

Once Upon A Time . . . Father Peyton

Long ago there was a priest who traveled to many countries around the world reminding families to pray together every day, especially the Rosary. His nickname became "The Rosary Priest." We hope someday he will become a saint!



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Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Patrick Peyton was born on January 9, 1909, and grew up on a small farm in Ireland with his eight brothers and sisters. His family was poor but they were rich in faith. Every night after dinner, Patrick's father would gather the family together to pray the Rosary.

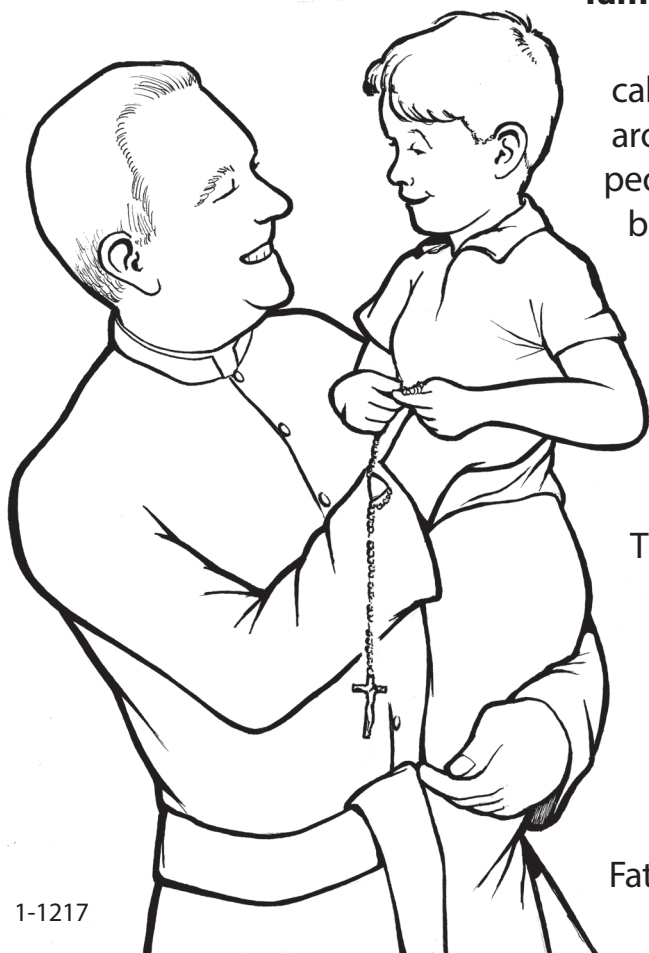
When Patrick was 19 years old, he moved to the United States with his brother, Tom. They wanted to get jobs and make money – but God had other plans for them.

In America, Patrick found a job as a sexton (janitor) at a Cathedral in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He continued to pray the Rosary every day just like he had with his family.

Patrick and Tom kept feeling like God wanted them to be priests. Eventually they went to the seminary of the Congregation of Holy Cross at Notre Dame, Indiana. A seminary is a college where men study to become priests.

Patrick loved the seminary. One day he became very sick. The doctors told Patrick he might not recover. At that time, there was not medicine like we have today. Patrick was sick for an entire year. A priest told Patrick to pray to Mary for her intercession. Intercession is asking a saint to pray to God for you. Patrick did that and he continued to pray his Rosary too. He became well again!

Patrick completed his studies and became a priest. He spent the rest of his life telling families about praying the Rosary. He always told them, **"The family that prays together stays together."**



In 1942 Father Peyton started an organization called Family Rosary. He traveled to many countries around the world and attended many events telling people about Rosary prayer. He had many challenges but always prayed his Rosary and amazing things happened!

Then Father Peyton went to Hollywood, California to ask some famous people to pray the Rosary with him on the radio and television. They did help him and in 1947 Father Peyton started another organization in Hollywood called Family Theater Productions.

Father Peyton died at 83 years old on June 3, 1992, and he is buried in North Easton, Massachusetts. Both of Father Peyton's organizations still work hard today letting families know about the importance of praying.

