



For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Feast Days:

- St. Gregory the Great, Sept. 3
- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sept. 8
- St. John Chrysostom, Sept. 13
- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14
- Our Lady of Sorrows, Sept. 15
- Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian, Sept. 16
- Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, Sept. 20
- St. Matthew, Sept. 21
- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Sept 23
- St. Vincent de Paul, Sept. 27
- Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, The Archangels, Sept. 29
- St. Jerome, Sept.30

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This summer, Mr. Connery McFadden served as a Holy Cross Family Ministries intern with Father Pinto Paul, C.S.C. Connery is entering his senior year of studies as a collegiate seminarian for the Congregation of Holy Cross. After seeing the movie PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON and assisting with the work of Family Rosary International, I spoke to Connery about Father Peyton’s life and ministry.

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

Like Father Peyton, I want to cultivate a greater sense of the importance of the family—so that families can believe that Jesus, along with Mary, wants to walk with us. As I look at Father Peyton’s life, I am inspired by his trust in divine providence as I discern God’s call, particularly the next step in becoming a postulant (candidate seminarian). Father Peyton encountered different obstacles in his life. He prayed to God to lead him. His life is a reminder; even if we can’t see over an obstacle, God can.

Do you identify with Father Peyton’s life?

Yes, in the sense that Father Peyton was leaving one place behind and having to keep moving forward. (We look to Christ as the one leading us and not our doing it independently.) He showed it to others by walking the walk, whether at a Rosary Rally or one-on-one; he allowed others to learn and grow—he was their bridge between lacking knowledge or times of doubt and trusting God. I can relate and am also inspired by how Father Peyton overcame



Connery McFadden, collegiate seminarian for the Congregation of Holy Cross.

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“Like all the works and events in the Church, the Rosary has the power and touch of the Holy Spirit upon it.”
Venerable Patrick Peyton

shyness to possess a humble-zeal to shine the light on Jesus and our Blessed Mother. I believe when we have God at the center, our struggles can allow others to see God helping us.

How can we encourage families to pray together, particularly the Rosary?

I think it needs to be a step-by-step process. As a freshman, I discovered my host family had stopped practicing the faith. However, I prayed grace before supper with them, and after two months, the children asked to pray at night before going to sleep. So, I'd say start small, then build-up to Rosary prayer. It could lead them back to Mass.

What did the movie, PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON, cause you to think about in terms of family life, prayer, and your vocation?

For my vocation it took me back to following the will of God and not letting my pride and selfishness get in the way. The families in the film were struggling at one point and they allowed God to transform their relationships and trials through praying the Rosary together. PRAY also gave me a greater sense of having zeal and desire to allow God to lead me in my vocational discernment and that God will satisfy and motivate me—allowing me to be faithful to God's will.



Holy Cross seminarian Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Connery's reflections on Father Peyton's life and ministry can inspire us to delve more deeply into our own stories of God's providence, the beauty of family prayer, especially the Rosary, and our willingness to love one another. Please support Connery and all seminarians with your prayers.

In Jesus and Mary,

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P.S.: Learn more about licensing the movie, PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON, in the USA and Canada to host a group, school or parish screening at www.PrayTheFilm.com/GroupLicense. (Digital and in-person options available.)

