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The Family That Prays Together Stays Together



Prayer. Faith. Action.
The Museum of Family Prayer

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The *Family Link* newsletter is published by Holy Cross Family Ministries for friends and donors of our ministry. Thank you for being a part of our family.

Our Mission

A family of Catholic ministries that inspires, promotes and fosters the prayer life and spiritual well-being of families throughout the world.

Our Vision

Holy Cross Family Ministries strives to be a respected and reliable catalyst for inspiration, support and dynamic content on family life through a focus on spirituality and prayer, especially the Rosary.

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Cover Photo:

Family walks through new
Museum of Family Prayer.

Letter from the President

*A message from Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C.,
President, Holy Cross Family Ministries.*

Introducing: The Museum of Family Prayer

Immediately after his ordination, Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., began his ministry to build family unity through daily Rosary prayer.



Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C.

He was inspired by his father, John Peyton, who more than a century ago prayed the Rosary with his family in their poor but spiritually rich home.

In his lifetime, Father Peyton, known worldwide as "The Rosary Priest," was one of the most influential Catholic priests in American history. He reached millions of people with his message of family prayer and peace through radio and television. He also led 40 massive crusades reaching 28 million people around the world, preaching family unity through praying the Rosary. He established our ministry in 1942, which continues to spread his message of "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together."

You are a treasured supporter of HCFM who has helped us change lives through sharing the Rosary and spiritual resources with millions. It is my joy to share with you our

newest ministry to continue to serve families together.

I am pleased to bring to your attention the opening of the Museum of Family Prayer: A Contemporary Experience of Father Peyton's Ongoing Ministry in Easton, Massachusetts. The Museum of Family Prayer is an interactive experience welcoming families and individuals of all ages and faiths. Using the latest technology, the museum exposes visitors to the beauty, goodness, power, and promise of family prayer through the ages.

The Museum of Family Prayer shares the power of family prayer through educational, reflective and immersive opportunities through exhibits, graphics, media content, a family room and chapel creating a lively environment allowing guests to touch, listen and watch, reflect and pray, all with the focus of prayer and the works of Father Peyton.

I invite you to visit the museum with friends and family this fall to experience this unique, compelling story of prayer. This is a true prayer destination for pilgrims and guests alike, and we look forward to seeing you here!



All visitors are given a Rosary to continue family prayer at home after their experience at the museum.

A Need for Prayer

Today's society presents an infinite number of opportunities for people to learn, but few opportunities for Catholic families to learn and engage in prayer and faith.

Catholic families and younger generations are less engaged in prayer and the faith than ever before. We are one generation away from the majority of Catholic families partaking in no faith formation. Soon, the fastest growing Catholic experience could be nothing. We must ask ourselves, are we satisfied with this reality, or are we called to make a difference?

Saint Thomas Aquinas once said, "We cannot love what we do not know." If children and families do not know the Catholic faith,

they will not fall in love with it and will cease to develop as active Christians. Alternatively, imagine if people better understood and experienced the power of prayer and faith through a contemporary, interactive experience.

Imagine a faith-filled, educational place that brings families and the next generation of Catholics closer to God through prayer, and strengthens our community and the Church. We can make this a reality through the Museum of Family Prayer. The opportunity before us is historic. The time to take action is now.

We invite you to be bold and embrace and support the vision and work of the Museum so that we can lift tomorrow's family and the Church together.

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86% of the people who eventually leave the Church said that they'd lost their faith between the ages of 10-17.*

*Research by the Georgetown University Center of Applied Research in the Apostolate and the United States Conference of Bishops Survey.

An Interactive Experience



Students and families will have the opportunity to experience prayer in a new and engaging way at the museum.

This first-of-its-kind museum offers a unique, interactive experience of prayer using media for the entire family to experience together. From classic footage of Father Peyton to modern testimonies on the personal impact of prayer, the Museum of Family Prayer offers a space to touch, listen, watch, reflect, and pray.

The Museum of Family Prayer will educate the hearts and minds of all who walk through its doors and targets the youth and families through the following faith-filled initiatives:

Strengthening the Next Generation—by giving young people tailored educational programs with tours of the museum. We will lead Catholic school field trips that enable students to learn about and experience the power and promise of family prayer in a fun and engaging way.

Cultivating Catholic Families—by giving families access to guided tours, engaging events, and take-home prayer kits that support and strengthen the knowledge and experience of prayer and faith.

The American public needs to be constantly reminded of their dependence of God...to reach these people, we must reach them through the media they are exposed to in their everyday lives... By creating messages with great impact—messages that make one stop and think.

— Venerable Patrick Peyton, 1976

A Place for Transformation

The generous support of benefactors, who believe in the importance of educating in prayer and faith, have made the museum a reality. Today, HCFM is pleased to share that a long-time supporter and board member has made a \$2,000,000 gift to support the Museum of Family Prayer and the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, MA. This transformative gift will enable HCFM to provide families engaging, interactive programming that helps them grow in the faith while ensuring we have the resources to further develop our facilities to meet our programmatic needs. This lead gift is the pillar of our future fundraising efforts that will allow us to meet our overall needs.

