



Holy Cross Family Ministries - Canada

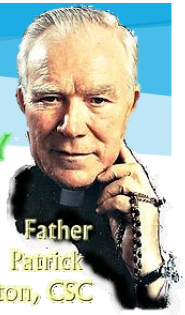
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THE
ROSARY
PRIEST



Father
Patrick
Peyton, CSC

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Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We dedicate our first 2019 Newsletter issue to the patronage of St. Joseph, the patron of the universal church. In the devotion to St. Joseph, we recite a long list of praises of St. Joseph, yet we find no words spoken by St. Joseph recorded in the Gospels. St. Joseph was a man of silence, a selfless servant of God's word, who discerned and obeyed the will of God, in spite of many challenges he had to face in his life. He trusted in the divine providence, and saw God's plan working in his life.

St. Joseph is model for all faithful witness of God's love in the family life. He was chaste and faithful to Mary, protecting her from "public disgrace," and being part of her every situation. He is an ideal example for all men in the families and societies, who are called to devote their life to the protection of women and children, and serve with sincerity and dignity of labour in the society.

Pope Francis said that St. Joseph dreamed about the future so we 'should not lose the ability to dream the future each of us needs, to dream about our family, our children, and our parents... priests need to dream the needs of the faithful...as dreams open the doors to the future of the humanity' (from the homily of Pope Francis, given on December 18, 2018).

In our families, we take the example of St. Joseph, who not just dreamed but discerned with silence, consulting the angels or friends, made good decisions and was faithful in following them. He never gave up when hardships came to him, to his wife and child. He journeyed with them, leading them away from dangers to a safe home, providing for them with hard work and a generous heart. Let St. Joseph intercede for us and our families.



Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC

National Director of Holy Cross Family Ministries - Canada

Our Rosary Witness:

Marilynne Feeney

The Canadian Rosary Brigade



The **Canadian Rosary Brigade** is celebrating 10 years of making rosaries to spread the devotion of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary this coming October. We spread this devotion by praying the rosary and making and leading the making of rosaries. Several of our members have been with us for these past 10 years, although many have come and gone onto other activities. We are based at St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, ON. Since we are a non-profit group, our supplies are purchased through the financial donations from the kind and generous people and Catholic organizations. The CRB is a charter member of the Association of Rosary Guilds and Rosary Makers. We give some of our handmade rosaries annually to Mission Canada Rosary Makers Holy Rosary Apostolate for distribution to missions all over the world.

We welcome the assistance of students and staff of the Catholic Schools in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge and other areas. We are welcomed annually, into some, if not all, of our area's secondary schools. We will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary in October, 2019 at St. Agnes Church. We welcome new members to join us in our apostolate, all supplies are provided, at no cost, no experience needed, no long-term commitment necessary. To ensure supplies for everyone please let us know you would like to join us by contacting me at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com or 519-569-1761.



Marilynne Feeney, Canadian Rosary Brigade, Waterloo.

January: Holy Cross Month

Healing Ministry: Feast of St. Bro. Andre, CSC

On January 5, 2019, we celebrated the feast of St. Br. Andre, CSC. We had more than 150 people attend the mass and the healing service. After the mass, everyone had the opportunity to touch the relic of St. Br. Andre and were given the Sacrament of Anointing. We prayed for all who suffer in body, mind and soul in the families.



Holy Cross Family: Feast of Bld. Basil Moreau

On January 20, 2019, we celebrated the feast of Blessed Basil Moreau. We had the festive Mass Presided by Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC, along with Frs. Herve Morisste, CSC, Charles Descary, CSC, and Wilson Andrade, CSC.



The members of St. Ann did a creative Presentation on the Life of Blessed Basil Moreau and helped promote the Spirituality of Holy Cross Family. At the conclusion of the Mass, everyone had the opportunity to venerate the Relic of Blessed Basil Moreau.

After the Mass we had a festive dinner. There were 200 people gathered for the Mass and festive dinner. The Mass, play, and dinner was appreciated by everyone.

March: Lift Jesus Higher Rally

On March 2, The Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada had a table at the Lift Jesus Higher Rally – 2019, held at Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This rally is attended by nearly



4,000 adults and 1,600 Youth. It was a gracious event as we were able to make our presence felt to all who came to our vendor table, as well as increase membership for Holy Cross Family Ministries.

St. Joseph Novena and Lenten Retreat

From March 10 to March 19, we had a series of reflections on the life of St. Joseph, as a way to prepare for the celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph. It was an online event where everyone easily accessed 10 Novena prayers written by Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC, on the 10 events of the Life of St. Joseph.



