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HOW TO SANCTIFY YOUR WORK

Many people fail to realize how they can become saints through their daily deeds. We here give you a few ideas on how this can be done.

For example, suppose Joe and Bill met a hobo. Joe gives the hobo a dime just to get rid of him. Bill, however, thinks of what our Lord said "What you do to the least of these My brethren, you do unto Me." So he gave the hobo a dime because he endeavored to see Christ in this man.

Joe's action did not merit an increase of Divine Life. Bill's action did.

So the real secret of turning your work into a means of making you a saint is to **DO EVERYTHING OUT OF LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST.**

Here are some ideas about how you can sanctify your daily occupations.

HUSBAND: Consider it your most sacred duty to help lead your wife to heaven; consider your children as gifts from God and destined to be future citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

WIFE: Seek to uplift your husband spiritually; seek to mold a Christ-like character into your children.

DOCTOR or NURSE: Treat every patient as if he were Christ coming to you with a sickness.

LAWYER: Render assistance to those in distress as if you had to argue their case before God on judgment day.

"BOSS": Exercise your authority with consideration and prudence remembering that your authority is merely a sharing in God's authority over all men.

WAITRESS: Remember that Christ said "I came not to be served but to serve."

STORECLERK: When abused and insulted by customers, remember that they spat into Christ's face.

SECRETARY: Do your work as if you were a secretary for one of the Sacred Writers who wrote the Bible.

POLICEMAN: Whenever you are forced to come in contact with the "dregs of society" remember the old saying "There but for the grace of God go I."

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In conformity with the decree of Pope Urban VIII all statements contained herein are unreservedly submitted to the judgment of the Holy See and to the decision of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

IMPRIMATUR † Archbishop John P. Cody, April 4, 1964, New Orleans, Louisiana

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BUS or TAXI DRIVER: On Palm Sunday Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. If He were living today he might have used your bus or taxi.

BARBER or BEAUTY OPERATOR: Patiently listen to people's idle chattering. Sympathize with their problems.

GARBAGE COLLECTOR - TRASH MAN: In spite of what people think, your work is important. Do it well out of love for Christ and you shall be rewarded. God loves the humble.

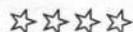
REPAIR MAN: Be honest and friendly. Pretend each home houses Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

MILITARY or GOVERNMENT SERVICE: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

STUDENTS: The more you learn of the world that God has made, the greater will be your knowledge of its Creator.

See Christ in every individual you meet and you shall become a saint. Father Seelos saw Christ in every one with whom he came in contact. This was the source of his sanctity. HE DID EVERYTHING OUT OF LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST. Do this, and you too shall become a saint.

FATHER VAUGHN



To Know and Imitate His Holy Life

The simplest way of understanding what is meant by CONFIDENCE IN GOD is to study a little child. A little child does not worry about where his next meal is coming from or how he is going to find clothing and shelter. The little child knows that his parents will take care of him. Likewise a person who possesses this deep spirit of CONFIDENCE IN GOD does not worry about where he will obtain the things he needs, nor does he worry about how he will progress in the path to sanctity. He knows that as long as he is faithful to all God wants him to do, God will provide for all of his needs.

Father Seelos showed the strongest confidence in the Providence of God. He knew that God would take care of him, no matter how many troubles he found himself involved in. He never lost his inborn cheerfulness of soul. He tried very hard to inspire others with this same strong confidence in God's Providence. This is clearly shown in his letters to them.

Father Seelos was never absent from community prayers in spite of his many occupations. He was always seen holding his rosary in his hands, which according to the Redemptorist Rule, he wore hanging from the

For Seelos Guild Members ONLY

We can assure you that your intentions are being remembered by the other Guild members, because every day we receive little notes or letters telling us our writers continue to pray daily for the intentions of all our Guild members. Isn't it wonderful to know so many prayers are being offered with yours for your intentions?

Please remember in your prayers the following Guild members who passed away recently:

MRS. VICTORIA DAVIS
MRS. OVIDE BOURGEOIS, SR.
MRS. P. A. HERMAN
GOD BLESS YOU!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR AN
HOUR OF ADORATION EACH
MONTH IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH?
WHY NOT DO SO NOW?

cincture (or belt) of his religious habit. In order not to give too great an appearance of holiness, he would shake his beads while walking as if it were a nervous habit. When walking down the street wearing his Roman collar, he constantly kept his hand in his pocket where he kept his rosary.

