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The Cause

News about The Cause of Canonization of Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton CSC



Prayer for the Beatification of Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC

*Dear Jesus, Father Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together every day, especially the Rosary. His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth. We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his beatification so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that *The Family That Prays Together Stays Together™*, imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with child-like confidence and love. Amen.*

Father Peyton's 1958 Visit to Manitoba, Canada

Phyllis Kwiatkowski recalls special meeting with Father Peyton

I had been married just over a year and was living “in the country” seven miles away from Elphinstone, a small village of a few hundred people. It was all quite strange to me yet, and I didn't know too many people.

I don't know why Father Peyton was invited to this little village but I do remember very clearly the excitement in the air. Everybody was in awe watching this priest carry the figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary, going in procession into the church, and placing Mary on the left-hand side on a small altar.

Then I don't remember . . . were people going to confession (which was in the small sacristy in the front) or did I feel I had to go to confession and went on my own? At that time we were still very innocent people, and of the mind-set that any little sin, one didn't dare approach Holy Communion.

But I do remember that after my confession, Father Peyton asked me to stay after Mass because he wanted to give me a special blessing. I thought there would be more people,



Fr. Peyton in St. Paul, MN, on his way to Canada in 1958.

but as the people started leaving after Mass, I realized it looked like it would just be me. I started feeling very uneasy and wanted to dash out the door.

I started doubting myself – did Father really ask me to stay? Am I being foolish sitting

here? All the people had left and it seemed like hours that I was sitting there.

My husband came and asked, “Why are you sitting here?” and looked at me and at

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Family Rosary

Pilgrimage to Ireland scheduled Sept. 16-24

Each year, Holy Cross Family Ministries' president Father John Phalen, CSC, leads a pilgrimage to the birthplace of our founder, Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, who worked tirelessly to encourage the strengthening of families through the daily praying of the family Rosary.

Father Phalen leads the tour with a special fondness. "This is a trip unlike most vacation tours," he said. "The daily praying of the Rosary and celebration of Mass provide a spiritual component that blends well with the visual beauty of the Irish countryside and rural towns, and the excitement and energy of the larger cities we visit."

Each year pilgrims visit many historic landmarks of Ireland, and relax and absorb the peace and beauty of the Irish countryside. This year's nine-day trip marks the 11th annual Pilgrimage with Holy Cross Family Ministries.

After arriving in Shannon, we depart for Cork City, stopping along the way at St. Finbarr's retreat at Gougane Barra, where we will celebrate Mass. After check-in at our hotel in Cork City, we travel to Blarney, where we can climb the castle to kiss the fabled stone.

In Cobh, we'll celebrate Mass in the

magnificent Cobh Cathedral and visit the Heritage Center where there is a sobering display recalling Cobh's association with the Titanic and ill-fated Lusitania.

We will have a visit to Mizen Head, the southwestern most point of County Cork. You will be impressed with West Cork's rustic beauty.

En route to Carracastle, where Father Peyton was born, we'll see the Ox Mountains and perhaps the fishermen of the Moy River catching salmon.

In Attymass, we visit the Father Patrick Peyton CSC Memorial Centre, which memorializes him. Father Peyton's cause for sainthood has been introduced, and we will have a special day of recollection after Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's, the parish church of Father Peyton's youth. Father Peyton worked tirelessly to encourage the strengthening of families through the daily praying of the family Rosary, since that was his experience in his home in County Mayo.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Knock will be our final visit in Mayo, where Father Phalen will celebrate Mass at the Apparition Chapel in the large basilica dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. There will be time on our own to visit the Basilica, the bookstore or the reconciliation chapel, and to view the Rose Window donated in memory of Father Peyton, and to pray a Rosary.

In the morning after breakfast, we depart for the Shannon region, finding time to visit the Aillwee Cave, one of many mysterious caves beneath The Burren, tunneling over 1,000 meters into the heart of the limestone mountains. Returning to the coach, we travel a short distance to see the Poulnabrone Doman, which is one of the finest remaining in Ireland. Dolmens are generally held to be tombs. Standing alone in a rocky field, it has not changed in millennia.