We hope someday soon the Pope will declare Father Peyton a saint!

Father Peyton's Story

When Patrick Peyton was a boy in Ireland, he prayed the _____ every night with his family.

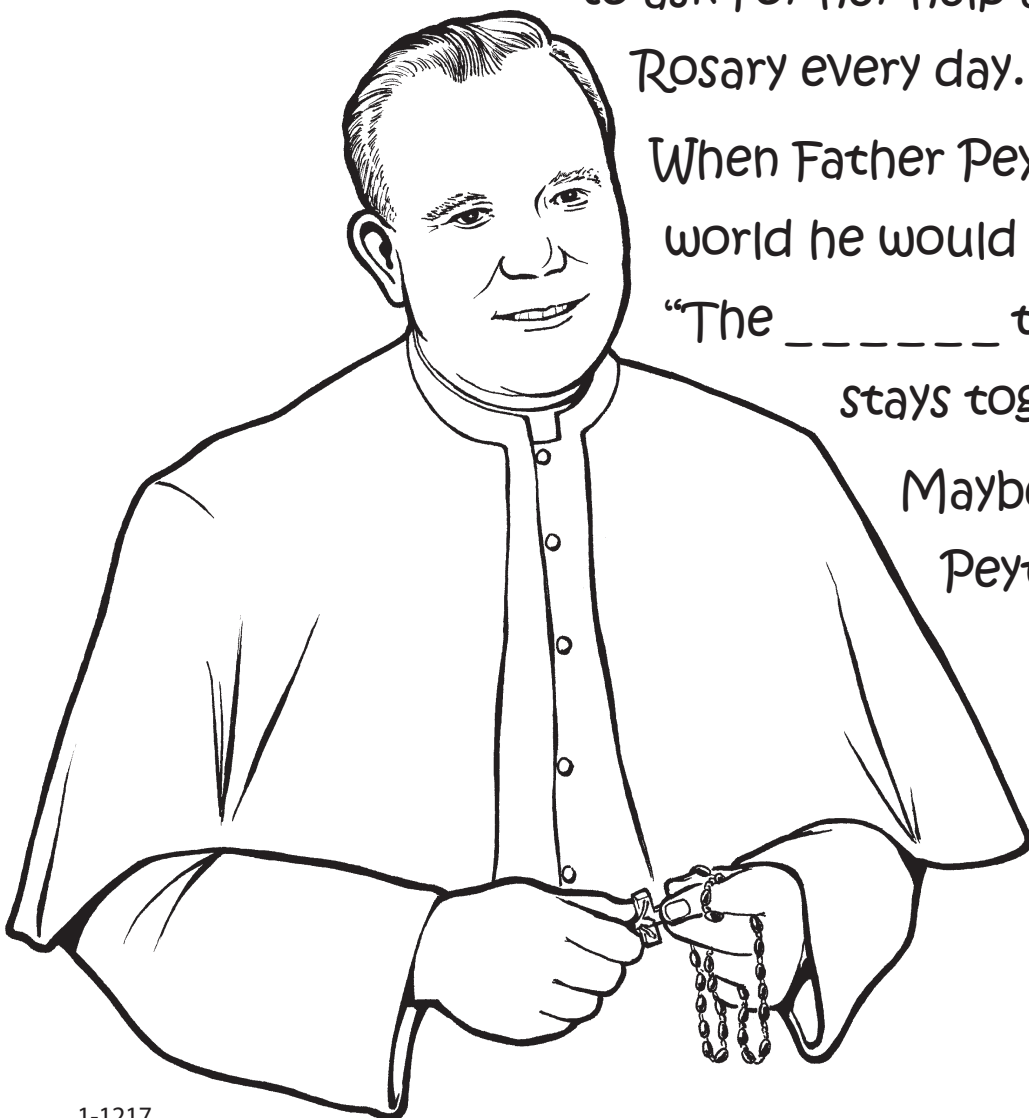
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