

Request for Favor

Please remember my special intentions when you gather to pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel.

I have a special favor to request through the intercession of Venerable Patrick Peyton:

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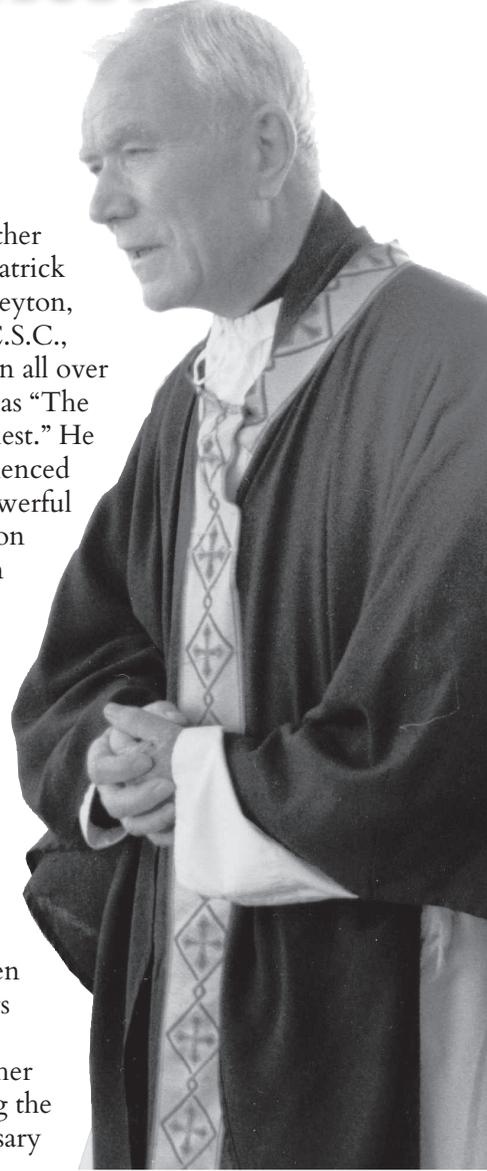
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The Rosary Priest

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.,

was known all over the world as "The Rosary Priest." He had experienced Mary's powerful intervention in his own life and he wanted to tell the families of the world what Mary would do for them if they would open their hearts and their homes to her by praying the family Rosary together.



Venerable Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., 1909-1992

He spoke softly with a native Irish brogue. He delivered his message with such humility, simplicity and earnestness that those who heard him were moved profoundly. Families committed themselves to pray the Rosary in their homes every day and remained faithful to those commitments for the rest of their lives. They never forgot him. They cherished the times when they were in his presence and heard him speak as precious moments of divine grace.

Humble Beginnings

Patrick Peyton was born January 9, 1909. He was the sixth of nine children born to John and Mary (Gillard) Peyton, who gathered the whole family together every night to pray the Rosary by the light of the turf fire. The family made a meager living on their small farm in Carracastle, County Mayo, Ireland. In 1928 he and his older brother Tom came to the United States to find work. After meeting a priest who invited them to join the Congregation of Holy Cross, they went to Notre Dame and began their studies for the priesthood.

While still a student of theology, Patrick was stricken with tuberculosis. For almost a full year he languished in his hospital bed while his situation became increasingly grave. Father Hagerty, an elder priest advisor, encouraged him to put his trust in the power of Mary's intercession and the Holy Cross Community began a novena of Masses for his recovery. During that week he announced that he was better. The astonished doctors who examined him confirmed his cure and allowed him to return to his studies. He was ordained with his classmates on June 15, 1941.

In gratitude to Our Lady he was determined to spend his life promoting devotion to her so everyone would come to know the blessings she is eager to bestow on those who turn to

her with confidence and love. Father Peyton was faithful to that commitment to the end of his life.

His Mission: The Family Rosary

In 1942 with the approval of his superiors he officially founded The Family Rosary. His zeal was prodigious. He promoted family prayer, especially the family Rosary, in parish missions, on radio and later on television. He founded *Family Theater of the Air*, the longest running radio program in the history of the Mutual Broadcasting Network, and for 22



years the great stars of Hollywood donated their talents to help him.

