



## For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

*United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause*



### Feast Days:

- The Presentation of the Lord, **February 2**
- Memorial of St. Blaise, **February 3**
- Memorial of St. Agatha, **February 5**
- Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita, **February 8**
- Memorial of St. Scholastica, **February 10**
- Our Lady of Lourdes, **February 11**
- Memorial of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, **February 14**
- Memorial of St. Peter Damian, **February 21**
- Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle **February 22**
- Memorial of St. Polycarp, **February 23**

### From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

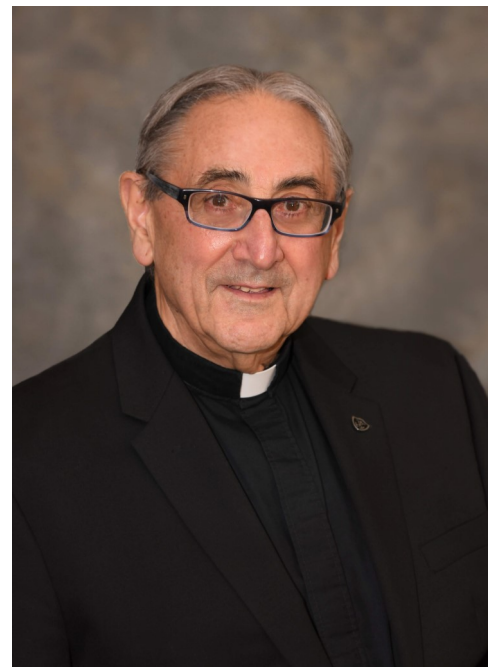
Recently I have been reflecting upon the gift and importance of the many prayer requests we receive, asking for Venerable Patrick Peyton's intercession and the reports of prayers answered. In the interview below, Father Leo Polselli, C.S.C. Chaplain at the Father Peyton Center—Museum of Family Prayer shares his thoughtful insights on these topics.

### What types of prayer requests and how many do we receive each week at the Father Peyton Center—Museum of Family Prayer?

"We average hundreds of prayer requests per week. Prayer requests come to us online, by mail, visitors to the Museum of Family Prayer, and through family, friends, and parishioners. Traditionally, we've received many prayer requests for family members to return to the practice of the faith, for good health, employment, and reconciliation among family members. Over the past two years, there's been an increase in prayer for protection from illness (Coronavirus) and peace of mind for a person's entire family, which is understandable and good!"

### How does praying for each person's prayer request affect you?

"I am encouraged as I read aloud or in silence each person's prayer request. I am reminded through their prayers that people still believe in God's love for each of us. It is comforting to realize that people worldwide are turning to God for help in every aspect of their lives. Seeing what people are facing elicits both empathy and sympathy for their plight. And, without question, it affirms, it deepens my faith, hope, and love that God gives me to serve as a priest, family member, friend, and co-worker in the Lord's vineyard."



*Father Leo Polselli, C.S.C.*

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*"[The Rosary] embodies the good news that Jesus loves you because you are His brother or sister."*

*- Venerable Patrick Peyton -*

### **What is the importance of hearing people's prayers answered/favors granted through Father Peyton's intercession?**

"Hearing of a person's prayer being answered is very inspirational; it encourages us in the faith. An analogy would be a person who buys a winning lottery ticket at a particular store. Suddenly people believe that it's possible to win, and they want to go to that store to buy their lottery ticket! When people hear of others having prayers answered, it increases people's faith and hope in God. This is why we want to hear from you when a prayer is answered/a favor is granted."

### **Why do we ask for Venerable Patrick Peyton's intercession?**

"First, we believe that Venerable Patrick Peyton, a holy priest, is a powerful intercessor for our needs. We've heard and seen how his prayers have been instrumental in people's healing physically, emotionally, and spiritually. His faith in Jesus and the Blessed Mother brought him close to them, so we believe he can intercede on our behalf. In addition, when people ask for Venerable Patrick Peyton's intercession and their prayers are answered, this can lead to his Beatification and one day, God willing, his becoming a saint for family prayer."



*Father Leo Polselli, C.S.C., is one of the priests that lead a special Holy Hour and Adoration for Families each Friday afternoon, 3 pm EST, at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel in the Museum of Family Prayer. It is also streamed live on the Family Rosary Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/FamilyRosary](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyRosary), where you can join us from anywhere in the world.*

Father Leo, thank you for your many and continued years of fruitful service to Holy Cross Family Ministries. Your discussion on the nature of intercessory prayer requests and reports of prayers answered through Venerable Patrick Peyton's intercession inform, inspire, and deepen our faith in God and the role they play in the Cause for Sainthood of Venerable Patrick Peyton.

In Jesus and Mary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father David S. Marcham".

Father David S. Marcham  
Vice Postulator/Guild Director

P.S. For more information about the Museum of Family Prayer established in honor of Venerable Patrick Peyton, please visit [www.MuseumOfFamilyPrayer.org](http://www.MuseumOfFamilyPrayer.org)

