



For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Feast Days:

- Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, **Aug 1**
- Memorial of St. John Vianney, **Aug 4**
- The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, **Aug 5**
- Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord, **Aug 6**
- Memorial of St. Dominic, **Aug 8**
- Memorial of St. Clare, **Aug 11**
- Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, **Aug 14**
- Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Aug 15**
- Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Aug 22**
- Feast of St. Bartholomew, **Aug 24**
- Memorial of St. Augustine, **Aug 28**
- Memorial of The Passion of St. John the Baptist, **Aug 29**

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

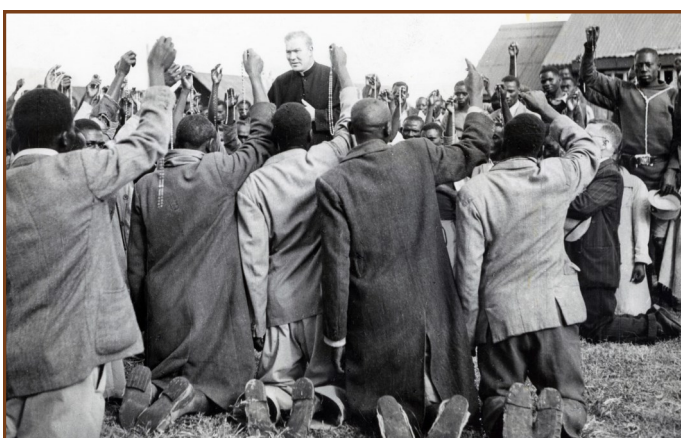
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Most of us will never hear the call to travel to Kenya, East Africa. However, Father Peyton did. In fact, from his youth, he dreamed of becoming a missionary to serve God in Africa as other priests from his homeland of Ireland had done.

Recently, Father Fred Jenga, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross Family Ministries, and Father Pinto Paul, C.S.C., International Director of Family Rosary, went to East Africa for meetings with Family Rosary colleagues and those they serve. Both Father Fred and Father Pinto reported that it was an inspiring experience, noting the joy, deep faith, and unity found in the people and leaders of Family Rosary in East Africa.

My question was, how did Family Rosary Ministry Centers come to be in this part of the world? The answer is that in 1955, after giving Rosary Crusades throughout different parts of the world, Father Peyton followed God's call to bring the peace of Jesus and our Blessed Mother to families in Africa.

When Father Peyton arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, on March 17, 1955, he was warmly greeted by Archbishop Celestine J. Damiano and Archbishop J.R. Knox, Apostolic Delegates, who had invited Father Peyton, together with the Church hierarchy and other priests, religious, and lay faithful. Father Peyton spent



Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., with Mau Mau prisoners in Kenya.

seven months in Africa preaching and teaching and praying the Rosary with countless people. He visited and enlisted the help of the youth; religious sisters, brothers, and priests; the infirmed and imprisoned; and, of course, families. In all, Father Peyton would touch countless souls at small and large gatherings.

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"The Rosary disposes of all difference and brings unity and great love to the family circle."

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -

Today, Father Peyton's ministry vibrantly continues in places like Dandora, Kenya, where they report that Father Peyton Prayer Guild members are united for a spiritual cause. In Kenya, there are twenty Father Peyton Prayer Guilds, which they refer to as P.P.G.'s, named after the fruits, gifts, and virtues of the Holy Spirit.

They come together to pray for their needs and for the Canonization of Venerable Patrick Peyton. In addition, they offer retreats and days of recollection, and interact with Father Joseph Owori, C.S.C., Director of Holy Cross Family Ministries, Dandora, Kenya, to discuss their prayer lives, families, and faith, and to celebrate Mass. P.P.G.'s also provide outreach to the needy in their community.



Team Kenya and P.P.G. leadership take a moment for a team selfie with Father Pinto Paul, C.S.C., during his visit.



Celebrating the Holy Eucharist at the residence of the founding member of the Guild in Dandora, Kenya.

They report, "Two members have solemnized their marriage in the Church and five youths from Self Control P.P.G. have completed catechism classes and now are receiving the Holy Eucharist. Also, through prayers offered, many have testified the sick being healed, children being reformed, and financial breakthroughs."

In Africa, there is reason for hope as Father Peyton's message of the importance of family Rosary prayer and the example of his life of holiness continues, almost seventy years later, to resonate with the people of East Africa and beyond.

Family Rosary Ministry Centers and the Father Peyton Prayer Guild have made significant strides over this past year in "fostering a culture of prayer and support for the spiritual needs of families and individuals."

In union with people around the world, they pray the Rosary as families and faithful brothers and sisters, and look forward to stronger families and communities and one day for Father Peyton to be declared a Saint!

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. David S. Marcham

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Father Pinto Paul, C.S.C., with some of the Guild member-leaders in Dandora, Kenya before the P.P.G. Mass.

