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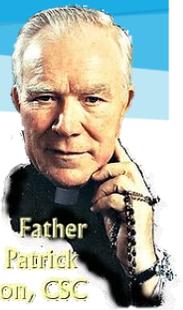
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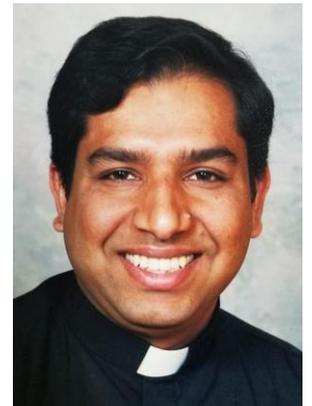
September, 2018



## Our Lady of Sorrows

The second issue of our Newsletter we dedicate under the Patronage of Mary, Mother of Sorrows, the patronal feast of the Congregation of Holy Cross celebrated on September 15. Mary, Mother of Sorrows is an example for us to follow who “*stood by the cross of Jesus... who knew grief... a woman who bore much she could not understand and who stood fast. To her many sons and daughters, whose devotions ought to bring them to her side, she tell much of this daily cross and its daily hope. (Constitutions of Holy Cross, 8 # 120).* So even in the face of challenges of life and crisis of faith, we dare to hope with Mary our Mother, and await silently for the newness of resurrection of life. As a community of faith, we pray and support the silently suffering church for the firmness of faith in the Merciful Lord. May Mary, Mother of Sorrows, who stood silently near Jesus on the Cross, intercede and protect us all.

In this issue we also celebrate the witness of many men and women who silently proclaim the message of the Gospel and spread the devotion to our Lady by making and praying the Family Rosary. We encourage you to share and support those silent heroes of our church who may be in our own families, parishes, and in communities. Let us be inspired by such examples of faith and devotion in our own faith journey. We thank the members of the Rosary Guilds and Makers, Johnny Biafore of Toronto, Marilynne Feeney of Waterloo and our first newsletter’s Rosary Witness, Irene Ruscetta of Kitchener. We thank you for your commitment and devotion in spreading the family prayer. May every family – “a masterpiece of God”, draw its true value and inspiration from God, our Creator and author of life.



Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC

National Director of Holy Cross Family Ministries - Canada

## Our Rosary Witness:



To join us or to become a Rosary Maker please email us or visit our website.

## Every bead counts to..... 100,000

Our first Rosary witness is Irene Ruscetta of Kitchener. In 1999 she learnt how to make how to make a mission rosary from Vince Solcz in 1999. At the grand age of 87, as of the July 30, 2018, Irene has made 100,000 Mission Rosaries. Every year, Irene donates 2,000 mission rosaries for the Grade Two First Communion children of the Waterloo Region Catholic School Board. So far, she has given them about 35,000 rosaries. It was inspiring to hear her say that “*when I make the rosaries for the First Communicants I love to pray that the child receiving that rosary is blessed by God.*” Irene works on her own making rosaries and is a member of the Association of Rosary Guilds and Rosary Makers.

Irene is an amazing, creative and spiritual lady, praying daily for her family, friends and all the people of the world and she says “I will continue making rosaries as long as the Good Lord allows me”. In 2012, Irene began making 100 bead rosaries for the 2,000 Hail Mary’s Devotion, as well as a variety of wrist rosaries and chaplets which she distributes as she wishes. May God bless you now and always Irene.

*By: Marilynne Feeney, Waterloo.*

## St. Ann Novena and Feast Day



As part of the Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada, we celebrated 12 days of Novena, Adoration and Holy Eucharist in honor of St. Ann, Mother of Blessed Virgin Mary, at St. Ann Parish, Toronto. Every evening, we reflected on a particular theme of Family life based on the Scriptural Reading. On July 29, we celebrated the Parish Feast day with the Festive Mass attended by around 450 faithful

and continued with the Annual outdoor BBQ. As St. Ann Parish begins its 105 year of service, we continue to support all people of all walks of life and support families in their journey of faith.

## August Celebrations



The month of August was full of activities for the Holy Cross Family Ministries. We were visited by Fr. William Raymond,

CSC, President of Holy Cross Family Ministries, and Fr. Pinto Paul, CSC, International Director. We had three days of productive meetings with the board members to begin the foundation of the Holy Cross Family Ministries in Canada. On August 15, 2018, we visited Our Lady of Gratitude Shrine for the Mass and Rosary Procession. On August 18, 2018, we had a Rosary Rally and Mass where people were invited to spread the message of Family Rosary and be part of “Try Prayer.”



