

Since my last press article on the necessity of family prayer and nation-wide prayer, and how one man was a great power and exemplar in promoting and bringing back millions of people of different nations to pray to God for guidance and help to live properly and to bring order and peace and love among mankind, it has been remarked to me by different people both Catholic and Non-Catholic how wonderful it is through the efforts, the courage and the self sacrificing service of one man, to accomplish so much good among so many people, and that it would be befitting to hear something of the life, the history, the background of this man, Father Patrick Peyton.

Was he a genius or a great orator? What did he have that others do not have to be able to do so much good for mankind?

To say the least, it was interesting to hear these remarks and to know that some not only read these articles but are really interested in them; that they too can benefit by them by becoming better Christians and citizens, with a greater love for their neighbor, and promoting more love and peace in the world.

And I am sure the same interest has been shown in the worthwhile articles written by my fellow clergymen.

We all have our heroes and heroines to imitate in life.

In sports, if it is hockey, Johnny would like to be perhaps another King Clancy or Gordie Howe; in baseball, another Ty Cobb or Babe Ruth; in swimming, if a little girl, another Marilyn Bell; if she loves skiing, another Nancy Green.

In mankind, in politics, regardless of party, the admiration of statesmen still exists for John A. MacDonald and Wilfred Laurier. And in every walk of life the individual man and woman has his or her ideal to follow in doing good.

Father Patrick Peyton has been loved and imitated by millions—not because of his oratorical skill but because of his love for his fellow man regardless of race, color, or creed—because of his humility—because he had the strength of his convictions—because he believed in and knew from experience the need and power

The clergy speak out . . .

By Rev. V. J. Morgan
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of prayer, and because of his unselfishness in helping others by good example.

Father Peyton was born in County Mayo, Ireland, Jan. 9, 1909, of a family who believed in family prayer. He was one of nine children. With the things of this world his family was poor, but with the spiritual things of God (love and charity) his family was rich. Later, he often explained how wonderful it was to live in a home of love. His father was broken in health and material poverty forced five of the children—three sisters, a brother and himself—to emigrate to Scranton, Pa., U.S.A.

The great depression of 1928 was just beginning and they roamed the streets looking for a job.

His sisters, who came to the States before the brothers, were luckier in getting employment than Patrick and his brother Tom. But Tom finally got a job in the coal mines where Patrick searched every day. Finally he landed a part-time job with a construction firm, but soon learned that a married man with a family, working for the same firm, was deprived of longer hours' work and more money to support his family by the part-time work Patrick was doing. So in charity, in order not to deprive the married man of more time, he quit.

His sister, better acquainted with the pastor of the parish in which they lived, Monsignor Paul Kelly, told him how Patrick tried day after day to find employment. His Reverence gave Patrick a job as janitor of the Cathedral church. While doing his work he became more

convinced of his vocation to the priesthood. By prayer he finally got the courage to tell Monsignor Kelly. When his pastor heard this he told Patrick to enrol in high school, and invite his brother Tom to leave the mines, where many accidents had been happening, and become assistant janitor.

But within a month Tom joined his brother in pursuit of the priesthood at Christian Brothers St. Thomas high school. Of course, both brothers needed to keep their custodial jobs while attending school.

In 1929 both brothers made a mission, and after much meditation and prayers for guidance, decided on the Order for themselves, and went together to South Bend, Indiana. They finished high school at Notre Dame "Little Seminary" and went on to finish undergraduate work at the University of Notre Dame in June of 1937. In the fall of that year they entered Holy Cross Seminary in Washington D.C. for their final four year training for the priesthood.

In February, 1939, Patrick's health broke down with Tuberculosis. After a series of hemorrhages, he was rushed to Providence Hospital under the direction of the specialist, Dr. Malcolm Lent, who later told him he thought he would never live that night through. Three months later he was sent to the infirmary at Notre Dame.

In the fall of that year Patrick reached his darkest hours, when the specialist, holding out very little hope for his recovery, said that prayer was the best path to recovery. "Give up the treatments and

trust in prayer, because what we are doing is useless," he was told.

They gave him a choice of three or four operations, with the odds not in his favor. He asked for time to make his decision, and has stated his position in these words:

"I really was in Calvary, and felt that way, but just as with Christ, Easter came shortly to Him, so it came to me also."

Father Hagerty, one of his former professors at Notre Dame, heard the news and came to help him make up his mind. He remembered the doctors' choice—prayer. He recommended he go to God with his petition, through the intercession of the Saints, especially the Mother of God and he acquiesced.