We depart after breakfast and Mass for Shannon airport. After last minute shopping and perhaps a last Guinness, we board our plane for home, arriving the same day.

As usual, Mass will be celebrated daily in a different Irish church, and the Rosary will be prayed on the bus. Bring along your special intentions, because we will complete a novena of Rosaries asking Father Peyton's intercession.

The land & air package price for the trip is \$2,815, based on double occupancy, including accommodations for seven nights in first class hotels, breakfast daily, and seven evening dinners. Single-room supplement is \$575. Trip cancellation insurance is available for an additional \$139. Please call Marie Dennehy at 800-299-7729 ext. 2040 for reservations and deposit information, or see the complete itinerary on our website, www.hcfm.org/main/news.php.

At Right: View of Attymass, in County Mayo, location of the Father Patrick Peyton CSC Memorial Centre. Insets: Mizen Head, St. Colman's Cathedral, St. Finbarr Retreat, the Blarney Stone.



Holy Cross Family Ministries



Members of the Holy Cross Family Ministries office perform for schoolchildren in East Africa. Inset: Father Fred Jenga, CSC.

Holy Cross Family Ministries at work in Nairobi, Kenya

Dandora parish office helps many suffering because of political turmoil

The good people of East Africa are experiencing great turmoil in their lives due to political unrest around the recent elections. Holy Cross Family Ministries has an office in that area and serves the people through the Dandora parish in Nairobi, Kenya.

Father James Burasa, CSC, district superior, reports that the people are starving. Thanks to some financial assistance, they have managed to distribute tons of food to

the hundreds of people who come to the parish each day. The Archdiocese of Nairobi has contributed 300 blankets to give to those whose homes were burned. As a prolonged period of starvation is anticipated, Father Burasa is focusing on buying beans, so that their limited resources can save greater numbers for a longer period of time.

An appeal for assistance to the people of Kenya is being prepared for mailing to the supporters of Holy Cross Family Ministries. And in order to provide some immediate relief, the employees from the Easton, Mass., and Hollywood, Cal., of-

fices have donated more than \$3,000.

Father Burasa is very grateful. "I appreciate the financial support we have received from you, with which we have been able to bring the people a bit of hope. Please continue to pray that the mediations lead us to peace," he writes. "May the Lenten and Easter Season be a blessing to all of you and be a source of peace in our hearts."

It may take a long time for stability to return to this area. Please keep the people of Kenya in your prayers as the new power-sharing agreement is realized in the government.

Nairobi

Prayers Answered

Favors Received

Employment found: A young woman in the Philippines was out of work and in desperate times. She prayed to Father Peyton, asking him to help her find peace and security. She found a job unexpectedly in one of the best food service companies in the country. “May the power of love, the family, and the Rosary enlighten us and guide us for the greater good.”

Rings found: A woman lost her wedding rings. After searching unsuccessfully for twelve hours, she prayed to Father Peyton for assistance and found them one hour later. *St. Anthony is not the only hope for finding lost articles.*

Favors granted: A man from New York reports that after praying for Father Peyton’s intercession, he was removed as an individual defendant in a work-related lawsuit. In addition, he has a friend who was suffering from lymphoma as well as kidney cancer. The couple prayed to Father Peyton and the friend is now cancer free.

Spiritual healing: A woman in California was diagnosed with brain cancer and was not expected to live very long. Her friends prayed for Father Peyton’s intercession. Six months later, she was still alive and has found much spiritual healing. She has had time to put her spiritual life in order and has mended a few loose ends. “She looks well, at peace, and in touch with the Lord.”

White roses: A woman in the Philippines asked Father Peyton to ask God for a sign that her beloved parents and her grandchild are now in heaven. On entering her church for Mass, she saw bundles and bundles of white roses beside the altar. In fact, no other flower was present. “Thank you so much for the sign, I have now peace of heart and mind that my parents are happy in heaven.”

Employment found: A couple in Ireland whose son had a succession of disappointments in his working life was granted “The position of my best dreams,” after the parents prayed to Father Peyton for a favor.

