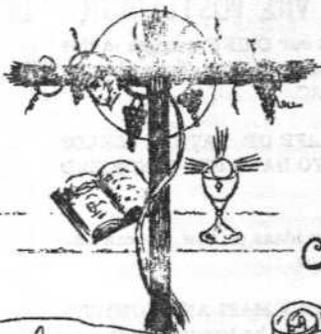
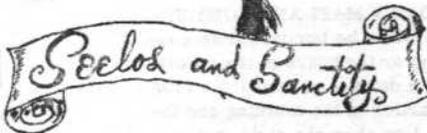


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If it is THY HOLY WILL ....



A Saint!

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## SEELOS MASS OCT. 7

"I have now made the round of all the houses of our province. Only New Orleans is yet remaining. I have come here to pass the rest of my days and find a last resting place in St. Mary's."

When Father Seelos spoke these words he could hardly have felt that his days in New Orleans would be so shortened. Yet we all claim him as our very own, for, as he predicted in this statement, his last resting place is in the sanctuary of St. Mary's Assumption Church.

In commemoration of his death, which was on October 4, 1867, there will be a SOLEMN HIGH MASS IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 at 9 A. M. We have set this Solemn Mass on Sunday rather than on the exact date of his death to allow all of you an opportunity to be present. Of course you all know that the 9 A. M. Mass each Sunday is offered for the intentions recommended to the prayers of Father Seelos. But this is a little special, and we hope you will make every effort to attend. St. Alphonsus choir will sing for this Mass.

It is not quite three years since Father Vaughn was assigned to promote the cause for canonization of Father Seelos and ultimately named Vice-Postulator for the cause. The devotion has spread rapidly in our own city and we are making great progress in spreading the devotion in Louisiana. In fact throughout the United States there are quite a number of people who have written to us acknowledging favors and requesting further information about him. There are still several states and many cities which we have not reached and we hope to be able to do so before too long.

In 1960 we inaugurated the practice of having a Solemn High Mass in St. Mary's Church commemorating the death of Father Seelos. The attendance at the first of these Masses was very scant. In 1961 the church was practically full. And in May, June and July when Solemn Masses offered in St. Mary's Church, honoring Father Seelos, were televised, the church was quite well filled.

MAY WE ASK THAT YOU ATTEND THE MASS ON OCTOBER 7, INCLUDING IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE INTENTIONS RECOMMENDED TO THE INTERCESSION OF FATHER SEELOS, AND ESPECIALLY THAT HIS CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION WILL PROGRESS RAPIDLY.

## MESSAGE OF THE VICE POSTULATOR

Last month I told you that our CHIEF purpose in this program is not to canonize Father Seelos, but rather to make YOU a HOLIER CATHOLIC.

TO IMITATE THE HOLY LIFE OF FATHER SEELOS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TO HAVE HIM CANONIZED SAINT!

I would like to give you a few ideas on how you can imitate the holy life of Father Seelos.

First of all, why not try DAILY MASS AND COMMUNION. For some Catholics this would be impossible because of their duties to their children or the hours of their work, but for many Catholics this is a definite possibility. True means perhaps getting up earlier in the morning and the sacrifice of not watching the late show the night before. But the sooner you realize that it is impossible for you to live your life without making sacrifices the happier and longer your life will be.

Father Seelos was very devoted to our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. His Mass was always said with such fervor that it was an inspiration to all who beheld him say it. When he would return from a long trip he would sometimes fast all day in order that he might say mass as soon as he arrived at his Redemptorist monastery. One of the favorite topics of his sermons was an attempt to inspire people to greater devotion toward Mass and Holy Communion. So often times he could be found late at night still kneeling before his Eucharistic Lord in the chapel of his monastery.

One could with truth say that the chief source of his holiness came from graces received through this Holy Sacrament.

Therefore if you wish to imitate the holy life of Father Seelos, the best way to start is with DAILY MASS AND COMMUNION. If this is impossible, why not try to make a DAILY VISIT to our Lord in some church. This could easily be done if you would get into the habit of stopping by church on your way home from work. You need not spend more than five minutes if you so desire. But by so doing you will be centering your spiritual life around the tabernacle. If you are a housewife perhaps you could arrange to make your daily visit after your husband returns home from work. A few minutes of baby sitting in the evening won't hurt him!

BEGIN TODAY TO IMITATE THE HOLINESS OF FATHER SEELOS BY CENTERING YOUR LIFE AROUND THE TABERNACLE!

FATHER VAUGHN

Thanks

AFTER 10 YEARS

"I began the prayer to Father Seelos and to my amazement three days later my request was granted. My nephew had stopped attending Mass for about ten years. I was overjoyed to receive a letter telling me he had attended Mass on Sunday and would continue. I am so grateful."

EVERY FAVOR GRANTED!

