



# For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

*United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause*



**Feast Days:**

- St. Joseph the Worker, **May 1**
- Saints Philip and James, Apostles, **May 3**
- Our Lady of Fatima, **May 13**
- St. Matthias, Apostle, **May 14**
- The Ascension of the Lord, **May 16**
- Pentecost, **May 23**
- Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, **May 24**
- St. Philip Neri, **May 26**
- St. Augustine of Canterbury, **May 27**
- The Most Holy Trinity, **May 30**
- Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **May, 31**

**From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God works through our friendship in Him and Our Blessed Mother to inspire our faith, especially during difficult times. Recently a family friend, Brother Harold Hathaway, C.S.C., wrote to let me know of a college student who has persevered in leading a Rosary prayer group through technology. What follows is my conversation with Thomas Quintanilla, a senior at St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas.

***Thomas, how did you come to lead your Rosary Prayer Group?***

“The Rosary was initially led by a Holy Cross Brother here at St. Edward’s University, Brother Thomas Frey, C.S.C., and then by a student, Christian Notte. Christian was my roommate, and so as graduation neared, he asked me to take his place. Since then, I’ve had the privilege to lead the Rosary.”

***Under normal circumstances, how often do you meet, and who joins you in prayer?***

“Ordinarily, we would meet daily. Over time we began to meet early in the morning and then in the afternoon at either Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel or Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. Our group has consisted of students, Holy Cross Brothers, family and friends, and alumni of St. Edward’s.”



*Thomas Quintanilla and friends at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto on the St. Edward’s University campus in Austin, Texas.*

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*“The Rosary disposes of all difference and brings unity and great love to the family circle.”*

Venerable Patrick Peyton

**What have you done to continue meeting during COVID restrictions?**

“Now, during the pandemic restrictions, we have transitioned to praying the Rosary online through ‘Zoom’ on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 4 pm (Central Daylight Time). We also have a ‘Group Me’ chat called ‘Rosary Warriors’ where we stay connected to share prayer requests and reminders to pray with us on ‘Zoom’ and in the future in person.”

**Thomas, what’s your history with praying the Rosary?**

“I was raised in a Catholic household. The summer before entering St. Edward’s, I went on a retreat called ‘What’s Next?’ Each of us was challenged to pray the Rosary for 40 days when we returned home. At first, I was going to pray the Rosary on my own, but since my family was familiar with the Rosary, I asked them to join me, and we did the challenge together. Now, almost four years later, my family continues to pray the Rosary each day.”

**How has praying the Rosary changed your family?**

“Praying the Rosary as a family jump-started our faith. In particular, my Dad started to go to Mass more often. He also began to read Scripture, God’s Word. Now, when we pray the Rosary as a family, we incorporate the Word of God into our prayers and reflections.”

**Thomas, as a senior, what’s next for you, and who will you pass the Rosary Prayer Group on to?**

“I am completing my studies for a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting and a Minor in Musical Theater. I am looking for a graduate program to receive a Master’s in Theology to teach the faith and share the gospel with the people that God continues to put in my life. I’d love to be able to teach high school or middle school students. In a particular way, I’d like to show how fun faith can be when shared with your family, especially for those who are away from the faith. The plan is for my sister, Jocelyn, and another person to lead the Rosary Prayer Group after my graduation.”

**Any last thoughts?**

“The Rosary has been a great gift from God for our family. It has shaped me to be the person I am today; a person who loves community and wants to share the peace of Christ through prayer and meditation on the mysteries of the Gospels and the intercession of Our Holy Mother.”

I wish to thank Thomas for being a faithful witness to the power of praying the Rosary as a family and with his community at St. Edwards. I’m pleased to welcome him to the Father Peyton Prayer Guild and believe he will be an excellent ambassador for Father Peyton’s Cause for Beatification. If you have a Guild Chapter, family, or individual story you’d like to share, please contact me at **VicePostulator@hcfm.org**.

In Jesus and Mary,

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*The Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto on the St. Edward’s University campus in Austin, TX.*

