

Father Peyton Predicts End of Rosary 'Eclipse'

Albany — (RNS) — Acknowledging a "mysterious eclipse" of devotion to the Rosary as a prayer form, a priest who spread its devotion throughout the world to some 37-million people predicts a renewal in its popularity.

Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, founder of the Family Rosary Crusade, said the Rosary is "like the moon. When the eclipse is over, it will be all the brighter."

The Family Rosary Crusade began 30 years ago when Father Peyton was chaplain to a group of Brothers at Vincentian Institute here. Most recently the Holy Cross priest led an eight-day crusade in Guadalajara, Mexico, which drew more than 500,000 persons each evening.

Father Peyton stressed the

need for a renewal of family prayer as he addressed friends from the Albany diocese who gathered at St. Pius church in suburban Loudonville. Many of those present, who had prayed the Rosary as children, had brought their children to hear the crusade leader.

Father Peyton told of the crusade's origin in his background: a humble home in County Mayo, Ireland, that was rooted in prayer; the priest's early years of working in Pennsylvania coal mines; an almost fatal illness, and continuing devotion to prayer, especially through the Rosary.

"The Rosary," said Father Peyton, "has been my secret. It has been my life, my security, my spirituality. It has been the motor which has driven me. It has given me everything a man could want."



Concelebrating at the Mass of thanksgiving were (l-r): Fathers William Barrett, Michael Conboy, and Elmer Heindl, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Msgr. John Duffy, Fathers William Tobin and William Gaynor.

Our Parish COUNCIL by Bernard Lyons

"There are not enough hours in the day!" is the typical answer you will get when you express concern to a busy priest or committee chairman.

When the American Management Association asked chief executives of all types of business and industry to name their most pressing day-to-day problem, the majority of them said "lack of time."

There are spiritual and practical dimensions to our use of time.

Part of that spiritual dimension has to do with a sense of "relaxation" about work. There has to be a struggle to do the best one can, but after that to "leave it to God."

Charles Peguy, the French poet, expressed the attitude beautifully in his book *God Speaks*.

"Blessed is he who puts off," were the words Peguy put in God's mouth in his poem "Sleep." "That is to say Blessed is he who hopes. And who sleeps."

And in "Night," Peguy has God say, "For in work, man glorifies me only by his work. And in sleep, it is I who glorify myself by the yielding of man."

Presuming that we have Peguy's faith in Divine Providence and that we have a scale of values about what we commit our hearts and energy to, here are some ways to help us work more efficiently — to get the best from our efforts in the rather short time given to us.

Advertising man Ivy Lee once gave Charles Schwab, president of Bethlehem Steel, a blank sheet of paper.

"Write on this paper the six most important tasks you have to do tomorrow. Now number them in the order of their importance. The first thing tomorrow look at item one and work at it until it is done."

Lee told Schwab that he should keep up this system as long as he was convinced of its value. After he had tried it awhile, he was to send Lee a check for whatever he thought the system was worth.

A few weeks later Schwab sent Lee a check for the time-saving idea — it was for \$25,000.

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Get an appointment calendar at an office supply store.

Even if you are not a professional person, keep track of your time for two weeks, by blocking out hour time in 15- or 30-minute periods, with cue words, such as reading, TV, meeting, lunch, meditation, etc.

After two weeks you will know how you are spending your time, exactly.

By planning ahead you can cut out certain time periods and give the time to more worthwhile tasks; briefly, "Plan your work; work your plan."

The leader is not the person who is always doing everything. His efficiency should be at the service of the community. He (or she) is serving others not only when he is responding to their needs, but also when he is delegating — asking others to serve still others.

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brant was Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

At the conclusion of the regular Mass he officiated at the blessing and dedication of the

Church's new Stations of the Cross.

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