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Portrait of a Priest: Father Patrick Peyton

Father Patrick Peyton (1909–1992) is best known for his devotion to prayer, especially the Rosary. While in the seminary, he contracted tuberculosis, which at the time was thought to be incurable. He prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary to restore his health, and soon he recovered completely. In gratitude to Mary, after he was ordained in 1941, Father Peyton started the Prayer Crusade. He traveled far and wide, preaching the importance of prayer, especially family prayer. “The family that prays together stays together” became his famous slogan. Father Peyton founded Family Rosary and Family Theater, using radio, film, and television to teach families around the world to pray the Rosary.



Father Peyton in the Philippines, greeting people who gathered for the Rosary Rally in the Archdiocese of Manila in 1953.

Promoting Prayer

Think of ways you can promote prayer in your parish or school community.

1. List two things you can do to encourage your school community to pray more.

2. List two things you can do to encourage your parish community to pray more.

3. List two things you can do to encourage your family to pray more.