In 1948 he began his famous Rosary Crusades, which took him all over the world and drew crowds estimated at two million in cities like Manila and Sao Paulo. Strengthened by prayer and his total commitment to Our Lady, he was able to overcome his natural shyness and in the most simple, artless, unaffected way he convinced millions of people all over the world to commit themselves to pray the Rosary every day with their families. No one ever said that he was a great orator, but all who heard him preach could sense that he was a holy man. He radiated the love of God and inspired everyone with his simple, tender, single-minded devotion to Our Lady.

Our Lady's Donkey

He offered Mass and prayed his Breviary daily with great devotion. He spent long hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and prayed the Rosary whenever he could free his mind from the burdens of his work. In

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Patrick Peyton

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, will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and will be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love. Amen.

Prayer for a Favor through the Intercession of Venerable Patrick Peyton

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 Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., your servant and a fervent apostle of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of us all. Through his intercession, we ask for this favor ... Please grant it, if it is your honor and glory, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

"A World at Prayer is a World at Peace."

fact, the more troublesome his problems, the more earnestly he prayed. He had committed himself to work wholeheartedly for Our Lady, not for himself, and he knew she would come to his aid. His confidence in her was unbounded and she did not disappoint him. No matter how complex the problems of organizing huge Rosary Rallies, financing the production of movies and radio shows, traveling to distant cities and countries, or corresponding with the hundreds of people who wrote to ask for his prayers or to offer their contributions, he never lost his peace of mind or gentle manner. He never let the burdens he had to carry extinguish the love in his heart for the people he was trying to help. One lady expressed so well the experience of so many who knew him: "When he spoke to you, you felt to be embraced by his love." In fact, he manifested not only love, but also joy, peace, patience and all the other fruits of the Spirit (*cf* Gal 5:22). He was truly a man of God. He spoke of himself as "Our Lady's donkey."

Cause for Canonization

His health had never been strong and the strains of his ceaseless labors took a heavy toll on his heart. Yet even after undergoing heart surgery he continued his labors until he was too ill to leave his room and died under the loving care of the Little Sisters of the Poor in San Pedro, California, on June 3, 1992.

In 1997, then Bishop Sean O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., ordinary of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, at the request of the Congregation of Holy Cross accepted competency for the Cause of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. In 2001, after reviewing the life and ministry



**Venerable Patrick Peyton
1909-1992**

of Father Peyton, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints granted the "nihil obstat" for Father Peyton's Cause and conferred upon him the title: Servant of God.

Before declaring anyone a saint, the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints requires evidence of that person's holiness of life and of widespread confidence in the power of the person's intercession. Many testimonies to Father Peyton's holiness have been collected. Many favors have been reported: not only dramatic healings – eyesight restored, cancers cured and broken bones suddenly healed but also financial problems resolved and peace restored to troubled families. By praying for favors through the intercession of Father Patrick Peyton, many have found that their own devotion to Our Lady has been rekindled. They have rediscovered the power of the Rosary to bring them inner peace and quiet confidence in Our Lady's motherly protection.

By the Holy Father declaring Father Peyton Venerable on December 18, 2017, the Church affirms what many have believed; that he has given us an example to follow of heroic virtue and holiness of life.

We now journey forward praying for a miraculous healing through Father Peyton's intercession – a further sign that he is in Heaven and able to bring our prayers in a special way to God.

One miracle is needed for a Venerable to be declared Blessed and a second miracle would complete the journey with the Holy Father declaring Father Peyton a "Saint for Family Prayer." ■

Pray for Father Peyton's Intercession

Experience for yourself what so many others have discovered. Ask Father Peyton to intercede for you. Use the prayer in this leaflet to seek his intercession. If you complete the accompanying petition form and send it to the address indicated on it, your petition will be placed before the altar and remembered in all the Masses and Rosaries offered in the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel in the Father Peyton Center. If your name and address are written on the form along with your petition, your request can be officially recorded and added to the growing evidence of widespread devotion Rome requires for the progress of his Cause. Please pray, too, that God will hasten the day of Father Peyton's Beatification so that the faithful all over the world will be inspired to serve God and Our Lady with fidelity and devotion like his and experience for themselves the power of his intercession.

"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together."

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