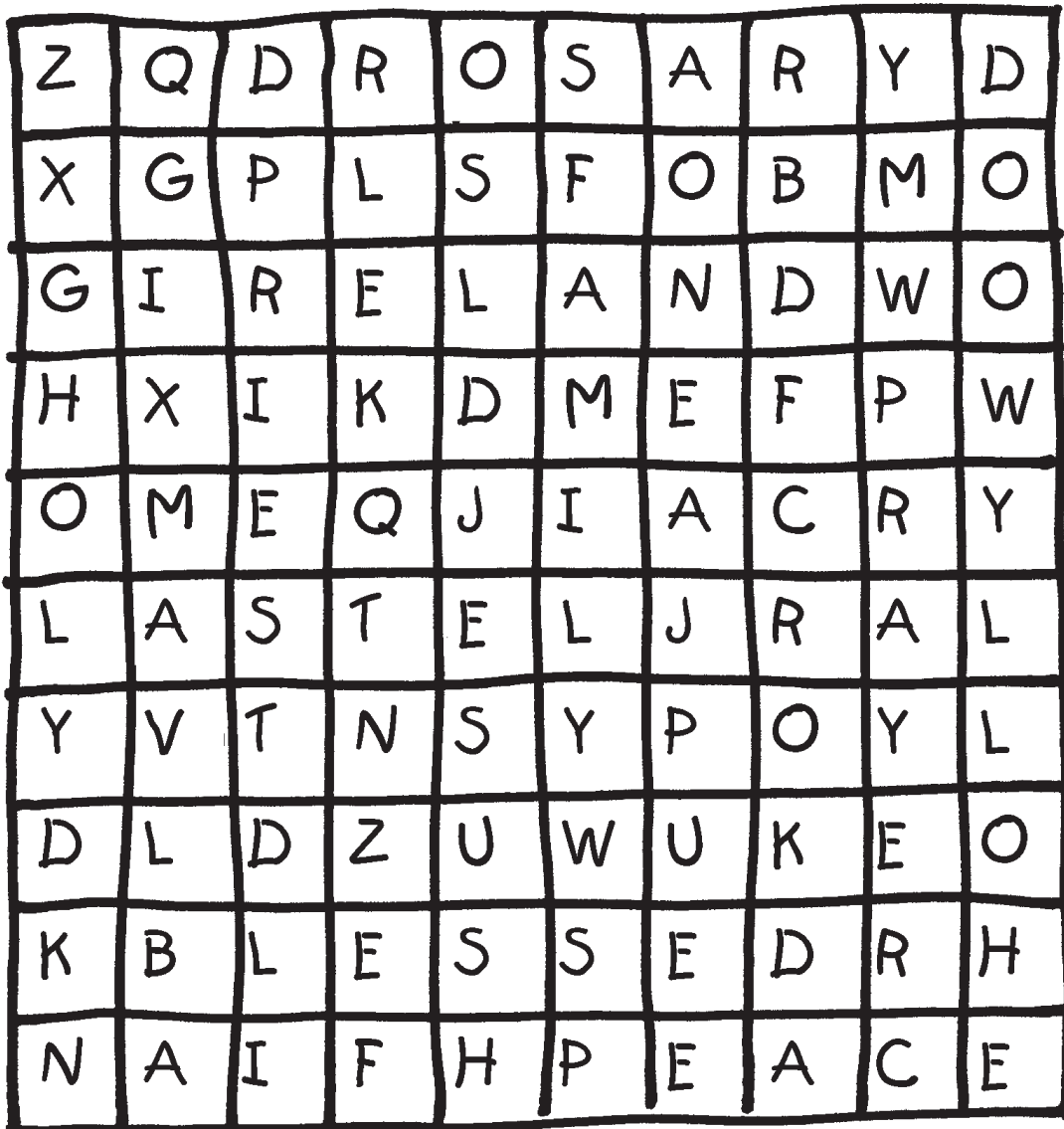
While he was there, Patrick got very sick. He prayed to _____ to ask for her help and he _____ his Rosary every day.

When Father Peyton traveled the world he would often tell people, "The _____ that prays together stays together."