On Saturday, March 30, over 40 members attended a one-day Retreat at St. Ann Parish, Toronto. To join us, visit our website: www.hcfm-canada.com

The Rosary Makers Program

Since January 27, we began the Holy Cross Rosary Makers Association. It was a training day for new members on “how to make Rosaries?” This program is held on the last Sunday of the month. At present we have 60 members who began to make Rosaries. We buy Rosary materials from John Bead and Our Lady’s Rosary Makers, USA. We continue to provide support in making Rosaries and have distributed **19,570 Rosaries** to **18 mission countries** in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and South America.

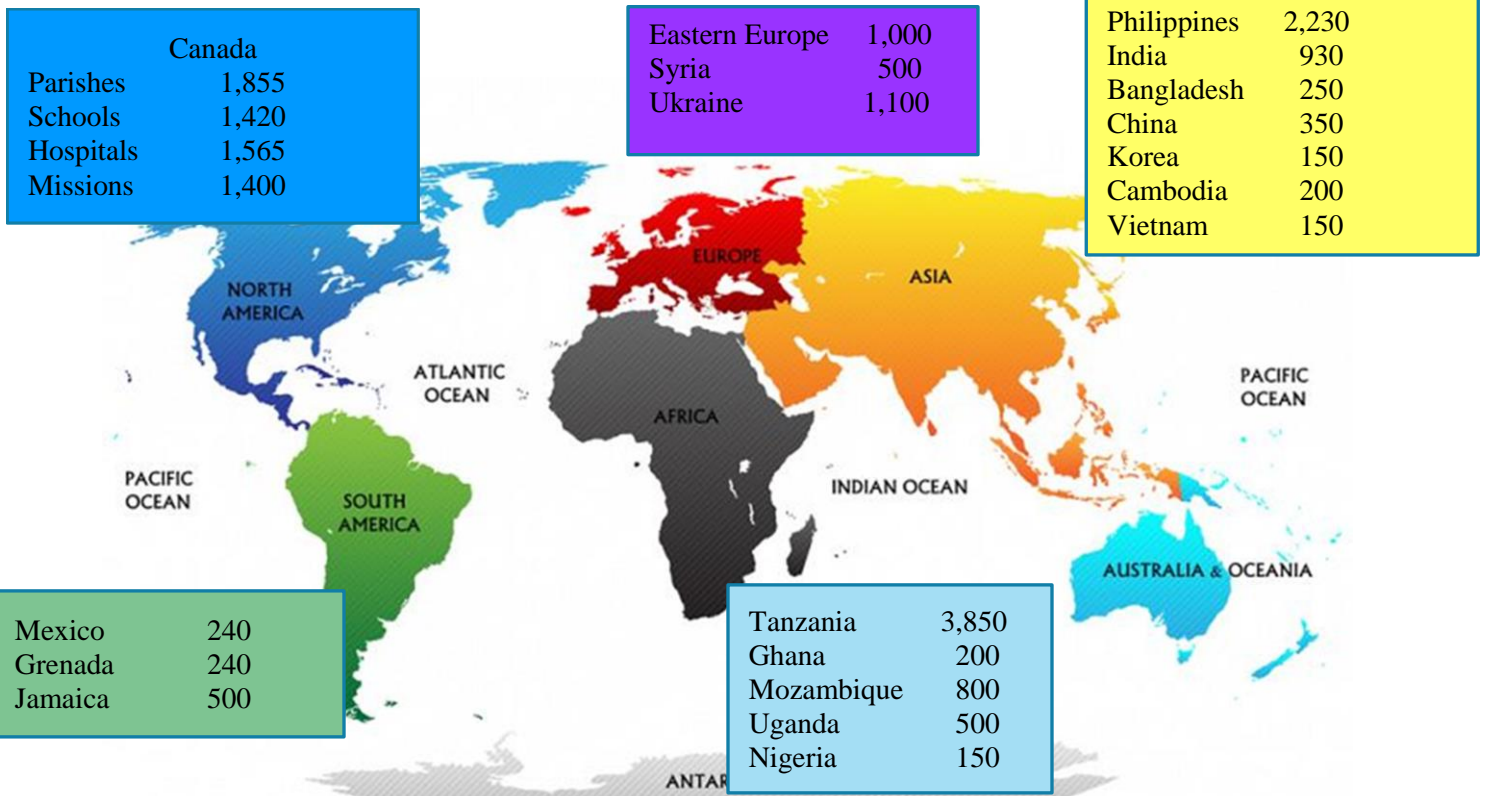


It was wonderful to witness the enthusiasm of all the new Rosary makers. It renews our faith and commitment in spreading the Gospel of Christ all over the world.