In conversation and correspondence he gave the impression he considered himself entirely unfit to do anything. He might have even been considered to be a very great sinner. However, so great was his confidence in God that he would courageously undertake any work that was imposed upon him as though he was supernaturally strengthened. Somehow in whatever work he was engaged he was successful.

Father Seelos possessed a special gift of inspiring others with hope and confidence in the goodness and mercy of God. This gift was evidenced whenever he preached a sermon or heard confessions or even in his private conversation with his friends. It rarely happened that he did not bring about the conversion of a sinner who had heard him speak.

We should all strive to imitate Father Seelos by praying at all times for God's help in our every endeavor. When we fully realize we are completely dependent on God in every single thing we do, we will then feel confident of His help.

Josie M. Becker, Editor

THANKS!

"About three years ago, after one year of college, my daughter was very discouraged because of the difficult studies and wanted to quit college. We were very anxious for her to finish her education.

"One of your parishioners gave me a prayer to Father Seelos. I prayed and asked if it be God's Will she would not leave college.

"Last week she received her class ring and only has about four more months before she graduates. She loves her profession and we are grateful to Father Seelos for his intercession in our behalf."

"Our Guild offering this month was delayed with good reason. A new little granddaughter born prematurely, had us all worried. So again we are thanking Father Seelos. Her mother promises that Carol would wear the cloth memento of Father Seelos for 14 years if she were allowed to leave the hospital with her. Our daughter feels that she will wish to wear it for life after reaching 14 and knowing what Father Seelos did for her.

"Please pray that she will continue to gain strength and someday join us in Thanksgiving to the dear 'Saint'."

"Thank you so much for acknowledging my letter and saying that you would remember my father in your prayers. I prayed very hard to Father Seelos, perhaps expecting a miracle that my dad could recover somehow from his leukemia; however, on January 14 my dad died. He had received the news the day before his death that he was doing so fine he could go back to work and the next morning he was rushed to the hospital. . . the main aorta in the stomach had ruptured. No direct connection with the leukemia. From a practical viewpoint, God was very good taking him at the time He did. And the most satisfying thing is that he was baptized a Catholic 10 minutes before he died. So we are all very happy about that.

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"I remain diligent in my devotion to Father Seelos. I am trying to tell as many people as I can about Father Seelos."

Visit Father Seelos' Tomb in St. Mary's Church, Corner of Constance and Josephine Streets.

A Mass is read each Sunday morning at 9 A. M. before the tomb of Father Seelos for the intentions specially recommended to us.

PLEASE!

"A friend of mine has been away from the Sacraments for a number of years and he is very ill. He is partially paralyzed. I have been praying to Father Seelos, asking him to intercede that God will give him the grace to again embrace his holy faith and that he may recover the loss of his limbs if it be God's Holy Will."

"I am asking prayers for my husband, myself and my daughter. She had a nervous breakdown sometime ago and is much better, but she continues to talk and fuss and blames the family for her condition. All that we did was for love of her and to help her. My husband and I are elderly and are both in poor health. Our income is not too great."

"Please pray for my husband and my sister to stop drinking and for my children to return to the practice of their religion. As for me, please pray that I will be strong enough to give up smoking and stop cursing. I do want to be a better person. I'm speaking from my heart."

"Please pray for me and my family to be united again in the practice of our religion and in our home. I have had to leave because of tension within the home between my husband and me. It is not a happy place."

"I wrote to you a couple of months ago, asking for my petition to be placed before the tomb of Father Seelos. I asked Father Seelos to cure my poor mother of cancer, that it will not go to her brain or in her bloodstream as the doctor expects."

"God has spared her life two more months. I feel that if it is His will, through the intercession of Father Seelos my mother will be cured of cancer."

"My mother has washed and ironed for a living for 20 years. Since my father was a drunkard she worked very hard to send me to Catholic school. After all these crosses she has had to bear, I pray that God will spare her life a little longer. Her hands have so many callouses on them from ironing, worse than many a hardworking man."

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For your own intentions, the intentions mentioned above, and all the petitions placed before the tomb of Father Seelos, let us pause and say -

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