HCFM is grateful for this generous gift, but we need your support to ensure the museum remains free to all and further engages families in prayer and educates the heart and mind for decades to come.

A **Museum of Family Prayer Membership** allows you to take a leadership role in developing the family of the future. Your generosity will help build the programs, outreach, and exhibitions, so future generations of children and families can grow as leaders in our ever-changing world. That's why your Museum of Family Prayer Membership is so important.

Your Museum of Family Prayer Membership benefits will include a Venerable Patrick Peyton Rosary, a discount of 25 percent off your total purchase at the museum gift shop, an invitation to the annual member event hosted by Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C., and recognition in the museum.

Join today by submitting your donation in the enclosed envelope. Your Museum of Family Prayer Membership will strengthen and support families, the next generation of Catholics, Catholic schools, and the Church.



Join us in strengthening and supporting families, the next generation of Catholics, Catholic schools, and the Church.



A family watches vintage footage of Venerable Patrick Peyton in the Museum of Family Prayer.

A Future Saint for Families

The Museum of Family Prayer is a contemporary experience that engages people in the history and power of prayer and depicts the inspiring story of Venerable Patrick Peyton. Venerable Peyton founded Holy Cross Family Ministries and dedicated himself to changing lives through family prayer and spiritual support. We believe he will one day be the patron Saint of Family Prayer, making the museum a future pilgrimage site.

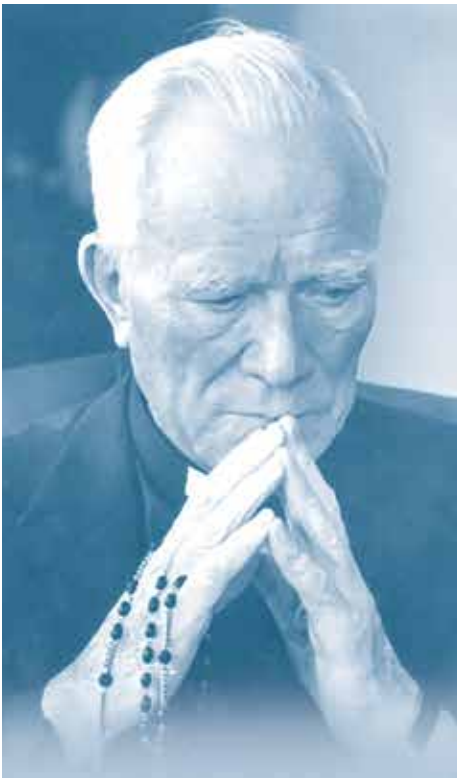
After you visit the Museum of Family Prayer, consider a drive to the burial site of Father Peyton, located near the museum. Rosaries drape his stone left by visitors who remove a Rosary but often replace it with another. We are not sure where this custom originated, however when you find yourself there, please offer a prayer for the person who left their Rosary.

Imagine how many more will pray both for and with their family if the Church recognizes Father Peyton as a Saint for Families. Please continue to ask for his intercession and also pray for his Beatification and Canonization—we know that the world's families need as much spiritual help and guidance as they can receive!

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.

– Venerable Patrick Peyton

Prayers Requested



Prayer for the Beatification of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Dear Jesus, Father Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together every day, especially the Rosary. His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth. We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his beatification so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that *The Family That Prays Together Stays Together*, imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love. Amen.

Please pray for my health and the safety of my children...
Erin, United States

Please pray for Shaun who is searching for employment...
Jacinta, Singapore

*Please pray for healing in my family...*Bella, Canada

Please pray that my family would come back to the Church...
Patrick, United States

Please pray for my wife Ina who has Alzheimer's...
John, Ireland

Prayers of physical healing for my mother, Eleanor...
Leslie, United States

Prayers for a safe delivery and a healthy baby...
Nora, United Kingdom

Prayers for my son as he begins his return to the Church...
Meshach, Nigeria

*Please pray for my daughter and my niece...*Flora, Philippines

*Please pray for the conversion of my parents...*Mary, United States

*Please pray that God will restore my marriage...*Allan, Denmark

Please pray for my 4-year-old grandson diagnosed with autism...
Laura, United States

Prayers for Roxanne's healing...
Roger, United States

Please pray that my wife and I can pray the Rosary together...
Emanuel, Mexico

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Plan Your Visit

We look forward to welcoming you to the Museum of Family Prayer this fall.

We invite you to visit the Museum of Family Prayer with friends and family to experience Father Peyton's unique, compelling story of prayer. This is a true prayer destination for pilgrims and guests alike, so please join us this fall.

Tours begin on September 18, and we are open for visitors Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

To learn more and plan a visit, please visit our website www.MuseumofFamilyPrayer.org.

If you cannot physically visit the museum, please share this news with your friends, family, and community, and keep our ministry in your prayers. You can also support the museum's programming by donating through our Museum Membership program by using the enclosed envelope. Thank you!