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Life and Ministry of Venerable Patrick Peyton, CSC



Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC was born in Ireland on January 9, 1909, to a deeply religious family of nine children. In 1928, along with his brother Thomas, he migrated to the United States and found a job as the sexton or janitor at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton. Here, he felt a renewed calling for religious vocation and decided to pursue the priesthood along with his brother. In 1932, they joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Indiana.

As he was completing theology, Fr. Peyton suffered from advanced stages of tuberculosis. During this time he began to pray to Our Blessed Mother, particularly the Holy Rosary. Later, the doctors discovered that the patches on his lungs had disappeared. In June 15, 1941, he made his final profession and was ordained to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame.

He devoted his priesthood to Our Blessed Mother and began a mission of promoting the importance of families praying the Holy Rosary. He used every means available – radio, films, television, and other mass media - and conducted public rallies to bring families to pray the Rosary. Millions attended these rallies, also known as Rosary Crusades, conducted in many major cities in the world.

Fr. Patrick Peyton died on June 3, 1992 and was buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Stonehill College, in Massachusetts. In 2001, the process of opening the cause for his sainthood began and he was declared “Servant of God.” On December 18, 2017, Pope Francis declared him Venerable.

Fr. Peyton is known as the Rosary Priest, as he prompted family prayer and devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Two of his most famous slogans are: **“A family that prays together, stays together”** and **“A world at prayer is a world at peace.”** Today, Patrick Peyton’s work continues in his original ministries: Family Rosary, Family Theater and Family Rosary International, and in the Father Patrick Peyton Family Institute.

Message from the Holy Cross Family Ministries - Canada

In 1948, Venerable Patrick Peyton organized the first Rosary Rally, held in London, Ontario. Now after seventy years, we are beginning the organization of the Holy Cross Family Ministries in Canada. Our vision and motto for the ministry is “Families United in Prayer.” With Canada being such a multiculturally-rich country, we are blessed to begin the ministry in Toronto. The Archdiocese of Toronto is the hub of many Catholic immigrant families. We will promote and encourage Family Prayer and foster unity and mutual support among all the faithful. We ask for your support and guidance, as we venture into this important ministry for all Christian families in Canada.



Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC
National Director

Holy Cross Family Ministries - Canada

May 05, 2018



The celebration began with the Marian Procession and everyone gathered in the Church to recite the Living Rosary. Since

Toronto is a home where people from all countries of the world gather, people were asked to come to the altar and recite the Rosary in their own languages. It was beautiful to see children, adults, and the elderly together praying the Rosary as one family, yet speaking many languages.

The Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Archbishop James MacDonald, CSC, who personally met Fr. Patrick Peyton and shared his experience of Praying the Rosary in the family.



The Native Elders were present, leading the ceremony of purification. Everyone prayed for Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC as he began the Holy Cross Family Ministries in Canada.



The celebration continued at the parish hall, as nearly 200 people gathered for fellowship and a video presentation on the life of Fr. Patrick Peyton. Fr. Wilson explained the plan of action of how we can

promote Family Rosary in Canada.

May 13, 2018

We celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima along with Mother's Day by promoting Holy Cross Family Ministries at Bridgepoint Active Healthcare in Toronto. We distributed Holy Rosaries and brochures to patients, their families and visitors.



Before the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, patients and their families joined in praying the rosary and pondering on the mysteries in their own language. The mass

in celebration of Mother's Day was presided by Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC and accompanied musically by St. Ann Parish Choir.

June 03, 2018

On June 3, 2018, the feast of Corpus Christi, the Holy Cross Family Ministries in Canada celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass for the Youth of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The celebration took place at St. Michaels' Cathedral Basilica.



Central Region Bishop, Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB celebrated the liturgy. Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC and Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon represented Toronto's Central Zones.



About 200 people gathered for the mass and young people actively participated in the celebratory liturgy. The congregation also enjoyed the beautiful liturgical hymns sang by St. Ann Parish Choir.

After the mass, Rosaries were distributed in honour of Venerable Patrick Peyton's death anniversary and a group picture was taken with the youth in attendance.

June 05, 2018



The Novena Mass in preparation for the feast of the Sacred Heart Jesus was celebrated by Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC at Mary du Luca Convent, Toronto. There were around 150 people gathered. We gathered for the Rosary, Holy Mass, Adoration and Novena. After the Mass, a short description of Holy Cross Family Ministries was presented and Rosaries were distributed.

June 08, 2018

The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated at St. Ann Parish with Adoration and Holy Mass, followed by fellowship at the Rectory. The mass was presided by Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC who preached on the tender love of God experienced through the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Following the liturgy, prayers were offered by Fr. Wagner at the fellowship. A beautiful art work depicting the Holy Family was gifted to the Holy Cross Family Ministries and blessed by Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC.



RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND PARISHES



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Catholic Mom

Website: www.catholicmom.com
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www.facebook.com/CatholicMomCommunity
Twitter: www.twitter.com/CatholicMomCom

Congregation of Holy Cross

Website: www.holycrosscongregation.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/cscrome



Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Patrick Peyton

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.

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 summer months:

YOUTH RETREAT

July 1, 2018 – Jesus Youth
July 8-9, 2018 – Shalom Youth

JULY EVENTS

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

July 15, 2018 – Celebrating Seniors' Month
10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass
Followed by festive breakfast in the parish hall
July 18-26, 2018 – St. Ann Feast Novena Prayers
6:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Evening Mass

July 29, 2018 – Feast of St. Ann
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass
Followed by festive BBQ
on parish grounds



AUGUST EVENTS

At the Marian Shrine of Gratitude
(3100 Weston Rd. and Sheppard Ave., North York)
August 15th, 2018 – Our Lady of Assumption Feast
7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Rosary Procession
August 18th, 2018 - Rosary Rally
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Rosary Procession
August 22nd, 2018 – Queenship of Mary
7:30 p.m. Holy Mass
8:30 p.m. Rosary Procession

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

At St. Ann Parish (120 First Ave., Toronto)
September 14, 2018 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
6:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
September 15, 2018 – Our Lady of Sorrows Feast
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass

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

CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS



Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC
Founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Established the Brothers of St. Joseph (1820), Holy Cross Fathers (1835) and Marianites of Holy Cross (1841). Beatified on September 15, 2007.



St. Br. André Bessette, CSC
Born in Quebec in 1845. Joined Holy Cross in 1870. Known as the “Miracle Man of Montreal.” Founded the Oratory of St. Joseph on Mount Royal, in Montreal. Canonized on October 17, 2010.



Ven. Patrick Peyton, CSC
Born in Ireland in 1909. Ordained priest in 1941. Known as the Rosary Priest. Founded Holy Cross Family Ministries and Family Theatre. On December 18, 2017, he was proclaimed Venerable.

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.



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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