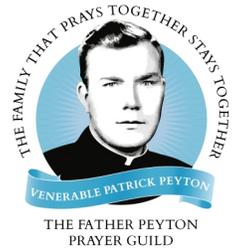


For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Feast Days:

- The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, **June 1**
- St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr, **June 5**
- The Most Holy Trinity, **June 7**
- St. Barnabas, Apostle, **June 11**
- St. Anthony of Padua, **June 13**
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, (Corpus Christi) **June 14**
- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **June 19**
- The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **June 20**
- The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, **June 24**
- Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, **June 29**

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On June 3, we commemorated the anniversary of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., going home to God. Here at the Father Peyton Center in N. Easton, MA, U.S.A., five Holy Cross priests, three Holy Cross seminarians, and I offered (and live-streamed) the Rosary and Mass in thanksgiving; united in prayer with people like yourselves around the world. **Due to the Pandemic, we needed to change a celebration** that was to include a Mass offered by Patrick Cardinal D'Rozario, C.S.C., Archbishop of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

This adaptation of how we came together in Rosary prayer and celebration of the Mass inspired me to share how **St. Monica's Prayer Guild Chapter in Santa Monica, California is also able to meet virtually.** I asked one of the founders of the group, Megan Harrington (Producer of "Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton") and two other Guild members, Alex and Maria, to share their faith experience.

How did you come to know about Father Peyton? And, what inspired you to propose to the other members of your prayer group to join the Guild?

"My sister and I began a Monday night Rosary prayer group in Lent of 2011. In 2018, I discovered the man behind the famous saying, 'The family that prays together stays together' when Family Theater Productions hired me to produce

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Photo from last year's Anniversary Mass at St. Joseph Chapel, N. Easton, MA, USA.

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

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -

the documentary about his life. (**PrayTheFilm.com**) This was a life-changing project, and now I consider Father Peyton a great friend. Once I learned about The Father Peyton Prayer Guild, it was a natural fit for us to become part of it. (Megan)

What do you find yourself asking Father Peyton's intercession for the most in these days of the coronavirus pandemic?

"During these days of the coronavirus, prayers for the protection of my family, relatives, friends, and colleagues are certainly foremost on my mind." (Megan)

Who came up with the idea of using Zoom to bring your Guild prayer group together?

"Initially, we were meeting via conference call. Then Rich Loe, a friend, and parishioner at St. Monica's parish, suggested a weekly Zoom call (online video meeting). It has been a great gift to have members be able to join by phone or by video." (Megan)

How many of you typically are meeting on Monday nights?

"Recently, we've had 15 or 16 people praying together, which is an increase from pre-pandemic numbers." (Megan)



A screenshot of a recent Father Peyton Prayer Guild meeting using Zoom (an online video meeting tool.)

What are the benefits both in your regular gatherings and those online?

"In-person gatherings foster community and friendship in Christ. This can be especially hard to find in city life. Through prayer and fellowship, wonderful friendships and relationships have been built. Our Zoom Father Peyton Prayer Guild meetings have been a wonderful bridge to our separation. It's also an option in the future when a member is unable to attend our regular meetings in person." (Megan)

"The biggest benefit of Guild meetings is growing in fellowship with one another. By hearing other people's life experiences and faith journey, I can go deeper with them and in following Christ as well. We know that Jesus also surrounded himself with his disciples in fellowship, and we are called to do the same." (Alex)

How has this experience changed or enhanced your understanding of being united in prayer?

"The pandemic has enhanced my understanding of how necessary and powerful it can be to unite in prayer." (Megan)

"My understanding of being united in prayer has definitely deepened. It is so much more personal to hear and ask for specific prayers, what's on another person's heart when gathered together." (Alex)

"It gives peace and security to know that we are all part of one Christian family and that when one is weak, we lift them up by the power of our united prayer." (Maria)

Father Peyton is known for saying, "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together." Have you also used online means to pray with family?

"During the pandemic, I went to be with my Mom in Montana. We started a nightly Family Rosary via conference call. Our family would pray the Rosary before school growing up; I know it has brought great joy to my Mom to have us pray together in this way. This has been the silver lining amid all this craziness and something I will treasure." (Megan)

"My family and I have prayed the Rosary together over FaceTime." (Maria)

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"My family on the East coast prays a Rosary every morning at 7 am. I can't join them at that time due to the time difference, but there have been times when they have prayed later, and I have been able to join!" (Alex)

Father Peyton is also known for saying, "A World at Prayer is a World at Peace." How have your online meetings given you a sense of peace in a time of uncertainty?

