
THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

A Season of Saints!

In County Mayo, Ireland, farmer John Peyton married Mary Gillard in 1899. The 6th child that God blessed them with was a baby boy who they named "Patrick" after the great missionary of Ireland. They were a loving and devout family who always prayed their daily Rosary together. From age 9 to age 17, Patrick's desire to become a priest grew. However, his applications to the seminary were rejected. For example, one came back with this explanation: "We are sorry ... but Patrick is not up to the required standard in mathematics." After these rejections, Patrick decided that his desire to be a priest must have been "a foolish dream." He now resolved to move to the United States to seek his fortune, as other family members had done. Before he left, Patrick's father had him kneel before the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that was displayed in a place of honor in their home and said, "Your first responsibility will always be to save your soul and so I want you to promise to be faithful to Our Lord in America." Once in the USA, Patrick searched for weeks, without success, for employment. Then one day a Monsignor Kelly tracked him down and offered him a job as a janitor at the cathedral in Scranton, Pennsylvania – and he accepted. It was during this time, in the silence that surrounded him as he worked, that the burning desire to become a priest reignited in Patrick's heart! This time his application was accepted. While a seminarian, he was stricken with a very serious case of tuberculosis. However, Patrick turned to Our Lady and had a miraculous recovery! He said, "When I needed her and her power and her friendship, she didn't forget that ever since I had been a little child and could open my mouth, I had used that power to say the Rosary; so when I needed her friendship, she was glad to give it to me."

Mrs. Prather - CatholicKids101.com
"We are kids telling kids about Jesus!"



Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton

Patrick now understood that *he was the one* to preach and teach families about the power of praying the Holy Rosary together! After being ordained, Father Peyton's way of preaching and teaching this message would be done through the media. It was the golden age of Hollywood and he convinced many movie stars to help him get the message out. He produced over 600 radio programs and 10,000 television episodes. He also preached 540 Rosary Rallies in the USA and worldwide. 500,000 people heard him at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Two million in the Philippines! Father Peyton will be forever remembered by this phrase he made famous: "**The family that prays together, stays together.**"

In 2018, Father Peyton was declared "Venerable."