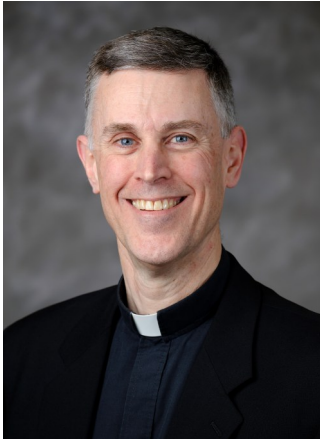




For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Feast Days:

- Solemnity of All Saints, **Nov. 1**
- The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, **Nov. 2**
- Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, **Nov. 9**
- Memorial of St. Leo the Great, **Nov. 10**
- Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, **Nov. 11**
- Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, **Nov. 17**
- 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. 23**

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God works through us in amazing ways, often in the ordinary moments of daily life and through those He places in our path. This was true for a young seminarian, Patrick Peyton, and his classmate, who one Sunday went searching for a runaway seminary horse. In their search, they discovered a small settlement near the Notre Dame campus known as Morningside, or “Dog Patch.” There, Patrick met residents who, when he inquired, explained they didn’t attend Sunday Mass because they lacked suitable clothing. Moved with compassion, Patrick and his seminary classmates pooled their resources and created a plan to assist their brothers and sisters in Christ both materially and spiritually.

Among those classmates was the future Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., later president of the University of Notre Dame, who would recall this as the beginning of Father Peyton’s lifelong mission to strengthen families in faith. The plan was soon adopted by the Congregation of Holy Cross, which appointed Father Joseph Payne, C.S.C., as the first pastor of the new St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish—a ministry he would serve faithfully for 35 years!

Fast-forward to 2025: as Family Rosary USA prepared for the Notre Dame Rosary Rally on September 7—commemorating the 75th anniversary of Father Peyton’s Rosary rally at his alma mater—God’s



Celebration of Mass at St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish, South Bend, Indiana, USA, September 6, 2025.

Providence moved once again. Ms. Abby Kyle, Director of Evangelization at Little Flower Parish, heard a podcast about Venerable Patrick Peyton and the founding of her parish. Inspired, she shared it with her pastor, Father Julius Okojie. Soon after, Mr. Craig Dyke of Family Rosary USA reached out to the parish to invite their participation in promoting the Rosary rally.

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“The Rosary ... embodies the good news that Jesus loves you because you are His brother or sister.”

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -

The parish, in turn, invited members of Family Rosary USA—the ministry founded by Venerable Peyton—to celebrate Mass, join the Feast of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, a popular Filipino Marian devotion, and attend a dinner with the dedication of the parish hall in Father Peyton’s honor. Father Fred Jenga,



Father Fred Jenga, C.S.C., presents a gift to Father Julius Okojie, pastor of St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish, for the dedication of their parish hall.

The dinner, prepared by our Filipino brothers and sisters, was delicious. When combined with the warm welcome and conversation, it served as a source of encouragement for the continuation of Venerable Patrick Peyton’s mission to nourish the spiritual lives of families throughout the world.

A heartfelt thank you to Father Julius, Abby, Brenda, and all those who made this unforgettable evening possible. We also welcome the newest members of the Father Peyton Prayer Guild from Little Flower Parish.

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. David S. Marcham

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Vice Postulator/Guild Director

C.S.C., Father Charlie McCoy, C.S.C., President and Vice President of Holy Cross Family Ministries, respectively, and I were blessed to celebrate the liturgy, share in the meal, and view the film "Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton."

The liturgical celebration was truly uplifting and a poignant reminder of Father Peyton’s profound impact in bringing peace to the families and nation of the Philippines, as we paid homage to Our Lady of Peñafrancia, renowned for her maternal guidance, healing, and protection during the most challenging times in our lives.



Our Lady of Peñafrancia, a popular Filipino Marian devotion.

Annual Family Novena

9 Days of Prayer With and For Families

The Annual Family Novena Celebrating Father Patrick Peyton, January 9—January 17, is an opportunity to ask Father Peyton and Our Blessed Mother’s intercession for your family’s needs in 2026.

Please also pray for Venerable Patrick Peyton’s Cause of Sainthood so he can inspire future generations by being declared the “Saint for Family Prayer.”

We will be mailing the Novena booklet to all Guild members in early January. You can also download the booklet at: FatherPeyton.org/novena

“The family that prays together stays together”
Venerable Patrick Peyton 1909-1992

