

# Father Peyton's Cause

## Sainthood Process - The Stages of Canonization

**Servant of God:** Promoter group (diocese, parish, religious congregation, etc.) requests an investigation by the Holy See; if granted, the candidate receives the title: *Servant of God*.

**Venerable:** The declaration of a person's heroic virtues and sanctity of life.

**Blessed:** Once a miracle is attributed to the intercession of the candidate.

**Saint:** After a second miracle is attributed to the candidate's intercession, the Holy Father declares the candidate to be a Saint.

## Timeline of the Cause of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

• **2017 – December 19 - LATEST: Pope Francis promulgated the decree recognizing the heroic virtues of Father Patrick Peyton, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, thus recognizing him as Venerable by the Roman Catholic Church.**

• **2017 - June:** During our Annual Anniversary Mass at the Father Peyton Center (N. Easton, MA, USA) Bishop da Cunha of the Fall River Diocese shared the news that the Theological Congress for the Congregation for the Causes of Saints had voted in favor of Father Peyton's Cause moving forward. By its vote, the Congress recognized what so many people around the world have come to know through personal encounter, study and prayer: that Father Peyton lived a life of heroic virtue and holiness.

• **2015 - April:** Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross Family Ministries; Father David S. Marcham, Vice Postulator; and Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, Philippines, presented the Positio to Cardinal Angelo Amato, S.D.B., Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

• **2014 - December:** A summary of the 6,000 pages (The "Acts") from the Baltimore Tribunal was completed by the Postulator, Dr. Ambrosi. This document, called a Positio (or Position Document), is a 1,300-page summary of Father Peyton's life and ministry.

• **2012 - April:** The "Acts" filed in July, 2010, by the Baltimore Tribunal were declared "Juridically Valid," which means the documentation was prepared correctly and accepted into the record.

• **2010 - November:** In the Diocese of Albany, a Tribunal to conduct the Diocesan Inquiry of the possible medical miracle attributed to Servant of God Patrick Peyton was formed. The Opening Session was presided over by His Excellency Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany.

• **2010 - July:** The tribunal in Baltimore closed, and the 6,000 pages of documentation (known as the "Acts") were sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

• **2005 - November:** The review of a possible medical miracle in Africa was closed, and the documentation was sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

• **2003 - October:** Bishop George Coleman, D.D., the Bishop of Fall River, Massachusetts, presided over the opening of the Diocesan Inquiry.

• **2001 - June:** A "nihil obstat" was granted from Rome, and Father Peyton was given the title, "Servant of God."

• **1997 - July:** First step in the Cause process. The Promoter group – the Congregation of Holy Cross through the Postulator, asked the bishop for the opening of an investigation.

• **1992 – June 3:** Father Patrick Peyton died at the age of 83, in San Pedro, California. He was buried at the cemetery of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Easton, Massachusetts.