

# LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

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### ***Pope Francis Declares Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. to be Venerable***

*Holy Cross Priest known as "Rosary Priest" was famous worldwide for his message  
"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together"*



EASTON, Mass. – (Dec. 19, 2017), On Monday, December 18, Pope Francis received His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Amato, S.D.B., Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, and authorized the Congregation to promulgate the decree recognizing the heroic virtues of Father Patrick Peyton, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, thus recognizing him as Venerable by the Roman Catholic Church.

The *Positio* on the life, virtues and reputation of holiness of Father Peyton had previously been discussed and approved by a panel of nine theologians and more recently by a group of 15 Cardinals and Archbishops who voted affirmatively to recognize his heroic virtues. The *Positio* refers to the volume containing the evidence that was collected from witness testimonies and supporting documents during inquiries carried out by special tribunals in several dioceses.

Hundreds of testimonies to Father Peyton's heroic virtue and holiness of life have been recorded. Tens of thousands of prayer cards containing a prayer for a favor through Father Peyton's intercession are in circulation. Hundreds of favors have been reported. Some of these favors are remarkable healings for which there is no medical explanation. Should one of these healings be officially recognized as having no scientific explanation and approved by the Vatican as a miracle due to his intercession, it would lead to his beatification.

The essence of Father Patrick Peyton's ministry, which spanned half a century, began in his family. Father Patrick Peyton was born January 9, 1909, in Carracastle, County Mayo, Ireland. His parents, John and

Mary Peyton, gathered their family to pray the Rosary every evening.

After emigrating from Ireland to the United States, Patrick Peyton became gravely ill as a seminarian and the doctors had no hope of recovery. So he followed his parents' example and turned to Rosary prayer.



***Father Patrick Peyton meeting Pope John Paul II***

"Father Peyton was a seminarian, studying for the priesthood, when he was stricken with tuberculosis," said Father Wilfred Raymond, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross Family Ministries. "He prayed his Rosary to the Blessed Mother and made a miraculous recovery. From that moment, he knew he was to be the one to carry out her apostolate, her ministry to bring families together for Rosary prayer, just as his family had done."

Over the years, Father Peyton advocated for families by preaching two powerful and memorable messages, "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together" and "A World at Prayer is a World at Peace."

Known the world over as "The Rosary Priest," he began Family Rosary, in Albany, N.Y. in 1942, more than 75 years ago with the goal of building family unity through daily prayer of the Rosary. He went

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on to lead millions in prayer at 40 *Family Rosary* Rallies that drew 28 million people, including 2 million each at events in Sao Paulo, Brazil and Manila, Philippines.

Father Peyton, a Catholic media pioneer, spent the 51 years of his priesthood serving the spiritual needs of families. In 1947, he founded *Family Theater Productions* in Hollywood. *Family Theater Productions* produced 900 radio and TV programs that featured hundreds of star actors and other celebrities and had more than 10,000 broadcasts.

Fr. Peyton spent his final days at the Little Sisters of the Poor in San Pedro, California where he spent his days in adoration, offering Mass and praying the Rosary. After a few months of failing health his life began to slowly ebb away. On the evening of June 2, 1992 he was unable to finish his Rosary, and was told by those at his bedside that they would finish the prayer for him. He died peacefully at 5:20 a.m. on June 3, 1992. His final words were "Mary, My Queen and My Mother."

## Auxiliary Officers & Event News

On Wednesday, January 17, 2018, the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor held their annual installation lunch and meeting, which was attended by nearly sixty members. Since the Auxiliary was founded in 1997 the group has raised almost four million dollars to aid the Little Sisters in their ministry to care for the aged poor. New members are always welcome. The Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Gala, more information will be on our website in the coming months.



### New Officers for 2018



**Front:** Gerry Marcia – Co-Recording Secretary, Janet Lauro - Co-Recording Secretary, Mary DiLeva – Co-President, Dottie Good – Co-President, Mickey Zimmer – Co-Treasurer **Back:** Anna Benucci – Corresponding Secretary, Ida Mavar – Co-2nd Vice President, Carol Rugnetta – Co-2nd Vice President, Sylvia Kostyo – Co-1st Vice President, Olga Joncich – Co-1st Vice President

**Absent:** Rita Swartz – Co- Treasurer

## Day of Recollection

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor invite interested women to join them for their Lenten Day of Recollection which will be led by Fr. Martin Benzoni, the Associate Pastor from Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church on Tuesday March 6, 2018 (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) at Jeanne Jugan Residence, 2100 S. Western Ave. in San Pedro.

The cost to attend is \$25.00 payable to:  
Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor.  
For more information please call 310-548-0625 ext. 212

# Thank you for participating in the Newman's Own Foundation \$500K Holiday Challenge!

**Thank you** for participating in the Newman's Own Foundation \$500K Holiday Challenge! With your support and kind generosity we were able to raise \$53,099.00 within a seven week period. We won the second challenge for an additional \$2,500.00. We came in 17th place out of a thousand non-profit organizations. All the funds raised from the Newman's Challenge will go to the continued care for our Residents! Overall, the Newman's Own Foundation 500K Challenge raised \$8.8 million dollars.



