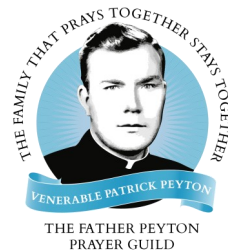


# For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

*United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause*



## Feast Days:

- St. Alphonsus Liguori, **August 1**
- St. John Vianney, **August 4**
- The Transfiguration of the Lord, **August 6**
- St. Dominic, **August 8**
- St. Lawrence, **August 10**
- St. Maximilian Kolbe, **August 14**
- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **August 15**
- The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **August 22**
- St. Bartholomew, **August 24**
- St. Monica, **August 27**
- St. Augustine, **August 28**

## From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These past months have brought about many changes in our lives. However, God always provides. This summer, we were blessed to have three Holy Cross seminarians, Luke Donahue, C.S.C. (returning for a second summer), Nik Guiney, C.S.C., and Andrew Fritz, C.S.C. join us at the Father Peyton Center. They assisted with our live-streaming of the Rosary and Mass, research on family life and digital platforms, and the Father Peyton Prayer Guild. They each contributed with unique gifts and personalities to further the Cause of Venerable Patrick Peyton. It is my pleasure to share their reflections with you.

## As a Holy Cross seminarian, what have you learned about Father Peyton's life that you would like to emulate?

"Father Peyton was powerfully inspired to follow the Lord and to bring others to Him through Mary. His boldness, confidence, and tenacity, which helped kick start Family Rosary and Family Theater Productions, is an excellent testament to his creativity and zeal. He had a message in his heart and a clear mission on his mind. Father Peyton believed that God was asking of him nothing in return but tireless-obedience in bringing that to fulfillment. I would love one day for others to see those qualities in me." (Andrew Fritz, C.S.C.)

"Father Peyton had absolute trust in Divine Providence. When praying to Our Lady for his recovery from tuberculosis, he trusted he would recover. When planning a Rosary rally, Father Peyton had many Masses, Rosaries, and Holy Hours offered for that purpose.



(L to R) Luke Donahue, C.S.C., Andrew Fritz, C.S.C., Nik Guiney, C.S.C. and Father David Marcham at the Father Peyton Center this summer.

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*"Families at prayer lead to communities and nations at prayer."*

- Venerable Patrick Peyton -

His mission was God's mission, and he believed God would be the one to fulfill it. All of this was done through Our Lady's mediation, combined with the efforts of us here on earth." (Luke Donahue, C.S.C.)

"Father Peyton was active in the New Evangelization long before St. John Paul II explicitly called the Church to it. I admire many qualities about Father Peyton, but his willingness to embrace modern technology to share the joy of Christ's life and allow it to be a part of his ministry sticks out foremost. I am a photographer, and I firmly believe that modern media does and will continue to play an essential role in evangelization (even more critical in this COVID-era!). I guess I am trying to say that Father Peyton is a great patron for families, but also the New Evangelization! Meanwhile, Father Peyton's love and trust of Our Lady is especially inspiring." (Nik Guiney, C.S.C.)

**Moving forward, what strategies, learning, or skills can you implement into your pastoral life that you've gained through assisting with the Father Peyton Prayer Guild, FatherPeyton.org, or the Cause of Father Peyton?**

"I think with any group promoting the Cause of a holy man or woman for sainthood, there is a level of marketing or business understanding that can be helpful. What do I mean by that? The best marketers know their "why" and their "what," but prioritize their "why" so that others buy-in. For a religious organization, that might sound bad, but think about it - why do people pray to some saints, but not others? All are holy men and women, and the Church recognizes countless other individuals who aren't saints but still Blessed, Venerable, and Servants of God! To me, promoting a candidate's Cause is analogous to marketing. Its purpose is to make others know and love this particular person and pray to them because they believe their prayers will be heard and specially relayed to God."

"Father Peyton is known around the world as the Rosary priest that wanted families to pray together. But he also spoke of a world at prayer being a world at peace. That was his mission - the Rosary was his method. He was driven to help unite families and keep them together, and to make the world less divisive and more at peace. What a critical mission for today!" (Andrew Fritz, C.S.C.)

"Through the Father Peyton Prayer Guild, we are always looking to connect and meet new people, to expand our family of prayer throughout the world. This underscores for me the importance of relationships and friendships, especially those rooted in prayer. It also reminds me of the beauty of the Church's universal mission and of the diversity of human culture in which it is expressed." (Luke Donahue, C.S.C.)

"It is going to be vitally important in my future ministry as a priest to be able to pray with others outside of the liturgy, and The Father Peyton Prayer Guild allows me to take part in this. The Father Peyton Prayer Guild offers a time for prayer and fellowship, this fellowship allows for the creation of relationships, which was an important part of Father Peyton's ministry and should be an essential part of mine too! Through interning with the Father Peyton Prayer Guild this summer also allowed me to grow in foundational skills, I will use as a priest, specifically around organization and communications." (Nik Guiney, C.S.C.)



