



United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause

Feast Days:

- Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, **Sept. 3**
- Memorial of St. Peter Claver, **Sept. 9**
- Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, **Sept. 13**
- Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, **Sept. 14**
- Memorial of Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian, **Sept. 16**
- Memorial of St. Hildegard of Bingen, **Sept. 17**
- Memorial of Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Sept. 20
- Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, **Sept. 21**
- Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, **Sept. 23**
- Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, **Sept. 27**
- Memorial of St. Jerome, **Sept. 30**

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On June 1st, over one hundred families and friends gathered to mark the anniversary of death of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. It was a beautiful summer day that set the mood for the faithful, who praised God for Venerable Patrick Peyton's life and ministry and prayed for his beatification and canonization.

We were grateful to return to St. Joseph Chapel, where, except for during the pandemic, we have marked this occasion for twenty years.



Andy Lichtenwalner, a member of the Holy Cross Family Ministries Board of Directors, prays at the grave of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

The afternoon began with Mrs. Allison Gingras of Family Rosary USA sharing her powerful experience of how Father Peyton's message of the importance of family prayer helped her to grow in love for the Rosary. Allison also spoke of the role of intercessory prayer in how we pray for others.

Leading into Allison's reflection, and throughout the afternoon, we raised our voices in hymns of praise, led by Alex and Grace Cuellar and their musician friends.



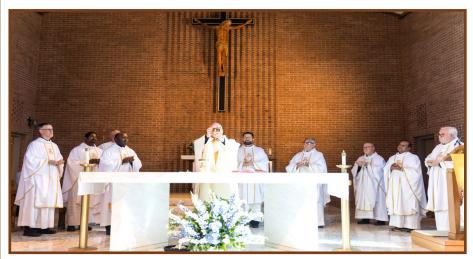
Allison Gingras shares a brief reflection on the importance of saints and intercessory prayer in our daily lives.

Prior to Mass, we offered prayers for our families and friends during the Rosary led by Father Boby John, C.S.C., Co-Director of Family Rosary USA, who gave life-based reflections on each of the Joyful Mysteries. During this time, the Eucharist was exposed and venerated in keeping with the nationwide Eucharistic renewal movement.

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"Because of the daily family Rosary, my home was for me a cradle, a school ... and most of all, a little church." - Venerable Patrick Peyton -

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Father William Lies, C.S.C., Superior of the U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers, celebrates the Father Patrick Peyton Anniversary Mass on June 1, 2024.

Father William Lies, C.S.C., Superior of the U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers, presided over the Anniversary Mass. In addition, there were 8 concelebrants, along with Deacon Kevin Gingras, who served the Mass, and I had the honor of being the homilist.

As I began to speak, a brilliant ray of sunlight shone through a stained glass window, reminding us of the light of Christ that always burned brightly in the heart of Father Peyton. I spoke of how the faith of a young Patrick Peyton was nourished by the faithful

witness of his parents, John and Mary. Their family's devotion to praying the Rosary nightly introduced all their children to the maternal role of our Blessed Mother.

Father Peyton took this love and trust for God and the Blessed Mother from childhood through his last day on earth. It was the love and trust in God's care for our needs that he brought around the world to believers and to those who would come to believe in the power of family prayer, especially the Rosary.

As Vice Postulator and Guild Director, I've been privileged to receive your prayer requests and messages of prayers answered through the intercession of Venerable Patrick Peyton over the past 17 years. I have also come to learn of how Father Peyton's life story and countless acts of personal kindness have drawn people from around the world to a greater appreciation of faith, family life, and the unifying power of family prayer.

Inspired by this Anniversary Mass for Venerable Patrick Peyton, let us continue to live in the love of God, our Blessed Mother, our families, and our friends, united in prayer, with gratitude for all of God's blessings each day.

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. David S. marchon

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