Maybe someday Father Peyton will be a _____!



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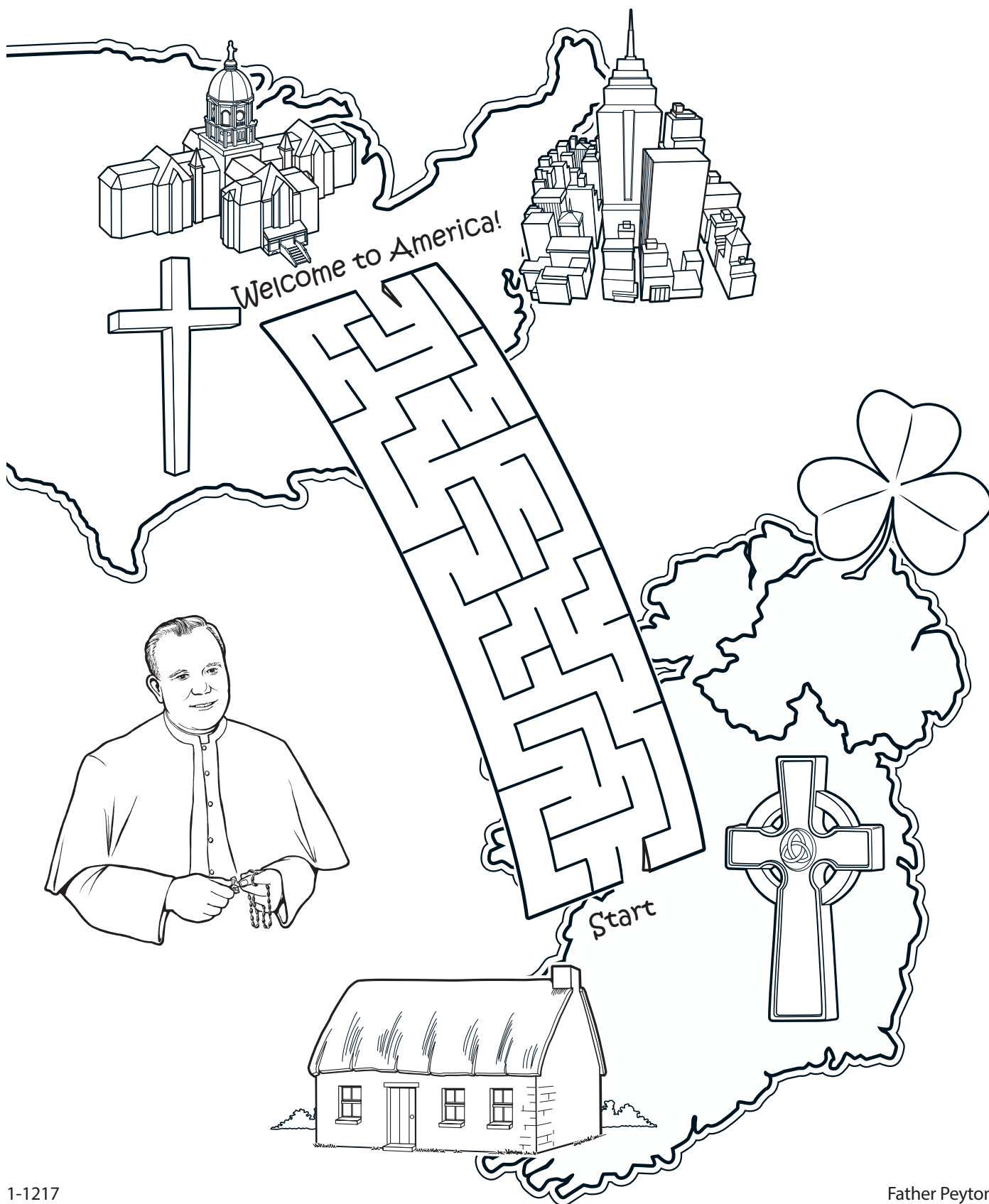


