

## 1. Who is Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.?

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. (1909–1992), a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross and founder of Holy Cross Family Ministries, dedicated his life to serving God by bringing a message of hope to families around the world through devotion to Rosary prayer. To learn more about the life and work of Father Peyton visit [www.FatherPeyton.org](http://www.FatherPeyton.org).

## 2. What is Holy Cross Family Ministries?

Holy Cross Family Ministries is a family of Catholic ministries dedicated to inspiring, promoting, and fostering the prayer life and spiritual well-being of families throughout the world. Through video, retreats, radio, daily family prayers via app or email, Rosary app, weekly eBooks, and reflections through social media and blogs, we meet and serve families where they are.

For more information about each of our ministries, visit [hcfm.org](http://hcfm.org).

## 3. What is the purpose of Try Prayer! It Works! Contest?

Inspired by our founder, Venerable Patrick Peyton, the *Try Prayer! It Works Contest* focuses on Father Peyton's message: "The family that prays together stays together." To strengthen family prayer in your home, we've included a family-faith experience that takes you and your family through a reflective, enriching journey.

Our goal is to bring the Church's teachings to life around the dinner table with discussion prompts, reflection questions, prayer ideas, and creativity! Let Mary inspire you in writing, drawing, filming, or painting to express how Mary shows her love for you and your family.

## 4. Who are the participants of Try Prayer! It Works! Contest?

Children grades K-12 enrolled in a Catholic school, religious education program, parish or other organization, including home school, are eligible to enter.

## 5. How does the contest work?

Each institution will perform its own contest, selecting the three best entries for each grade in every creative category. After selections have been submitted to Family Rosary, a judging panel will determine the final winners of U.S. and international entries.

## 6. Can children participate in every category (art work, poetry, prose, video)?

Yes! You can submit an entry for all four categories.

## 7. What is the role of the Catholic school, religious education program, parish or other organization?

Your role is to explain the contest to the children in your classroom or parish, assign them the Family Activity and encourage family discussion about each child's entry. We then ask that you conduct your own contest and submit the top three winners from each grade and creative category. In other words, for each grade (K-12) you'll provide the three best entries of artwork, the three best entries of poetry, the three best entries of prose, and the three best entries of video.

## 8. Who are the judges? What are the creative works judged on?

After your school, parish or organization completes their own contest, a final judging panel will be selected by Family Rosary. Entries will be judged on content, ability to capture and interpret the theme, artistic and technical proficiency, and adherence to rules. See detailed judging rubrics below:

**ART WORK** – Relevance to the theme – 30, Originality – 25, Creativity – 20, Color Harmony – 15, Visual Impact – 10

**POETRY** – Relevance to the theme – 30, Creativity/Style and Originality – 30, Coherence of form and structure (harmony of words, presentation) – 20, Clarity of imagery and language – 20

**PROSE** – Relevance to theme – 30, Organization and format – 40, Language and Style – 30

**VIDEO** – Relevance to theme – 30, Originality and creativity – 40, Presentation (costumes, smooth transition, light, sound, edits, etc.) – 30



## FAQ 2021 TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS! CONTEST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 9. What is the deadline of the contest?

All United States entries are due: March 25, 2021.

### 10. How do institutions submit US entries?

Each school or parish will judge entries locally and select the best entry from each grade and submit either online at [www.FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer](http://www.FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer) or mail to Family Rosary, 518 Washington Street, North Easton, Massachusetts 02356.

### 11. How do institutions submit international entries?

International offices will individually manage their *Try Prayer! It Works! Contest* to align with their academic schedule. Within their region, international offices will choose one best entry from each grade and upload it onto [FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer](http://FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer).

### 12. What are the roles of family members?

We encourage families to complete the Family Activity together. Go through each of the steps, contemplate the prompts, and finish in prayer together. If necessary, assist your child with his or her *Try Prayer! It Works! Contest* entry. Guide children in brainstorming ideas and helping in safely executing their submissions.

### 13. What should be the length and format of video files?

Videos can be no longer two minutes. Ensure file is saved and uploaded as an .MP4, .MOV or .MPEG format and in Standard Definition.

### 14. What are the contest awards?

Each first-place winning entry will be awarded \$100.00 USD and each sponsoring institution of the first-place winners will receive \$100.00 USD.

### 15. When should students submit their entries?

Institutions should choose a deadline for students to submit entries based on their schedules. Please put this date in the box at the bottom of the Entry Form. The deadline for institutions to submit students' entries to Family Rosary is March 25, 2021.

### 16. Questions?

For any additional questions, please email: [noleary@hcfm.org](mailto:noleary@hcfm.org).

*Please ensure the entry form is completely filled in and name of parents are legibly written in the consent forms to help prepare the awarded checks.*

## QUESTIONS?

For more information, email [noleary@hcfm.org](mailto:noleary@hcfm.org) or visit: **[FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer](http://FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer)**

Try Prayer! It Works! Contest  
Family Rosary  
518 Washington Street  
North Easton, MA 02356-1200 USA

2021 **TRY PRAYER!**  
*It Works!* CONTEST



**Family Rosary**  
HOLY CROSS  
FAMILY MINISTRIES