



For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to share Margaret Dwyer Hogan’s moving story of coming to know Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., and the gift of praying the Rosary. Her story embodies the reason we commemorate Venerable Patrick Peyton’s return to our heavenly Father on June 3, 1992.

Margaret, how did you learn about Father Peyton?

"I first learned about Father Peyton while serving as a chaperone on a Confirmation retreat held at the Father Peyton Center in 2007. I met the chaplain, Father Leo Polselli, C.S.C., who told us about Father Peyton's amazing life and gave us Rosaries for the teens. Two years later, we returned to the Father Peyton Center for a women's retreat. We prayed a Rosary at Father Peyton's grave, and my friend, Mary Jo, and I both experienced something I have never experienced before – and it isn't easy to explain but suffice it say, it was life-changing."

"A few years later, my husband said he wanted to move us to Easton to be closer to work. After moving, I became a daily Communicant at the Father Peyton Center weekday Masses. I also volunteered to help in any way I could with their mission to promote family Rosary prayer."

Feast Days:

- St. Boniface, **June 5**
- The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, **June 6**
- The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **June 11**
- Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **June 12**
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga, **June 21**
- Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, **June 24**
- Sts. Peter and Paul, **June 29**



The Hogan family. (Back row, from left) Will, Margaret, Michael and Maeve. (Front row, from left) Elizabeth and Grace.

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"The Rosary is most worthy of husband, wife and children to trust, to love and to grasp with their hearts as well as their hands." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

Did you grow up praying the Rosary?

"My Mom was very devoted to praying the Rosary, but I didn't pray it until much later. We attended Mass every Sunday, and I went to Catholic schools from 4th grade through High School. My daily prayer life was essential to me and had depth. As a family, we prayed Grace before every meal, and bedtime prayers were a ritual."

So, what caused you to start praying the Rosary?

"After I was newly married, my husband and I faced loss after loss – five immediate family members in the first five years of our marriage. To honor the memory of my 21-year-old nephew, Joe, I volunteered for a new Life Teen program at our parish. The woman who ran that, Mary Jo Kriz, became a dear friend. She encouraged me to pray the Rosary and get to daily Mass whenever I could. We had three children during this time; we were drowning in tears of joy and grief. I was also working. I would learn a Mystery a week by memorizing them with a laminated card produced by Holy Cross Family Ministries on my commute to Boston. It was a difficult time, but the Blessed Mother walked it with us. I came to see the Rosary as the ladder between heaven and earth."



Margaret Dwyer Hogan and her husband, Michael.

What are some other fruits and blessings you've received?

"When you contemplate and pray the Mysteries of the Rosary and the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, it quickly puts into perspective what is important – and what is not. For me walking away from a career where I had worked in a senior staff position to three governors seemed short-sighted to some, but I knew in my heart that my life needed to be centered on our beautiful family and bringing others to Christ."

Now you're a Father Peyton Prayer Guild chapter leader. How can people join your monthly online meetings?

"You can email a request to me at editor@catholicmom.com. We'll email you an invitation for the next Guild chapter online Rosary. We host our meetings live thru the Facebook platform of Catholicmom.com. We have people from all over the world in our online Guild!"

Margaret, thank you for sharing your Father Peyton and Rosary story. Through the example of your mother, the encouragement of a sister in Christ, and the grace of God during trying times, you now witness to others what you have received through praying the Rosary.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father David S. Marcham
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