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The Congregation of Holy Cross and Holy Cross Family Ministries Invite Catholics to Unite with Them in a Global Rosary for Peace

The Global Rosary for Peace will be broadcasted via livestream at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/8cOXH5tEJDU">https://www.youtube.com/live/8cOXH5tEJDU</a> on October 22, 2025, at 4:00 PM ROME TIME

**ROME, ITALY** - In harmony with Pope Leo XIV's call for a daily Rosary to pray for peace throughout October, the Congregation of Holy Cross, in collaboration with Holy Cross Family Ministries, is hosting a Global Rosary for Peace on Wednesday, 22 October 2025, the Feast of St. John Paul II. The worldwide online broadcast will begin at 4:00 PM Rome time (10:00 AM EDT).

Rooted in the charism of Venerable Patrick Peyton, known worldwide as "The Rosary Priest", this moment of global prayer seeks to unite the faithful across continents in interceding for peace. The founder of Holy Cross Family Ministries, Fr. Peyton preached that "a world at prayer is a world at peace." His vision continues to inspire us today.

The 22 October Global Rosary is the second such international effort by the Congregation and Holy Cross Family Ministries, following the <u>February 2024 Global Rosary for Peace</u>, which united tens of thousands of people in prayer for peace.

"Our founder, Venerable Patrick Peyton, believed that prayer begins in the home and radiates outward to bring healing and hope to the world," said Fr. Fred Jenga, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross Family Ministries. "We hope families and communities across the globe will join us in this Rosary for Peace, demonstrating the transformative power of prayer."

## A Response to the Holy Father's Call

On 22 September, the Congregation of Holy Cross announced on Vatican News that it would host this Rosary on 22 October: "Holy Cross Missionaries Invite Catholics to pray the global Rosary for Peace". The Global Rosary for Peace continues the legacy of Holy Cross and its mission to build the Kingdom of God through education, community, and prayer.

Two days later, on 24 September, during the General Audience, Pope Leo XIV urged the <u>Church to dedicate the month of October to praying the Rosary for peace</u>: "Let everyone, each day of the coming month, pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community."

Holy Cross ministry centers around the world, covering six continents and 18 countries, will participate in the Global Rosary for Peace. Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, remarked: "As a religious family, we will continue to seek ways to unite people in and through prayer, so that there may be peace and justice in our world."

Br. Bednarczyk and the whole Congregation invite everyone, wherever with his or her family or community, or in chapels, classrooms, parishes, and places of work, to join in this important prayer for peace event.

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 Time: 4:00 PM Rome / 10:00 AM EDT

Livestream Link: YouTube Livestream – Global Rosary for Peace More Information & Resources: www.HCFM.org/PrayForPeace

## About the Congregation of Holy Cross

Founded in 1837 in Sainte-Croix, France, by Blessed Basile Moreau, the Congregation of Holy Cross is an apostolic religious congregation of brothers and priests united in mission and community. With more than 1,300 professed members, the Congregation serves globally through education, parish ministry, and family evangelization. Learn more at <a href="https://www.HolyCrossCongregation.org">www.HolyCrossCongregation.org</a>

## About Holy Cross Family Ministries

An apostolate of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Holy Cross Family Ministries was founded by Venerable Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. and is dedicated to promoting family prayer, especially the Rosary. Its ministries include Family Rosary, Family Theater Productions, Catholic Mom, the Peyton Institutes, and the Museum of Family Prayer. Learn more at www.HCFM.org.