

(deceased father of
Paul Dewes (B-P)

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Jim Murphy (B-P) was
operated on Saturday,
emergency appendectomy

"Going Her Way."

Here is a story you will not likely find in your daily newspapers. The Reverend Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. in special gratitude to the Blessed Mother, has set out to popularize daily prayer in every American home. He is convinced that, despite modern trends toward separation of the family, every Catholic home can recite a daily Rosary as a corporate act of devotion to the Queen of Peace. And so, without a single introduction, he came to Hollywood to invite all the biggest stars to help him put on a weekly radio program dramatizing the Mysteries and bringing to millions of listeners Our Lady's own call to family prayer.

Hollywood experts would have bet he could not get six stars to volunteer. They are busy. They turn down weekly radio offers running into hundreds of thousands. There would be no money for them in Father Payton's program. But within two weeks the mild mannered priest, who speaks of the Blessed Mother as though she were standing by his side and whose joyous love for her recognizes no obstacles, has received the willing promises of more than 30 Hollywood movie celebrities. Not one invited to help declined.

Bill Bacher, noted radio producer, will supervise the program. Fred Niblo, Jr., and Griffin Jay will prepare the scripts. Pedro de Cordoba will narrate. Clarence Hutson of 20th Century-Fox will organize the personnel. And who do you think will be heard week-by-week as the program runs through its 52 Sundays, beginning next New Years?

Bing Crosby, Irene Dunne, Loretta Young, Don Ameche, Frank Sinatra, Ruth Hussey, Lou Costello, Charles Boyer, Margaret O'Brien, Roddy McDowell, Lloyd Nolan, Maureen O'Hara, Joan Leslie, Dick Haymes, June Haver, Jeanne Crain, Jack Haley, Maureen O'Sullivan, James Gleason, Edward and William Gargan, Cesar Romero, all Catholics, as well as William Bendix, now taking instructions, and Joe E. Brown, Gregory Peck, Shirley Temple, Gary Cooper, and Ingrid Bergman, all non-Catholics, and many others who, because of various commitments, have not yet signed pledges.

Still in its formative stage, the program itself probably will be titled "Going Her Way" and will present the prayers of the Rosary against a background of music and drama suggested by Our Lady's life here on earth.

The story behind it all is, perhaps, the key to the almost miraculous response of so many busy, famous people.

One of nine children born in a poor Irish home, Father Peyton often went to bed hungry, but never recalls a single evening when the whole family did not recite together their daily Rosary. While studying for the priesthood in this country, he was stricken with serious lung trouble, and, for over a year was helpless. Doctors finally told him to wait and pray.

Father Peyton prayed constantly to the Blessed Mother, begging her to petition her beloved Son that he might be raised up. If spared he promised to devote his whole life to bringing back the daily family Rosary into the homes of the people. To the amazement of doctors, Patrick Peyton recovered. He then prayed he might be ready to be ordained with his brother, Thomas, although a year behind with his studies and still weak from long suffering, he was ready. The two brothers became priests of God together. That was four short years ago. Since then Father Peyton has worked literally day and night to fulfill his pledge. (NCWC)