On the weekend of August 18 to 19, we were graced with the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Patrick D’Rozario, CSC, Archbishop of Dhaka. As part of his pastoral visit to North America, we asked him to bless our ministry in Canada. He blessed the new banner and rosaries which we continue to distribute among the families so all may be



united in prayer within the families and in the church.

## Youth Retreats

For most of us, the church is our second home. For new immigrants, the church is a home away from home. For the last three months, we were pleased to spend time with many youth groups in Toronto, especially with the Shalom Youth group who celebrated their 36th anniversary with a retreat and a Eucharistic celebration; and Jesus Youth Group who spend their evenings with vigil prayer adoration and a Eucharistic celebration. As we begin the Synod on Youth and Evangelization in October, we ask everyone to gather in prayer for the success of the Synod. Holy Cross Family Ministries is happy to support all the youth groups.



## Manitoulin Islands – Our Native Heritage

As part of our Native Peoples’ Mission, we had the privilege to lead a short retreat at Anishnabe Spiritual Centre in Espanola. We visited many Indigenous Churches in Manitoulin Island, where we distributed rosaries, asking them to spread the message of family prayer. We thank the dedicated ministry of the Jesuit priests, elders and lay men and women who continue to spread the Gospel of Christ in the remote parts of the world. We ask for your prayerful support for our Native Mission in Toronto and pray for healing and reconciliation among all.

## Pilgrimage to Québec Shrines



The members of St. Ann Parish went on a pilgrimage to St. Anne, Cap-de-Madeline, St. Joseph’s Oratory, and the tomb of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. We also distributed rosaries and newsletters inviting pilgrims to join in praying the Rosary as a family prayer. We enjoyed partaking in the Holy Eucharist at the Oratory, celebrated by Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC, along with 1,500 faithful. We also had a Eucharistic celebration at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Mission, where the tomb of St. Kateri is located, and prayed for all the young people of Canada.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES ESSAY AWARD – 2018

We invite Young Adults (18-35 years) to write a short essay on the theme: How to create Christian “Families United in Prayer” in the modern world.



“If families give our Lady 15 minutes a day reciting the Rosary, I assure them that their homes will become by God’s grace, peaceful places” .  
- Father Peyton

Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted on or before **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**. With your submission, please include full name, email address, and phone number.

Winners will receive Gift vouchers:

1<sup>st</sup> Place prize - \$300.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place prize - \$200.00

And three prizes worth \$100.00 each

All submissions will be read by a panel and judged on overall merit. Entries may be submitted by mail at:

120 First Avenue,

Toronto, ON. M4M 1X1

Or by email at: familyministry.canada@gmail.com



### 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 upcoming months:

### OCTOBER EVENTS

**During the month of October** – join us on Facebook daily to pray the Rosary with Fr. Patrick Peyton at 7:00 a.m., 12:30 pm. and 7:00 p.m.

**October 7, 2018** – Feast of Our Lady of Rosary 3:00 p.m. – Rosary Rally Coast to Coast, beginning at Newman Centre (89 St. George St., Toronto), to St. Michael’s Cathedral.

5:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Ann Parish, Toronto

6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass

Followed by Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner.

**October 17, 2018** –

One Million Children Praying Rosary  
At St. Joseph School, Toronto

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

**November 2** – All Souls Day

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann Parish, Toronto

**Nov. 13 to 23, 2018** - Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan

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

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**December 1-2, 2018** – Advent Retreat

**December 8, 2018** – Day of Mary

**December 16, 2018** – 9-Days Novena and Mass

**December 30, 2018** – Feast of Holy Family

### 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 offices

We will pray for you during our Adoration and Evening Prayers.

# CELEBRATING THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ROSARY RALLY

*“...in the minds and hearts of people throughout the world is the answer, the God-like answer for the salvation, protection and defence of the family—the daily family Rosary.” – Ven. Patrick Peyton, A message to London Diocese*

Come and join us in celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Rosary Rally on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at St. Mary's Parish, London.

This will be a weekend of Retreat promoting family prayer with Adoration, Rosary Procession and Holy Eucharist.



 **St. Mary's Parish – Roman Catholic Church**   
345 Lyle Street, London, N5W 3R3, Phone: 519-434-9121

Here is an excerpt from *The First Rosary Crusade*: “When the pledges had been all returned on May 2, 1948, it was found that they numbered 90,000, or ninety-seven per cent of the persons who had been approached.” For more on the origins of the First Rosary Rally, visit our website for the complete document



*Many thanks to the London Diocese Archives for the early history of the Family Rosary Crusade*

## 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](mailto:familyministry.canada@gmail.com)