"We start out with personal prayer intentions before we begin the Rosary and that, combined with the prayer itself, has been a great source of peace and consolation. While there might be miles – or thousands of miles – between us, the common thread of being unified in prayer is powerful and calming." (Megan)

"The Monday night prayer group always instills a sense of peace in my wife's and my own heart. Jesus said that He is present when two or more are gathered, I am reminded of this from our prayer Guild. Also, as new parents, stress and anxiety is not alien to us. My wife and my prayer together has been a rock to stand on during these trying times." (Alex)

"It is wonderful to know that every Monday night we can come together wherever we are and pray together. Consistency can give a certain sense of peace." (Maria)

What do you think Father Peyton would think about using technology to pray together?

"Father Peyton was always using technology in new ways to spread his message of family prayer. I hope he is giving us a little Irish wink from heaven, with his big smile and taking all of our prayers and amplifying them in heaven. I believe he's doing that with the prayers of all members of the Guild, who gather to pray the Rosary. He may have left the Earth but his presence surely remains ... his words and mission live on ... he will never stop being a champion for family prayer." (Megan)

"I believe Father Peyton would be proud and that he would say gathering for prayer is the most important part of the work in the mission we serve." (Alex)

"I think Father Peyton would be happy to know that more people, though separated geographically, are praying the Rosary as families, and prayer groups, who can become our extended families." (Maria)

I want to thank Megan, Alex, and Maria for sharing their Guild Chapter's story of how they have creatively stayed together in prayer during the pandemic. It has been stressful for all of us but united in prayer; God will continue to show us the Way.

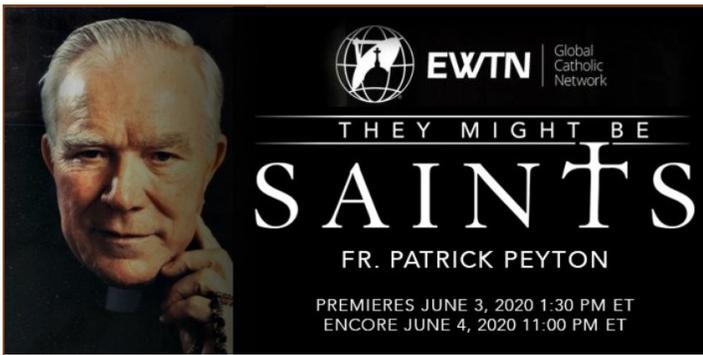
In Jesus and Mary,



Father David S. Marcham
Vice Postulator/Guild Director

PS: If you did not receive an email from me during the Easter season it is because we don't have your email address. We would appreciate you sending your email address to allow us to contact you with timely news regarding the Cause and Prayer Guild of Father Peyton between monthly Guild letters. We do not share or sell your contact information.

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Father Peyton Featured in EWTN Program

The recent episode of the EWTN series, "They Might Be Saints," featured Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., and debuted on June 3, the anniversary of Father Peyton's death. I hope you were able to see it. This popular TV series examines the lives of people on the path to sainthood. Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C., Father David Guffey, C.S.C., Father Richard Gribble, C.S.C. and Father David S. Marcham all shared personal reflections in the program. The program is also available for purchase on DVD by visiting the EWTN online store: www.EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com.

"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together."

and

"A World at Prayer is a World at Peace."

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In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers a member of the Father Peyton Prayer Guild who has gone to his eternal rest:

Mr. Walter Chojancki

If you know of a Father Peyton Prayer Guild member who has recently gone home to God, please let me know so we can pray for them at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel at the Father Peyton Center.



Next Month's Issue

The Father Peyton Center has been blessed with three remarkable Holy Cross Seminarians assisting a variety of ministry tasks this summer including the Cause for Sainthood of Father Peyton and the Father Peyton Prayer Guild. We'll feature these young religious, **Nik Guiney, C.S.C., Andrew Fritz, C.S.C., and Luke Donahue, C.S.C.,** in next month's issue as they reflect on their experience with us.

Prayer Idea

Learn how to make a Rosary on your own, with your family or with your Prayer Guild chapter! While you're making it, pray for whoever will receive it. Give the Rosaries you make to loved ones or donate them. Keep an extra Rosary with you to give away. You never know when you will meet someone who might need it at just that moment.

If you know of a Guild member who did not receive this communication, we do not have their contact information. Please forward the contact information to me by phone, email or through the online membership form at: www.FatherPeyton.org/chapters/chapter-8

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