Memo

Date: October 5, 2020

To: Priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, principals and

parish staff

From: Andy Lichtenwalner, Director, Office of Formation and Discipleship

Re: Pray Together Now – Family Prayer Movement

This week, Family Theater Productions, an affiliate of Holy Cross Family Ministries, is releasing the documentary film *PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton*. Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, is well known for advancing the message *the family that prays together stays together*.

With the launch of the film *PRAY*, Holy Cross Family Ministries is also launching the *Pray Together Now* movement. The goal is to have 10 million people around the world pledge to pray together daily with their families. Families can pledge to pray at http://praytogethernow.com. Please consider sharing this information with your parish and school families and utilizing the resources in your ongoing faith formation efforts.

The timing of this initiative is fitting when considering the various family faith formation efforts happening in our parishes (e.g., <u>Families Forming Disciples</u> and other initiatives) this month of October – with its important emphases on the Rosary, <u>respecting all human life</u> and <u>domestic violence awareness and cultivating family peace</u>); and the ongoing need for deeper prayer in our homes, communities and country. *Pray Together Now* is a simple way to invite more families and individuals to renew their commitment to the Lord Jesus as the center of their homes and hearts.

Thank you for your consideration. Our Lady of the Rosary and Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, pray for us!