



Father Peyton addresses 50,000 at Merida, Mexico.

## Mexican 'Crusade' Highly Successful

Hollywood, Calif. — (RNS) — A highly successful Rosary Crusade in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico has been characterized by Father Patrick Peyton as an event which adds to that section's rich history.

On his return here after closing the massive crusade program at a rally in Merida which attracted 50,000 persons, the famed supporter of the Rosary said:

"The people of Mexico can be spiritual giants of the future, just as their ancestors were the intellectual giants who left us these marvellous artifacts which still astonish the world.

"What a humbling experience it is, but full of wonder, full of mystery, to gaze on the ruins still so plentiful in Yucatan."

"It's wonderful also to add to Yucatan's rich history. That is what the crusade was doing."

Father Peyton reported that 72,000 Mexican families pledged to pray the Rosary daily. He also revealed that 1,134,428 persons attended showings of a film on the Rosary.

The Holy Cross priest had high praise for the devotion of the Mexican people to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Other nations have built her great cathedrals, written great poetry or songs to her honor, made her face shine on canvas, but the Mexicans have painted her on their hearts," he said.

"Of course, it is invidious to make comparisons, but I can't escape doing it," Father Peyton added. "Naturally everyone could make a list of the nations where Mary comes in for special honors, and the usual lists would include such countries as Spain, France, Italy, Belgium, Ireland.

## Priest Turns To 'Hard Sell'

Hollywood, Calif. — (NC) — Father Patrick Peyton, reluctantly has taken up hard sell to promote prayer and belief in God.

The author of the familiar "The Family that prays together, stays together" slogan, now has a new one — "The world hasn't got a prayer without yours."

The new slogan is the tagline for a new venture, a series of 30- and 60-second TV spot announcements which hit hard at the weakest points in the people of the 70s.

"If only we could use fields of flowers and children instead of tragedies to remind people of the power of prayer," Father Peyton told a press conference here. But hard sell or not, Father Peyton's goal remains the same — "to awaken Americans to the simple, solitary solution — prayer."

## NCORT Issuing Ads On Youth Problems

Washington — (NC) — A series of television spots about some of the basic problems facing young persons today soon will be distributed by the National Catholic Office for Radio and Television (NCORT).

The TV messages, designed for use as public service announcements, focus on drug addiction, campus unrest and disorder, the generation gap and the need for people to communicate with one another.

The 30-second long NCORT spots were financed by the Knights of Columbus.

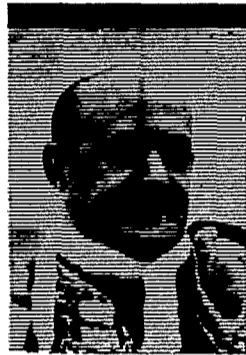
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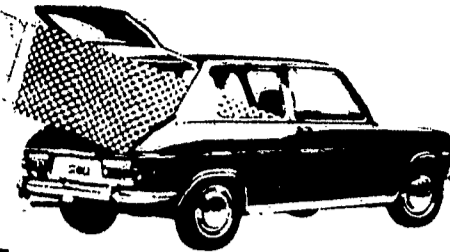


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