

long as you want to make it).

“Do whatever he tells you.” Come together ALL OF YOU, and my burden will become easy. Work together ALL OF YOU and my yoke is light. Support one another, ALL OF YOU, and the eyes of those who have not seen the goodness that is within them may be opened. Ears will hear what they need to hear. Steps will be taken in the right direction.

“Do whatever he tells you.”

Let us pray that we might listen and that our listening will lead to action that we do “in his memory.” Fr. Peyton’s love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin was the driving force behind all that he did in his fifty-one years of priestly ministry. How seriously he took to her words to “Do what he tells you.”

How tirelessly he travelled to the ends of the earth encouraging families to be together in prayer. They tell of a time when he was speaking in English to a huge crowd of people who spoke Portuguese. They asked some of the people if they understood what he was saying. Since they did not speak English they had to say, “No.” But then they added, “But we believe him.”

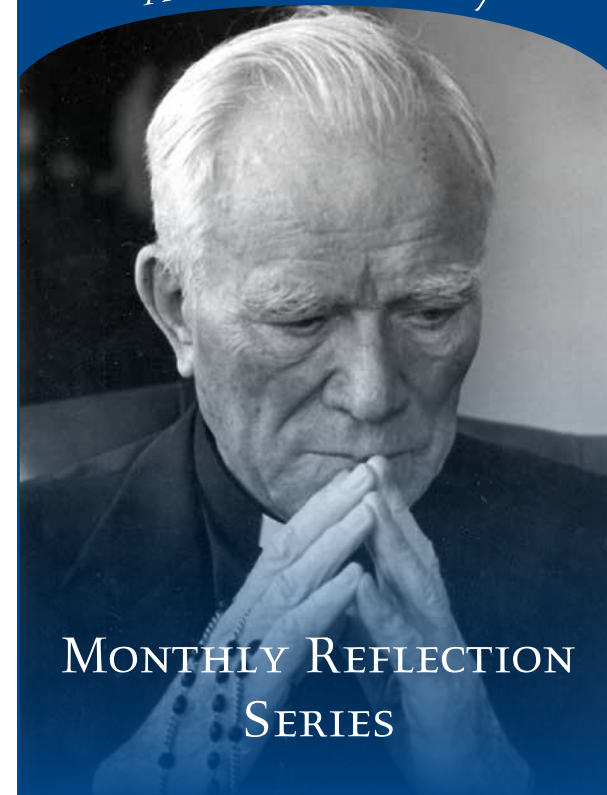
May our voices and our actions join with his in “doing whatever He tells us.” May we firmly believe that together we can make our burden easy and our yoke light.

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Every morning at work begins the same way. Unlock the doors and turn on the lights at the Fr. Peyton Centre in Attymass, County Mayo, Ireland, the birthplace and childhood home of the Rosary Priest, Fr. Patrick Peyton.

The next thing is to go into the little chapel and turn on the CD player and begin the recording of Fr. Peyton praying the Rosary, all day every day. He begins each set of mysteries with a simple explanation of those events in the life of Jesus that are the subject of that particular prayer and meditation. His strong Irish brogue and the sincerity with which he speaks and the devotion with which he prays is very captivating and inspiring. It's his voice explaining The Joyful Mysteries, The Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries. But when it comes to the Luminous Mysteries there is another voice explaining them, because Fr. Peyton never heard of the Luminous Mysteries. The Luminous Mysteries were introduced ten years after Fr. Peyton died. But if he had known of them there is no question that his favorite would have been the Wedding Feast of Cana. "Do whatever he tells you."

Fr. Peyton was known to have said that there are no words from any vision or apparition that could ever say it better. "Do whatever he tells you." And what exactly did he tell us? Love your enemy. Turn the other cheek. Walk the second mile. Love one another. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Care for the oppressed. "Do whatever he tells you."

He also said, "Do it in memory of me." Not just what we do with the bread and the wine. But do everything that he did from the beginning of his public life to the end.



"Do whatever he tells you." Open the eyes of the blind: those who have not yet seen all the goodness that dwells within them.

"Do whatever he tells you." Open the ears of those who no longer hear the words of love and appreciation that we all need to hear to be the best that we can be.

"Do whatever he tells you." Help those who have become paralyzed by their own lack of self-confidence, by their past failures and fear of what lies ahead.

"Do whatever he tells you." Help to free those who have become imprisoned by their inability and insecurity.

At the celebration of the Eucharist when we hear the "Word of the Lord" we are asked to respond with an enthusiastic "Thanks be to God." But there must be

times when we hear "Do whatever he tells you" that what we would really like to say is "You've got to be kidding."

So it is with another of the Luminous Mysteries. "Come, all of you and follow me, my yoke is easy, my burden light."

"You've got to be kidding."

How do you tell that to someone whose circumstances of life are anything but light? How do you tell that to a woman whose husband is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's and he doesn't even know her name anymore?

“ My yoke is easy, my burden light. ”

How do you tell that to a child in school who is being bullied and made fun of just for being who he or she is?

"My burden is easy."

How do you tell that to a man who has just lost his job and is struggling to find a way to support his family?

"My yoke is light."

How do you tell that to ... (the list is as