**We did it!** We have raised the \$130,000 needed for Meet the Challenge, matching the donation from our generous benefactor. We are still in great need for additional funds as our building and pipes are aging. We would never have been able to succeed and meet any of these challenges if it wasn't for the wonderful support and generosity of YOU, our donors. It truly takes a village to be able to support our Home and the great work the Little Sisters of the Poor do every day for our Residents.



Lent is coming soon, starting on Ash Wednesday – February 14, you can use the Lenten season of transformation to make a difference.

If you're wondering what to give up, take up or take on this Lent, look no further. Here are our most popular Lent ideas.

## Give it up!

For forty days you can cut out cookies or say no to espresso. Giving something up for Lent is a Catholic tradition, but lots of people use this self-denial as an opportunity to serve Christ, by raising money and helping people who live in poverty.

You could figure out how much money you would be saving and donate that amount to our Lenten appeal. Consider creating a collection box and make it fun for the whole family.

## What should I give up for Lent?

If you're keen to get involved and give something up for Lent, but having trouble deciding - we've got a list of treats some of the staff at Little Sisters of the Poor are giving up:

- Chocolate
- Coffee, tea, soda or all caffeine
- Desserts, sweets
- Alcohol

If you still can't decide what to cut out, ask a friend what they think you should do, and get them to sponsor you for it! Most importantly, by sponsoring you, your friends will be giving you encouragement and helping people most in need – double the motivation! Don't forget ~ you always have the power of prayer!

## Reflect with the words of Father Peyton

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During lent you could gather the family together and say a Rosary together for World Peace.

## Pray for Beatification of Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton

### PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF SERVANT OF GOD 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.*

Find time this Lent for prayer and reflection. Please pray for our sisters and brothers living in poverty and everyone working to help them this Lent.

If you would like to join us for daily mass our Mass Schedule is: Monday – Saturday 11:00AM, Sunday 10:30AM.

# A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



Dear Friends,

We bring you heart felt wishes of faith, hope and love during this beautiful, grace-filled Lenten Season. We would like to thank you all for your continued friendship over this past year; it means so much to know that you are supporting us with your prayers, resources and your valuable time.

As the Lenten season comes upon us we reflect on the memory of our dear friend Father Patrick Peyton, who 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 welcome you to come and join us in our chapel for Lenten services. We have daily Rosary at 10:30am, and Mass at 11:00am Monday - Saturday and 10:30am on Sunday. Together as one family we can pray for one another and World Peace.

Thank you again, for truly making a difference in the lives of our Residents. You and your families are always in the prayers of the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Residents of our Home.

With Gratitude,

*Mother Marguerite*

# LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Visit us at [www.littlesistersofthepoorsanpedro.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorsanpedro.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Living Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

Join us for a live enactment of the Stations of the Cross by St. Joseph LSC Ministry at 2:30PM

Little Sisters of the Poor Auditorium  
2100 S. Western Ave., San Pedro, CA



5:30pm Cocktail & Appetizers

6:30pm Buffet Dinner

7:30pm Entertainment

9:00pm Raffle

Cost: \$100.00 per person

100% of the proceeds going to Little Sisters of the Poor for the care of the Residents

To register: <https://www.crowdrise.com/LittleSistersofthePoorChineseCulturalNight>

### St. Joseph's Day

**Monday, March 19, 2018**

Mass at 10:30AM

Yellow flowers, baked goods and desserts needed. Please drop them off with the receptionist by Sunday March 18, 2018



### Holy Week Schedule

**Sunday, March 25, 2018:**

**Palm Sunday**

10:30AM Mass

**Thursday, March 29, 2018:**

**Holy Thursday**

No Morning Mass

Services begin at 4:30PM in the Chapel followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

**Friday, March 30, 2018: Good Friday**

No Morning Mass

Services: 11:00AM Stations of the Cross in the Chapel

3:00PM the Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

**Saturday, March 31, 2018: Holy Saturday**

No Morning Mass

Easter Vigil at 7:30PM in the Chapel

**Sunday, April 1, 2018: Easter Sunday**

10:30AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



### Chinese Cultural Night

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

2100 S. Western Ave., San Pedro

*An Evening of Gourmet Chinese Food, Dancing, Entertainment, Music and More*

Catering compliments of: Entertaining Friends and Sacred Occasion Events



### 4th Annual Little Sisters of the Poor 5K Fun Nun Run/Walk

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

22nd Street Park, San Pedro

Register online <https://www.crowdrise.com/LittleSistersofthePoor5kRun2018>



### Holiday Boutique

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

8:30am to 4:00pm

Little Sisters of the Poor Auditorium



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By visiting our WeShare page

#### Development Update

Your privacy is important to us, and the information you share with us remains in our office. The Little Sisters of the Poor have a policy to never sell, rent or give your private information to anyone. Thank you for sharing your lives with us as we count on your generosity. Without your collaboration, we could never continue our mission to the needy elderly.

In addition to regular mail, you can always help us by visiting our website to donate online, to give a gift in remembrance of a deceased loved one, or to honor someone on a special occasion.

Matching gifts by employers, United Way certainly extend your help, and remembering the needs of the Home when planning your annual gift giving and estate planning enables us to do more of what we are here to do.