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Meet Father Pat Peyton.

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., is a Notre Dame man, a Holy Cross priest, and an inspiring example of what one man's glowing confidence in the Mother Of God can do. A short time ago, a crowd of 70,000 packed the Aston Villa football grounds in Birmingham, England, and pledged themselves to recite daily the Family Rosary. The rally was described as the largest Catholic demonstration ever held in the Birmingham area, and one of the most successful in Father Peyton's fifteen-week Rosary campaign in Britain.

Billboard -- national theatrical publication -- finds, after a national survey, that Father Peyton's Family Theatre seasonal TV films lead all others in the religious entertainment field by an astounding margin, here at home.

You have heard the commercial that Father Peyton keeps driving home to his listeners: "The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." Today, he has it on 400 busses in New York City, and on billboards in cities across the nation.

And there is more than a little truth in his catch-phrase. Over six million families think so, and are reciting the Rosary together each evening, because Our Lady promises: "The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant ~~divine mercies~~; it will substitute in hearts love of God for love of the world, ~~elevate them~~ to desire heavenly and eternal goods."

In Your Hall.

Surely, it would be a strange thing if we here at Notre Dame did not heed the apostolate of our own Father Peyton, or find it wise to pay close attention to him and his directive. And so, The Family Rosary, at the request, and under the supervision of large groups, is recited in each hall every evening -- usually just after the night-check. If you can't make the afternoon devotions during October at 4:30 in Sacred Heart Church, drop into the hall chapel later in the evening, and join the group. It is an excellent way to show your love and appreciation for your own family. This is the month of October, which is devoted to the Rosary. Tonight would be an excellent time to start.

What Is The Rosary?

Father Peyton says: "It is the saga and harp of the Redemption. It is in plain fact an epic prayer. Yet a child not infrequently can pray it better than an adult. In view of the intricate theology which it contains, this may seem an odd thing to say, but it is wholly in keeping with the nature of things; for a child's faith is likely to be purer, and its imagination stronger than those of a grown-up. The Rosary is a song, or a library, however you take it, so that a boy of nine can fill his heart with it, while a scholar gropes in its mysticism. It is a sublime spiritual experience for anyone. It is a school of religion with grades from kindergarten to heaven. This is why it is a perfect prayer for a family group. And it is a prayer for all states of the soul. It has the bells of Christmas in it, the solemn tolling of Good Friday, the rising sun of Easter. It has contrition, comfort, hope, and promise. From beginning to end it is all God's love, and Mary's. And the richest single treasure in the Vatican can be had for nothing in any home."

Father Peyton will speak here at a rally on the campus, October 19.