Conversion to the Faith: A woman from Indiana received a Father Peyton pamphlet, and she began praying for the conversion to Catholicism for her husband and her father. A year later, out of nowhere, her husband approached her about joining the Catholic Church. Upon his entrance into the Church, she thanked Father Peyton for his intercession. Her father is 70 years old, never been baptized, and has attended Mass as a non-Catholic with the family for 44 years. Last year, he decided to go through the RCIA classes. Last Easter, she witnessed her father’s baptism. “I have always been dedicated to the Rosary, and now my father and husband are as well. Thank you Father Peyton for your intercession.”

Son reduces his workload: A woman’s son living in New Jersey was experiencing stress due to working two jobs, going to college part-time, and playing in and managing a band. His health had suffered in the past, and his mother was concerned that there would be a reoccurrence of illness. She prayed to Father Peyton asking his intercession to reduce her son’s work load. She is delighted to report that her son’s job will be sending him to school, so he won’t have to take evening courses on his own. “I know this doesn’t fall under ‘miraculous favors,’ but to me it means so much. I am so grateful for Father Peyton’s intercession!”

Sustainable employment: A woman from Minnesota writes that her cousin experienced a loss of employment in 2002, underemployment in 2003, another loss in 2004, and could only find part time employment from 2004-2006. His finances were very bad, and he lost his home to foreclosure. After reading *A Man of Faith*, the story of the life of Father Peyton, she began to pray each morning, asking Father Peyton’s intercession for sustainable

employment for her cousin. After only 29 days of prayer, her cousin was offered full-time employment with a sustainable wage and benefits with a good company. “I believe that if it were not for the powerful intercession of the Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, my cousin would not have obtained this employment. I am grateful for his intercession, and I will continue to pray for his canonization.”

Inspiration to Pray

Commence Rosary prayer: After a friend slipped a Holy Cross Family Ministries Rosary into her purse at Mass, a woman from New Mexico writes that her husband, who had been opposed to praying the Rosary, began praying with her and also by himself.

Vocation to the Priesthood: A man who had considered the priesthood became inspired after watching The Family Rosary Crusade television program in the Philippines. He is on his 100th day of his priesthood. “I am grateful to God, the Blessed Mother, and to Father Peyton for inspiring me to work in His vineyard.”

Support from a non-Catholic: While searching for uplifting television programs, a woman from Missouri came across “Family Matters” with Father Peyton and Marshall McLuhan on EWTN. She was impressed with Father Peyton’s gentle and compassionate heart and his earnest concern for struggling families. She was very touched by his understanding of the need for prayer and devotion to God to be active, visible, and audible within the family, as well as the need of such active devotion to help the family weather modern stresses. She adds her new but strenuous admiration and recommendation from an “outsider” who is also our sister-in-Christ. “Blessings to you and to all the faithful Catholic brothers and sisters and their ministries. Together, we may join hearts, lock arms, build and celebrate the kingdom of God and Our King.”

Family Rosary



Guild members gather in Nsambya parish.

Father Peyton Guild Chapters spreading in East Africa

As the work begun by Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, takes root in East Africa, so is the growing devotion to this man who was considered holy by many who met him here.

We have six chapters of the Father Peyton Guild spread out in the dioceses of Fort Portal, Jinja, and Kampala archdiocese. The ground is fertile for the beginning of others as many discover the richness of the simple message he preached.

The intentions of the chapters of the Guild are three-fold: pray for the advancement of the cause of Father Peyton, offer prayerful support to the Family Rosary work, and promotion of the ministry. Members distribute prayer cards, Rosaries, and mobilize people to attend Family Rosary arranged programs. Some good married couples of these chapters volunteer as pre-Cana marriage instructors in their parishes. They are offered basic counseling skills so they can help struggling families in their areas, as is the case with the chapter at Rubaga Cathedral in Kampala archdiocese. Like other chapters in East Africa, the one in Nsambya parish meets every Monday for an hour of adoration, praying of the Rosary, and to pray for the various needs of the ministry and families through the intercession of Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC. The Guild members are strength for Family Rosary work in East Africa!