The doctors did not want to release him for six months. But he forced the issue by getting an examination by a specialist in December. The result of the examination was he celebrated the 8th of December, the same year he had been taken so ill.

Father Peyton has since said that the sentence at the end of the epistle that day struck him, "He who finds Me, finds Life." It was his dearest wish to be ordained with his brother Tom but he was a year behind him in studies. Again he states he resorted to prayer and again his prayer was answered, for he was given permission to be ordained with his brother.

Then six months after his ordination, while on retreat in 1942, came his inspiration to give the rest of his life, first in thanking God and the intercession of the Saints, and to tell the world of the power of prayer, the need of prayer for every person, for every family and for every nation and not to neglect it. So he became the founder of the family rosary crusade of prayer whose world motto is "The family that prays together, stays together."

The rest is history which would take reams of paper to record.

Workshop trainees enjoy bowling here

The trainees of the ARC workshop with their assistant managers Mrs. Troke spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the Acton Bowling Lanes as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hulford on Tuesday of last week.

Members of L'Arche Auxiliary with friends were there helping to keep score and give a few pointers to trainees. Although they had never bowled before, there were several strikes and many spares.

Mrs. Joan McKnight, who donated her time, was kept very busy, fitting shoes and dispensing drinks, chocolate and chips, provided courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Hulford.

The trainees' bus driver Mr. Davis wondered if they would ever tire of bowling and no doubt there were many aching backs among them at the workshop the next day.

The afternoon was such a success Mr. and Mrs. Hulford have invited them back again.

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Four day work week temporary

The work week for employees in the soaks departments at Beardmore and Company has been temporarily reduced to four days.

Beardmore president Norman Braida told the Free Press this week that the company is

reducing inventories and that the four-day work week may last only one or two weeks.

Good attendance in Evangel to discuss Mackay report

The Halton Christian Educational meeting met in Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Acton, Thursday, Feb. 12 at 8 P.M. This first meeting was attended with a fine response and continued with keen interest under the able leadership of Rev. D. A. Emmons, chairman. Ministers of Halton County, laymen and interested persons were in attendance.

B. Hielma of the Christian Reformed church spoke of the advantages of Christian Schools. Rev. A. Vaters of Toronto gave the history of denominational schools (mainly four—Pentecostal, United, Salvation Army and Anglican) and their growth in Newfoundland. The Pentecostal Assemblies Schools are predominantly largest.

Miss F. Apps gave a synopsis of the "Brief" which will be presented by the Pentecostal Assemblies before the Ad Hoc Committee of the Halton County Board of Education Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 8 P.M.

The "Mackay Report" now being discussed and considered by this Committee was the purpose of the meeting held in Evangel Tabernacle.

The Bible today



The organized Bible Society work in Czechoslovakia, going back to 1807, was closed down in 1953.

Now thirteen churches have joined to re-establish it under the title "Czechoslovak Bible Work." The first president is the Rev. M. Sourek, of the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren. Translation, production and distribution of the Holy Scriptures in Czechoslovakia are its objectives.

A new translation of the Czech Bible for Christians of all churches is in hand, several of the Books being already completed in translation.

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Church Notices

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1970
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
Georgetown 877-6665

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister—Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1970
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. Nursery and pre-school Sunday School.
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.
4:00 p.m.—Afternoon Worship Service.
7:30 p.m.—Teen Meet at the church.
Tuesday evening, 7:30-10:30 — Catechism Classes.

Come, worship and study with us to be better equipped to serve God and men.

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Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1970
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Teenagers.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
Sermon theme, "There Came One Running."
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Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.
Friday, 7 p.m.—B.H.F.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1970
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

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P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1970
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 6:45 p.m.—Crusaders

John 1: 12, "But as many as rec'd Him (Jesus) to them gave He power (authority) to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name."

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
Minister:
The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.
124 Tidey Ave. Phone 853-2386

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1970
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School.
Sermon subject, "The Word of the Cross."
Sunday March 8th — Y.P. Choral and Guitar Group assisting in Service.
Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1970
Lent II
9:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m. — Church School and Nursery
10:30 a.m.—Mattins.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister:
The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music:
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1970
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Induction of new members to Session.
10:00 a.m.—Nursery.
Sunday School (to Grade 4).
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School (Grade 5-8).
7:00 p.m.—Hi C. and Hi 9'sers (Youth Groups for Teens — alternating Sunday evenings).

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