



# For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

*United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause*



## Feast Days:

- Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle, **July 3**
- Memorial of St. Bonaventure, **July 15**
- Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **July 16**
- Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, **July 22**
- Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **June 26**
- Memorial St. Martha, **July 29**
- Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, **July 31**



## From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently, I had the privilege to speak with Mother Marguerite McCarthy, L.S.P., who appeared in ***PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON*** about her experience of being with Father Peyton in his last days. Her remembrance is both a window into how Father Peyton's example touched her life and an inspiration for us as we journey toward Heaven.

## How did Father Peyton come to stay with the Little Sisters of the Poor in San Pedro, CA?

"Father Peyton's office of Family Rosary (Crusade) was located in Hollywood. We had a home in nearby Boyle Heights. When in Los Angeles, he would stay with our religious community. In fact, whenever possible, he would stay with the Little Sisters of the Poor all around the country. When we moved from Boyle Heights to San Pedro, Father Peyton continued to stay with us in the new location. So it was natural for him to be with us for the final chapter of his life."



*Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., and Sister Mary Anthony, L.S.P., at the Little Sisters of the Poor religious community in San Pedro, CA.*

## Were you assigned to the Little Sisters of the Poor residence in San Pedro?

"I believe it was God's Providence that allowed me to be present for Father Peyton's last days on earth. I was between assignments and staying at the home in San Pedro, CA for two weeks in late May-early June of 1992."

**In the documentary, *PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON*, you show us Father Peyton's simple room and talk about his unpretentiousness. Can you say more?**

"Father Peyton was a humble priest who wanted to lead families to pray the Rosary together. He was so focused that we knew of his love for Our Blessed

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*"Mary, My Queen, My Mother."*

Venerable Patrick Peyton's last words, June 3, 1992.

Mother and Jesus every day and every moment. So we gave him a room close to the Grotto where he would sit and pray; it was a perfect setting."

**During Father Peyton's last days, what did you observe and reflect upon?**

"We all knew we were in the presence of a holy priest. I can recall entering his room and him saying, 'Can we pray a Hail Mary?' Father Peyton was simple, holy, and docile in his last days. The Little Sisters of the Poor stay with the dying. I was blessed to be there praying with and for him just before he died. As I was leaving, a priest came and gave him the Sacrament of the Sick. After that, he died peacefully. God blessed my fellow Sisters and me to be there with him for this last part of his journey home to God. There was love and faith in his room. As he held his Rosary, I thought of Christ suffering on the Cross. Father Peyton died with the Little Sisters of the Poor, like he grew up, poor but strong in faith, surrounded by those who loved him."

**Father Peyton is known to be a powerful intercessor; did you ever ask for his prayers?**

"One time, I asked Father Peyton to pray for a special intention connected to my family. He must have noticed my concern because he reassured me with confidence that if Mary and Jesus willed it—it would be answered—and it was!"



*Mother Marguerite McCarthy, L.S.P., at the Lourdes Grotto at The Little Sisters of the Poor religious community in San Pedro, CA with residents Nancy Miller and Peter Fiore.*

Mother Marguerite, thank you for your beautiful reflection on your experience of caring for and praying with Father Peyton as he prepared to go home to God. I am sure Father Peyton is praying for you and your community of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In Jesus and Mary,

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