expressed as the most uplifting Mass they had participated in in many years and one that has renewed their sense of hope and joy.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father David S. Marcham
Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Top: Bishop Wack presides over Mass, along with 3 other bishops and 16 Holy Cross and diocesan priests.

Middle (Left): A member of the community and her family receive communion.

Middle (Right): People smile as they listen attentively to Bishop Wack's homily.

Bottom: Many people gather to celebrate Pentecost, and even more will watch the Mass via live stream.