



For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Feast Days:

- Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, **Feb. 2**
- Memorial of St. Blaise, **Feb. 3**
- Memorial of St. Agatha, **Feb. 5**
- Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, **Feb. 6**
- Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, **Feb. 8**
- Memorial of St. Scholastica, **Feb. 10**
- Ash Wednesday, **Feb. 14**
- Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, **Feb. 17**
- Memorial of St. Peter Damian, **Feb. 21**
- Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, **Feb. 22**
- Memorial of St. Polycarp, **Feb. 23**
- Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek, **Feb. 27**

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On January 9, the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, Massachusetts, was alive with prayer, celebration, and fellowship, marking the Anniversary of the Birth of Venerable Patrick Peyton. We began with Father Boby John, C.S.C., leading us on the first day of the Novena Rosary, honoring the life of Father Patrick Peyton and praying for his Beatification and Canonization. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel resounded with the voices of our Easton Father Peyton Prayer Guild members, faithful daily Rosary and Mass friends, and our Easton Holy Cross Family Ministries team.



Participating in praying the Novena celebrating Venerable Patrick Peyton's birth.



Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C., shares his homily at Mass.

This led to our celebration of the Mass, which was presided over by Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C., President Emeritus of Holy Cross Family Ministries. In his homily, Father Willy shared his experiences of meeting the larger-than-life and charismatic holy priest when Father Peyton would attend the former U.S.A. Eastern Province Holy Cross meetings. Father Willy spoke of Father Peyton's innovative strategies to evangelize men and women and boys and girls worldwide to pray as families, especially the Rosary. Father Willy wondered what Father Peyton would have to say about our current technology; he posited that Father Peyton would be ahead of the curve in this area as he was throughout his ministry.

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"The Rosary is a ... prologue and epilogue of the Eucharistic sacrifice ... one of the greatest and most effective prayers for the family."

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -



Artifacts from the life of Venerable Patrick Peyton, including his Birth and Baptismal Certificate, pulled from the archives.

Father Willy also shared a telling story of a young Patrick Peyton being asked to stay at home one Sunday morning with his grandfather who was not well enough to attend Mass. His grandfather, dressed in his Sunday best, kept asking what time it was. He asked so that he could pray the Rosary at the same time that the Mass was taking place. Father Willy concluded that it was this type of experience that provided Father Peyton with a foundation of the belief in the unity of prayer even when we are separated by physical distance.

United in prayer, we continued the celebration in the Father Richard Warner, C.S.C., dining room. It was a joyful gathering, complete with Irish instrumental music playing in the background. During that time, I had the opportunity to give a presentation on the importance of Father Peyton's parents, John and Mary, in his practice and belief in the centrality of faith and family. I cited Father Peyton's own words, describing how his mother and father prepared him and his siblings to love God, Our Blessed Mother, and each other.

Cathy Downes, Director of Mission Advancement, then shared the good news of our continued work to spread Father Peyton's message and about the upcoming renovations to the Father Peyton Center and enhancement of the Rosary Walk. We concluded the celebration with a blessing that God may give us the grace to both practice and promote the power and unifying force of family prayer, especially the Rosary.

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. David S. Marcham

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Vice Postulator/Guild Director



Cathy Downes, Director of Mission Advancement, shares about upcoming renovations to the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, Massachusetts.



Father David S. Marcham, Vice Postulator and Guild Director, presents on the early life of Venerable Patrick Peyton.

