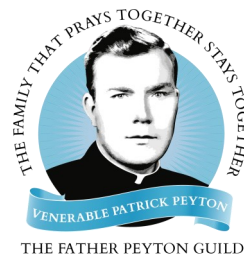


# For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

*United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause*



## Feast Days:

- Transfiguration of the Lord, Aug. 6
- Memorial of St. Dominic, Aug. 8
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 15
- Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 22

## Sharing the Faith:

How often do you make time to pray with your family?

Do you turn to Mary when you are in need?

## From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During a recent discussion with the folks that make this Father Peyton Prayer Guild letter possible - Julie, Emily and Joe - we all agreed that this month's letter should reflect upon the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. On August 15 we celebrate Our Blessed Mother's Assumption, body and soul, into heaven and on August 22, the Blessed Virgin Mary's Queenship of heaven and earth. **But what does this mean? And how does it relate to our journey of faith today?**

To answer this question, I turned to the writings of the first Vice-Postulator of Father Peyton's Cause, Father Thomas M. Feeley, C.S.C. He begins by talking about Mary's destination, and God willing, ours too!

**"Heaven, the vision of God for all eternity, is our final goal. We cannot achieve this goal on our own, but only through God's grace. Our nearness to God for all eternity will be in proportion to our generosity in opening our minds and hearts to his grace now."**



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"Yes, the Rosary is powerful—as powerful as Mary whose prayer it is."

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -

We can ask ourselves and family members: “Do I need to be more open to God’s grace; and if so, what’s stopping or distracting me and us as a family?”

Father Feeley goes on to say, **“Mary’s Assumption into Heaven should give us encouragement. For Scripture tells us that the grace that supported her is available to us in abundance: ‘God gives his Spirit without reserve.’”** (Jn 3:34) This is what Father Peyton’s parents taught their children as they made time to pray the Family Rosary; it’s what Father Cornelius Hagerty, C.S.C., challenged Patrick Peyton, the seminarian, to put into action as he lay discouraged and gravely ill upon his infirmity bed.

The question is: do we teach our family members how to avail ourselves of God’s grace through prayer and the sacraments? Do we see in Mary’s Assumption the uplifting power of God and the opportunity to turn to her when we are searching for answers, strength, or hope?

Father Feeley concludes by saying: **“If we follow Mary’s example and open our hearts even wider to divine grace now, we will be at peace with ourselves in this life and in the presence of God and Our Lady for all eternity.”**

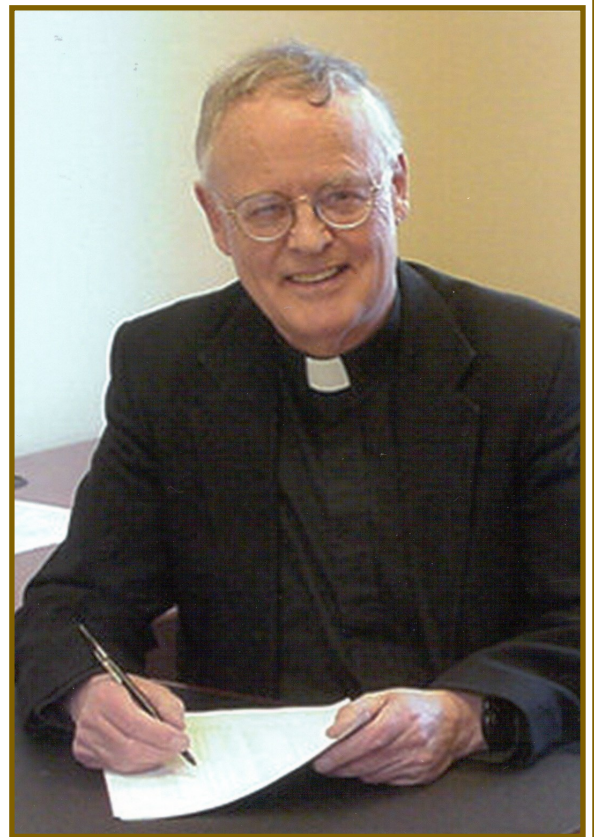
The 5<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery, The Queenship of Mary, adds to our reason for hope. For Mary is our Queen, one of us, who God has chosen to be the Mother of God and our spiritual mother. Our Blessed Mother wants to help us in our daily lives as we seek to grow in virtue and holiness so that we may share the love of God with our families and all those God brings into our lives.

**Father Peyton’s final words as he left this earth were: “Mary, my Queen, my Mother.”** May we and our families grow in the same love that Father Peyton shared every day of his life for our Blessed Mother.

In Jesus and Mary,

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