The Peyton Society: a lasting legacy through planned giving

Have you ever wondered how you could make a gift that would provide a lasting legacy of your support and your faith? Planned giving can do that for you.

The Peyton Society of Holy Cross Family Ministries is a group of our caring friends who provide for the future of our ministry – and theirs – through a will, annuity, life insurance policy, trust or other planned gift.

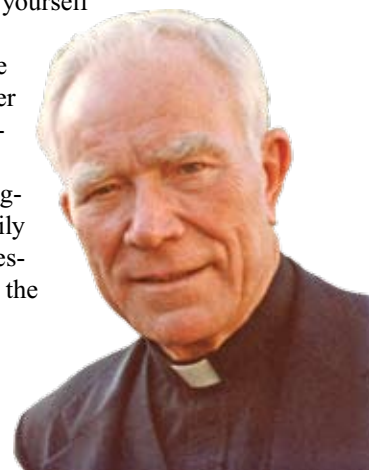
Planned giving is an important way to let your light shine and help others come to love Jesus and Mary. It's also an effective way to plan for your future, because there are tax advantages and future income for you with this kind of gift.

An additional benefit to membership in the Peyton Society is the Mass offered for each member on his or her birthday at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary at the Father Peyton Center. Mass is also offered for all deceased members on the nearest weekday to All Soul's Day.

We have a brochure available that provides an introduction to Charitable Planned Giving as a way to support the work of our founder, Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, in a lasting and most meaningful way. To have it mailed to you, please call the director of development, Bob Corcoran, at 800-299-PRAY (7729) or email at bcorcoran@hcfm.org.

Please take a moment to learn more about The Peyton Society. You can help Holy Cross Family Ministries – while helping yourself

– and continue to further our mission of encouraging family prayer, especially the Rosary.



Father Peyton's 1958 Visit to Manitoba, Canada



A Personal Recollection

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the sacristy with a questioning look on his face. When I told him, he asked, "Are you sure?" (Remember, I was just that "nobody" in that parish whom no one really knew.)

I thought to myself, "Well, maybe I will just sit here in the very back and when Father comes out I'll just ignore him, pretending I'm here for some other reason."

But, no, Father Peyton did not forget.

As soon as he came out of the sacristy,

he said in a loud voice: "Would you please come up here in front of Mary!" And he gave me a beautiful blessing, and then he gave my baby still in the womb a blessing. Oh, if I had only known I was not only kneeling in front of the Lord and Mary but in front of a saint! I just know that I was so filled with peace!

A parish 100 km away, still smaller than Elphinstone, with maybe 10 Catholic families (Birtle was a very protestant town) wanted Father Peyton to come to their church. Father agreed. With the people being on such a spiritual "high," everyone decided to go in their cars following Father, who had a loudspeaker on his car, on the road to Birtle.

Father led the procession of cars saying the Rosary. I remember how thrilling it was to hear the Rosary coming out really loudly, and with our windows rolled down on that October day, we said the Rosary with him all the way to Birtle.

I don't remember much more about the day. Where did he eat? How did we say farewell to Father? Who invited Father? I just know that we took the Rosary very seriously, much more so from that day on. As the children came along, one by one, our nightly "family Rosary group" grew.

Years later when my boys went to a

private school, we knew that there was a library in New York from which we could rent films of Christ's passion. We had them shipped out and had the boys at the college view them.

Then we brought the films to St. Hedwig's parish in Brandon and showed them to the parishioners. There were a lot of people there. We thought it was a great film. We had never seen anything like it

What happened to the little child who was blessed while still in my womb? Well, from a mother's viewpoint, she was a very good child and still is, and has now been a nun for almost thirty years. One of the boys I mentioned earlier is a fine priest, serving the Lord as spiritual director of a seminary. Another is the happily married father of seven, and . . . well, those are just the first three. There are four more children, each with wonderful gifts, serving the Lord in amazing ways, and whose stories are too interesting for a proud mother to tell properly in such a short note. Truly, the family that prays together stays together.

God is so good!

— Mrs. Phyllis Kwiatkowski
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

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Please remember my special intentions when you gather daily to pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary.

I have a special favor to request through the intercession of Father Peyton:

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