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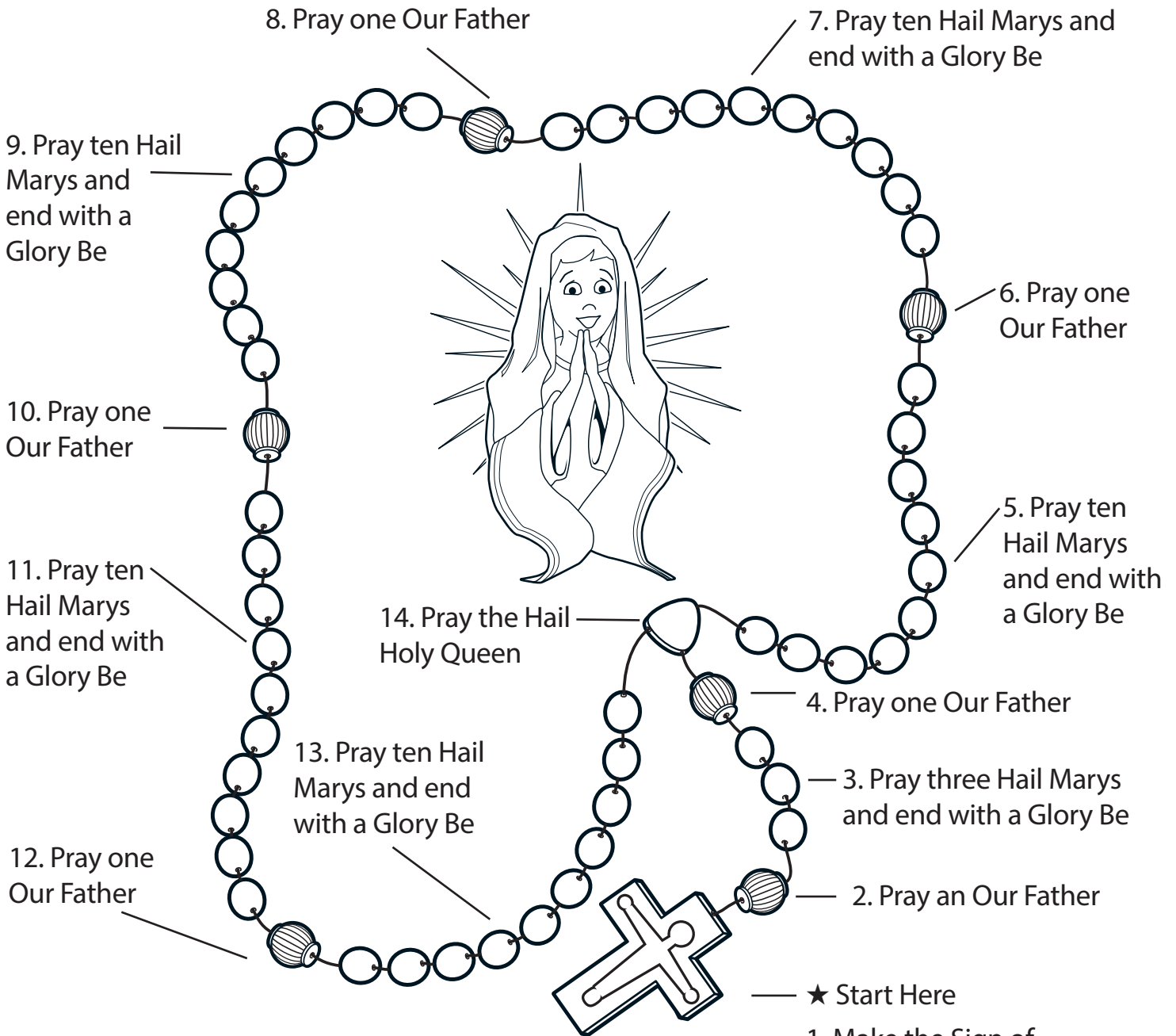
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Help Father Peyton find his way from Ireland to America!



How to pray the Rosary



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed

Note: If desired, follow any local customs for other prayers at this point.

End with the Sign of the Cross