All are most welcome to attend the Rosary Makers sessions held every last Sunday of the month. It will be your grace-filled contribution to our ministry. We have a target of making 50,000 Rosaries (20,000 completed). If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact our office at 416-466-2127 or email us at familyministry.canada@gmail.com. Through Mother Mary, let’s spread the Gospel of Christ to all.



Distribution Chart of Rosaries in January to March, 2019



Total Rosaries distributed: 19,570
Number of Mission Countries Rosaries sent to: 18

Media: Website: 3245 visits Facebook: 494 followers
Total Printed materials distributed till March 2019: 15,000

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The Holy Cross Family Ministries in Canada invites you to join us for a series of spiritual activities happening in the upcoming months:

APRIL EVENTS

At St. Ann Parish (120 First Ave., Toronto)

April 6 / 7, 2019 – Youth Activities

Retreat and Discernment program.

April 21, 2019 – Easter Celebrations

10:30 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection

April 28, 2019 – Rosary Makers Program

3:00 p.m.: Prayer and Training Sessions

MAY EVENTS

May 2 to 15, 2019 – Pilgrimage

To Mexico and Ecuador

May 26, 2019 – Rosary Makers Program

3:00 p.m.: Prayer and Training Sessions

JUNE EVENTS

June 02, 2019 – 2nd Annual Mass: Youth of Toronto

Death Anniversary of Ven. Patrick Peyton

June 23, 2019 – Rosary Makers Program

June 28, 2019: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass for Priests

TRY PRAYER CARD

When Ven. Patrick Peyton was sick with TB, the doctor suggested him to “Try Prayer”. So he prayed and asked for prayers and was healed. Along with this issue, we have included a Try Prayer Card. So in the same way, we invite you to take some time for reflection and Try Prayer:

1. Write down your prayers for Physical, Emotional and/or Spiritual Healing;
2. Fill out the registration form at the back of the Try Prayer Card;
3. Mail your complete prayer card to our office at 120 First Ave. Toronto. ON. M4M 1X1

For more information, please visit our
[website: www.hcfm-canada.com](http://www.hcfm-canada.com)

Please join us every Friday evening, at St. Ann Parish, for Adoration (6:00 p.m.) and Holy Mass (7:00 p.m.)

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND PARISHES



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Catholic Mom



Website: www.catholicmom.com
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Twitter: [@CatholicMomCom](https://twitter.com/CatholicMomCom)

Congregation of Holy Cross

Website: www.holycrosscongregation.org
Facebook: [@cscrome](https://www.facebook.com/cscrome)



Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Patrick Peyton, CSC

Dear Jesus, Father Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together every day, especially the Rosary.



His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth. We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his beatification, so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that the family that prays together stays together, will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and will be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love. Amen.

OUR MISSION

Holy Cross Family Ministries continues the two great works founded by Venerable Patrick Peyton, CSC: Family Rosary in 1942 and Family Theatre Productions in 1947. In Canada, our ministry promotes and encourages Family Prayer, and fosters unity and mutual support among all the faithful. Our vision and motto is "Families United in Prayer." Under the umbrella of Holy Cross Family Ministries International, we form part of Fr. Peyton's vision of family unity through prayer.

Holy Cross Family Ministries supports families by providing resources, publishing materials and organising spiritual activities that foster prayer life and promote strong faith communities. With the help of supporters and donors in our community, we are able to actively evangelize, educate and continue to support Canadian Catholic families. Should you wish to contribute, here are 3 simple ways to actively support our ministry:



Become a member: Fill out a registration form at one of our events; subscribe to our mailing list for event updates and the newsletter.



Pray with us: Send us your prayer requests by email or facebook. Your prayers will be offered during Friday evening Adoration and Mass.



Financial Support: We thank you for your donations towards our Family Ministries.



Editorial Team

At Holy Cross Family Ministries in Canada, our staff team and volunteers work diligently to produce and organize the Ministries' resources and spiritual activities. Our gratitude and acknowledgement for all that they do in helping carry out the mission of Holy Cross Family Ministries. A special thank you goes out to the team that helped put together this newsletter issue.



Email us

We invite you to join our Family Ministries with your comments, suggestions or personal testimonies on how the Holy Cross Family Ministries is helping you, your family or community. Please email us at familyministry.canada@gmail.com