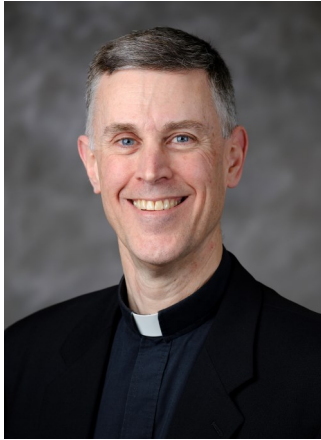




For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Feast Days:

- Solemnity of All Saints, **Nov. 1**
- Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, **Nov. 2**
- Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, **Nov. 4**
- Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, **Nov. 9**
- Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, **Nov. 11**
- Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, **Nov. 13**
- Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Nov. 21**
- Memorial of St. Cecilia, **Nov. 22**
- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, **Nov. 24**
- Feast of St. Andrew, **Nov. 30**

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On a beautiful fall morning, I traveled from the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, Massachusetts, USA, to the birthplace of Family Rosary (which became part of Holy Cross Family Ministries) in Albany, New York.

Father Peyton, a newly ordained Holy Cross priest, began his first assignment as chaplain to Vincentian high school students in Albany. It was during this time that Father Peyton prayed and reflected upon how he would repay God and Our Blessed Mother for his miraculous healing from tuberculosis while he was a seminarian. Ultimately, Father Peyton determined that he would promote the family Rosary as a source of strength for families and for peace in our world. He set a lofty goal of getting ten million families in the United States to pray the Rosary.

Father Peyton knew he could not do this alone, and so, drawing upon his past in Ireland, he began to talk with the people of Albany about his mission to bring unity and peace to families and the world through Rosary prayer. The Leonard family, along with countless others, enthusiastically embraced Father Peyton's mission, and they, along with others in the Albany community, rallied around the promotion and fundraising to assist Father Peyton's mission.

As Father Peyton's mission grew beyond the United States, and Family Theater Productions was founded, the Leonards and others continued to pray and donate to this spiritual cause for families. One means was through an annual Irish Gala held each September beginning in 1968. I've had the privilege of attending the past two Galas and this was the reason for my recent trip to Albany.



Father David Marcham, Vice Postulator and Guild Director with Dorothy Halloran, who was a secretary for Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

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"The Rosary fulfills the need of the people today, their need to experience God, to know Him, to love Him."

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -



Members of the Leonard family with Father David Marcham, Vice Postulator and Guild Director.

As the Vice Postulator, my goal is to promote Father Peyton's Cause for Sainthood, to spread his message of the importance of family prayer, especially the Rosary, and to pray with my brothers and sisters in Christ through the intercession of Venerable Patrick Peyton.

John and Cecilia Leonard, along with family and friends, are the second-generation children of Father Peyton's first friends in Albany. They are the organizers of the Gala, and each year warmly welcome all attendees to an afternoon of Irish music, Irish step dancing, prayer, and a reunion of families and friends of Father Peyton.

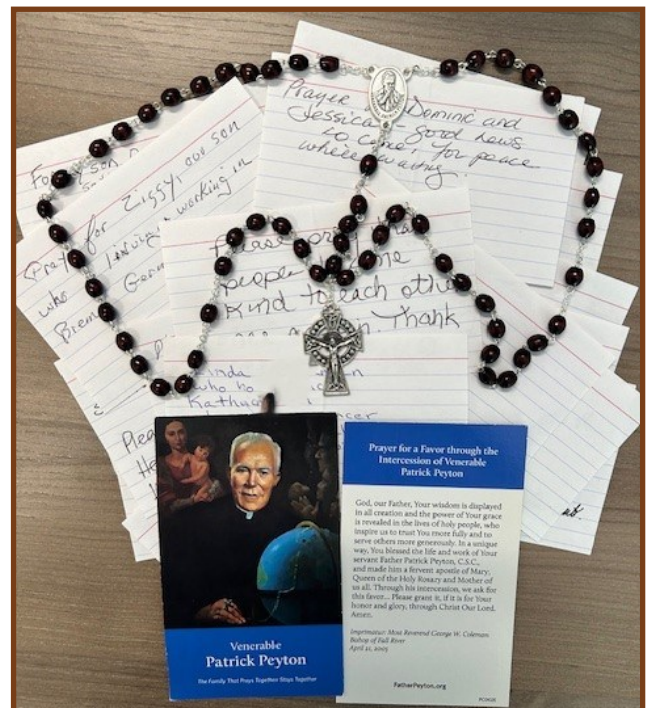
This year, I invited each person to write down prayer requests for their family, friends, and themselves on a simple index card left on their tables. We then prayed the Father Peyton intercessory prayer and paused in silence, speaking directly to God and Our Blessed Mother from our hearts. It was a beautiful and sacred moment on a joyful afternoon. As I went around the room to collect the prayer intention cards and thank each person for their faithful prayers and support of Father Peyton's Cause, Guild, and ongoing ministry, I was moved by their faith in God and belief in the worthiness of Father Peyton's Cause for Sainthood and the importance of his mission.

As I prepared to return home, I thanked God for the opportunity to spend time with my brothers and sisters in Christ, many of whom knew Father Peyton personally, or whose relatives had known and worked with him on this holy mission for families and peace in our world. It was an uplifting experience that I will always remember. The people of Albany, New York, Father Peyton's first friends in ministry to families in the United States and around the world, will always have a special place in God's work through his holy servant, Venerable Patrick Peyton.

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. David S. Marcham

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Some prayer intentions collected at this year's annual Irish Gala in Albany, New York, USA.

