

Pastor's Notes: Opening Session for the Cause of Sainthood for Fr. Patrick Ryan

September 13, 2020

Our parish has a long and distinguished history, having been founded in 1852. One of the greatest moments of our history took place in an epoch like our own, the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1878. From that great tragedy came forth a great example and witness of faith in the person of the Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Ryan, former pastor of this parish. He died from the yellow fever while heroically ministering to the people of Chattanooga most stricken by the disease, even after most people had fled the city for their own safety. His heroic offer of life is a great witness to the theological virtue of charity and is the basis for our petition for him to be named as a saint of the Catholic church. A milestone in this cause is upon us, and I extend to the whole parish an invitation to attend this great event either in person or via our live-stream.



Rev. J. David Carter

The Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God
Patrick Ryan, Priest of Chattanooga
requests
the honor of your presence

at the
First Session of the Diocese of Knoxville Tribunal for the
Inquiry that will examine
The life, Christian virtues, heroic offering of life,
reputation for holiness and
signs of intercessory power
of
Father Patrick Ryan
(1844-1878)

by
participating in
Mid-Morning Prayer for the Dead,
hearing a
presentation on the life of Father Patrick Ryan,
and witnessing the
taking of the oaths of the officials of the Tribunal
and the
acceptance of documents to be examined by the Tribunal

10:30 in the morning followed by a
Noon Memorial Mass for Father Patrick Ryan
Monday, September 28, 2020

The Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
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