



For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Feast Days:

- Memorial of St. Ambrose, **Dec. 7**
- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Dec. 8**
- Memorial of St. Juan Diego, **Dec. 9**
- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, **Dec. 12**
- Memorial of St. Lucy, **Dec. 13**
- Memorial of St. John of the Cross, **Dec. 14**
- Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, **Dec. 25**
- Feast of St. Stephen, **Dec. 26**
- Feast of St. John, **Dec. 27**
- Feast of the Holy Innocents, **Dec. 28**
- Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, **Dec. 31**

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In October of this year, I traveled to a place I have often referenced in telling the story of Venerable Patrick Peyton. Early one morning, I got into a car with Dr. Andrew Macdonald, the Executive Director of Advancement at Holy Cross Family Ministries in Easton, Massachusetts. As we traveled for five hours through different cities and towns to Scranton, Pennsylvania, I thought about the long journey young Patrick and Tom Peyton made from their homeland of Ireland.

I mention this trip because Advent prepares us for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Patrick and Tom Peyton had been prepared by their parents' faith, love, and instruction throughout their daily life. God would then lead Patrick and Tom to a rediscovery, a rebirth, of the desire to serve as priests of Jesus Christ.

In each of our lives and those of our loved ones, there are times when, like Patrick Peyton, we can become discouraged about how things are turning out. As I celebrated Mass and then led the Rosary at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton, Pennsylvania, I thought about how God can renew our hope for finding meaning and joy in this life if we stay close to Him.



Father David S. Marcham at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton, Pennsylvania with Anne and David Hawk and Dr. Andrew Macdonald.

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"It was through the daily family Rosary that I first came to a knowledge and love of Our Blessed Mother."

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -

Venerable Patrick Peyton's rebirth took place while working as a janitor in that holy place of the cathedral in the presence of our Lord. As he cleaned and painted, he prayed and listened to God. He prayed to Our Blessed Mother, trusting in her maternal care. It was in those ordinary moments of work and prayer that God renewed the desire Patrick Peyton had first realized as a boy to serve God as a Catholic priest. As I looked at the beautiful stained glass windows, Stations of the Cross, and statues in that same cathedral, I was reminded of how God's home, the Church, is a holy sanctuary for each of us to encounter Him. It is a place where we, like Patrick Peyton, are in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord and can find guidance, healing, and strength for the journey of life.

The holy season of Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Each year, we have the opportunity to remember that God sent His Son so that He could save us and lead us to eternal life in Heaven. It's also a time to take stock of our lives and how God is at work in them and those of our family members.

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. David S. Marcham

Father David S. Marcham
Vice Postulator/Guild Director



Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., prays the Rosary before a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the rectory of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton, Pennsylvania (1949).

Christmas Blessings

We pray that you and your families may experience the joy and love of God in this season of preparation and rebirth. We will remember you and your loved ones in a special way at Mass on Christmas.



Annual Family Novena 9 Days of Prayer With and For Families

The Annual Family Novena Celebrating Father Patrick Peyton, January 9—January 17, is an opportunity to ask Father Peyton and Our Blessed Mother's intercession for your family's needs in 2024.

Please also pray for Venerable Patrick Peyton's Cause of Sainthood so he can inspire future generations by being declared the "Saint for Family Prayer."

We will be mailing the Novena booklet to all Guild members in early January. You can also download the booklet at: FatherPeyton.org

"The family that prays together stays together"
Venerable Patrick Peyton 1909-1992