*A family visits the statue of Father Peyton while on the Rosary Walk at the Father Peyton Center.*

**Do you identify with Father Peyton's life or ministry? And if so, in what way(s)?**

"Father Peyton has an incredible story. Beginning with his traveling from Ireland to America, entering seminary, his miraculous healing from tuberculosis and ordination, founding Family Rosary in Albany, NY, then going to California and starting a radio program, getting big-name stars, and establishing Family Theater Productions. To me, he's a person that's hard to identify with because of his accomplishments, but I want to identify with him. I want to be like him in the sense that he brought so many families to pray the Rosary together. Just look at the numbers of people who came out to see him for the Rosary rallies!" (Andrew Fritz, C.S.C.)

"I love Our Lady, and I want other people to love her. Through my own prayer experiences, I've come to know her as my own Tender, Loving Mother, and I want other people to be able to experience that same joy." (Luke Donahue, C.S.C.)

"As a religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross, I identify with Father Peyton in our shared religious-life. I'm inspired by his witness and his commitment to Our Lady. Our community is entrusted to Our Lady of Sorrows, so all Holy Cross religious should have a relationship with Our Lady. Father Peyton is undoubtedly an excellent example for me as a young religious in this regard and his zeal for Christ's mission." (Nik Guiney, C.S.C.)

**How do you think we can better encourage families to experience the benefits of family prayer, particularly the Rosary?**

"I think the most important thing we can do is to show people that the family Rosary is both powerful and possible. This summer, I've had the opportunity to read testimonies from families around the world. Their lives have been transformed by the graces that came from praying the Rosary. But if we think we're too busy, or that our children would be too distracted to pray the Rosary, then we miss out on the opportunity for those graces. As Father Peyton said, every family can pray the Rosary, even if it's full of the distractions that come, and that when we start to pray it, we will see graces. Then we will experience in our own lives that "the family that prays together stays together." (Luke Donahue, C.S.C.)

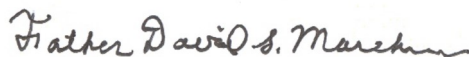
"I grew up praying the Rosary with my parents and experienced first-hand the importance of this prayer. Family prayer was and is a way for my parents and me to step away from the craziness of life and spend time together. In our busy world, family prayer is as vital as ever." (Nik Guiney, C.S.C.)

**Is there something else you would like to comment on regarding your experience in assisting with the Cause and Guild of Venerable Patrick Peyton?**

"I think the Father Peyton Prayer Guild is a great way to pray for Father Peyton to one day be a saint and to encourage others to pray to him. I also believe it is essential to help people see how they might pray to him, in ways that connect him to his mission to help families remain united, and for world peace." (Andrew Fritz, C.S.C.)

I'd like to thank Andrew, Luke, and Nik for their thoughtful reflections, joyful presence, and for assisting so ably at the Father Peyton Center during this most unusual pandemic summer. Please keep these fine young Holy Cross religious in your prayers.

In Jesus and Mary,



Father David S. Marcham  
Vice Postulator/Guild Director

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## Here to Pray With You and For You

Remember to email me or submit your prayer requests directly on [www.FatherPeyton.org](http://www.FatherPeyton.org). Look for this button on the home page. And don't forget to let me know about answered prayers there too.

[Submit Your Prayers >](#)

We're still praying the Rosary and celebrating the Mass each weekday here at the Father Peyton Center and it would be a privilege to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Father Peyton.

## For Reflection: When God Says 'No'



Consider these questions in your family prayer, conversation with loved ones and in your private moments. How do we remain faithful to God, believing that He knows what is best?

How do I react when God says, "No"?

- Do I get angry or discouraged, or do I in faith try to trust in His Way?
- Do I ever put God to the test by saying, "unless you give me this, you don't care about me"?
- Do I take the time to reflect on the many signs, the blessings - big and small - that God has worked in my family and my life?

## In Memoriam

In your prayers please remember **Sister Patricia (Pat) Mary Crane, C.S.C.**, who went home to God on July 20, 2020, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She had been serving as the director of Family Rosary in Mexico since 2014. She was well-traveled, very accomplished and a blessing to our worldwide ministry team.

Originally from Hempstead, NY, she became a registered nurse in 1968. After working in endocrinology at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington DC, in 1979, she felt compelled to respond to the need for nurses



*Sister Patricia Mary Crane, C.S.C.  
December 1, 1946-July 20, 2020*

in Yucatan Mexico. In 1984, she earned her master's degree from Columbia University in International Public Health to understand the systemic causes of disease and poor health. Nearing 50 years old, she professed her vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1992. "It is in the ordinary of the everyday where I have found God calling me," Sister Pat wrote. As a sister-nurse, she provided healthcare to the poor and uninsured in North America, South America and Africa.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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