"Would like to express many thanks and deep devotion to Father Francis X. Seelos for special favors granted."

"He has truly been a saint to me, and has granted me every favor that I have asked."

UNHAPPY HOME

"My sister knew of unhappiness in my home. She heard about Father Seelos and told me to pray to him and also to wear his relic."

"I started to pray and almost immediately my prayers were answered."

"I am in bad health and very much worried, so again I am turning to him for help. Please remember me in your prayers."

unemployed

"I had been out of work for quite some time and through a good friend was handed a leaflet about Father Francis X. Seelos, C. SS. R."

"I went to Jesuit's Church and said the prayer, asking him to help me find work. The very next day someone phoned me for an interview and the wonder of it all, I have been and am still being called for interviews."

"This is a wonderful prayer and has helped me a lot. God bless Father Seelos and I do hope he will be declared a saint of the church."

# OVER THE HUMP

"My mother has asked me to write this letter of thanking for her, because she has not fully recovered from a very serious operation.

"About six weeks ago my Mother was rushed to the hospital with a severe gall bladder attack. The doctors ran a series of tests and after a week told her to go home and get plenty of rest, so that she could build herself up for the operation. The tests had proved conclusively that the operation was necessary.

"Two years ago a doctor told me that Mother could not withstand surgery because of a heart condition. Mother knew this but gave her whole-hearted approval for the operation.

"For five nights after the operation her condition was critical and it looked very much as though she would not recover. She would either point to or ask me to read the little prayer of Father Seelos, which she had pinned to her gown.

"The doctor played a big part in the success of the operation, but my Mother's faith in Christ, the Blessed Virgin and Father Seelos is what helped her over the hump.

"Yesterday the doctor told her that she is indeed fortunate to be here and that all she needs for full recovery is rest."

## IMMEDIATE ANSWER

"I received a wonderful favor through the intercession of Father Seelos. I asked the favor on Sunday at the 6 A. M. Mass and by 6 P. M. the same day my prayer was answered."

# PLEASE ON PAROLE

"I have been told about the wonderful favors being received through the intercession of Father Seelos. My whole family is in trouble and sadness. My nephew got in trouble about a year ago and went to jail. He is out on parole and it seems everything is against him. He is really sorry for what he did and is trying to do better. He is unable to hold a job. I am asking for your prayers that he will be accepted by the Army. He tried once but did not pass the test."

# bad companions

"Please include my intentions in the Mass offered each week that my son will rid himself of bad habits and bad companions, will stop drinking and will find suitable employment on his educational level and be able to hold the position."

For your own intentions, the ones you have just read, and all those recommended to our prayers, let us now pause and say the following prayer:

O MY GOD, I TRULY BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT WITH ME. I ADORE YOUR LIMITLESS PERFECTIONS. I THANK YOU FOR THE GRACES AND GIFTS YOU GAVE TO FATHER SEELOS. IF IT IS YOUR HOLY WILL, PLEASE LET HIM BE DECLARED A SAINT OF THE CHURCH SO THAT OTHERS MAY KNOW AND IMITATE HIS HOLY LIFE. THROUGH HIS PRAYERS PLEASE GIVE ME THIS FAVOR.....

## Meet Our Volunteers

(continued)

For the past year MRS. ELLEN MURPHREE has spent many hours each day at the SEELOS' CENTER. When the funds available for the Seelos' Center did not permit paying a salary for a Secretary, Mrs. Murphree came to the rescue by volunteering her time each day to do countless secretarial functions in the Center. She was able to relieve Father Vaughn of a great volume of work which in turn permitted him to concentrate on many other needed activities which he did not have time to attend to before.

If you should phone the Seelos' Center it would be her voice you would hear answering the telephone. If you write us, it would be she who would aid in processing the many pieces of mail that come to us each day. And for the countless other little chores too numerous to mention in detail, she is a genuine "Girl Friday".

Our most sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Murphree for the tremendous assistance which she has gratuitously and cheerfully given to us!

# REMINDERS

EVERY SUNDAY - 9 A. M. Mass is offered in St. Mary's Church for the intentions recommended to the intercession of Father Seelos.

PAY A VISIT to St. Mary's Church and the tomb of Father Seelos as often as you can - every day if possible.

Include in your prayers all intentions placed before the tomb of Father Seelos.

EVERY WEDNESDAY at 7 P.M. our SEELOS' ROSARY GROUP recites the rosary for the intentions of their group and for the speedy canonization of Father Seelos.

SEND IN NAMES of persons you feel will be sincerely interested in receiving literature about Father Seelos.

Bear in mind the thoughts of Father Vaughn expresses in our September edition of SEELOS AND SANCTITY. A sample program for developing your personal sanctity and prayer life -

1. DAILY MASS AND COMMUNION
2. DAILY ROSARY
3. FIVE TO FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PRAYER EVERY NIGHT.

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