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DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT OTHERS TO DO UNTO YOU

How happy our lives would be if everyone observed *THE GOLDEN RULE*.

The trouble is we apply the *GOLDEN RULE* to everyone except to ourselves. We expect others to live according to the *GOLDEN RULE*, but fail to do so ourselves.

You want others to be *CONSIDERATE OF YOUR FEELINGS* -- well then, show consideration yourself for the feelings of others!

You want others to *EXCUSE YOUR ACTIONS* and understand that you "*were nervous*" or "*were hurt*" and that this was the cause of your outburst of anger -- well then, show the same spirit of understanding when other people become angry at you.

When you feel "*down in the dumps*", you *DESIRE ENCOURAGEMENT, SYMPATHY AND COMPANIONSHIP* to cheer you up -- well then, when you see someone depressed try to cheer him up with a kind and an understanding disposition.

You find that it is a big help to receive a *COMPLIMENT* for the good things you do -- well then, try to find nice things to say about others. Try to disregard the bad things and notice only the good in people.

You like to have your good deeds recognized. A friendly "*pat on the back*" is always a source of great encouragement -- well then, do the same for other people.

You expect others to *PUT UP WITH YOUR FAULTS* -- well then, is it not reasonable that you should strive to put up with others?

St. Francis of Assisi said it very beautifully

O LORD MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.

WHERE THERE IS HATRED LET ME SOW LOVE.

WHERE THERE IS SADNESS LET ME SOW JOY.

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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, MAY 25, 1964, New Orleans, Louisiana



Above we see the great grand-niece of Father Seelos, Mrs. Lilly Ashenbrenner, kneeling side by side with Father Michael Curley, C. SS. R. in prayer before the tomb of Father Seelos.

Mrs. Ashenbrenner was visiting the United States from Fuessen, Germany, the home town of Father Seelos. Her great grandfather was Ambrose Seelos, blood brother of Father Seelos.

Father Michael Curley, is doing the official research into the life of Father Seelos preparatory to the introduction of the cause before the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome. When the lengthy task of research is completed Father will publish the official biography.

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*FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN AGAIN UNTO ETERNAL LIFE.*

All his life Father Seelos practiced the *GOLDEN RULE*. If any virtue characterized him it was the virtue of thoughtfulness. Let us seek to imitate this saintly Servant of God.

DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT OTHERS TO DO UNTO YOU!

FATHER VAUGHN

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with our prayer that Father Seelos

will be declared a Saint of the Church.

On May 8 a reception for them was held at Redemptorist Gymnasium in New Orleans. Over 300 people attended. The very enthusiastic group was greatly inspired by the words of both of them.

By the way, we tried to send cards to everyone in the New Orleans area on our mailing list, but we ran out of time and were unable to complete the mailing; consequently about 2000 people on our list were "cheated." Please accept our apology.

*For Seelos Guild Members
Only*

During the past month one of our very faithful volunteers at the Seelos Center, Mrs. Ellen Murphree, lost her mother.

MRS. ROSE KANALY

Kindly continue your prayers for all of our intentions. We are inspired by the wonderful number of letters of thanksgiving we receive, however, they are still outnumbered by the petitions. The needs of our Guild members are many. Do not forget them.

GOD BLESS YOU!

THANKS!

"In June 1963 my brother had a stroke, was unconscious and paralyzed. When he regained consciousness, he could not speak and had no control over himself. The doctor told me that he would be a helpless bed patient as long as he lived.

"As he had not gone to confession or received Holy Communion for a long time, my nun friends and I prayed very hard to God to make it possible for him to confess and receive the last sacraments.

"Going to the hospital so often, I became friendly with one of the employees. She frequently visited my brother and talked about Father Seelos, giving me a picture and prayer and putting a cloth memento on brother's bed. I felt complete confidence in Father Seelos when I looked at his picture and begged him to intercede for brother.

"One day when visiting him my friend found him very alert, so she telephoned Father John Vaughn and asked him to come to the hospital which he graciously and promptly did. When he talked to my brother he found that brother could understand everything he said. Though he could not enumerate his sins, he was able to respond "yes" to the question "Are you sorry for all your sins?" Father Vaughn then absolved him, gave him Holy Communion (another Priest had previously stated he was not capable of swallowing) and anointed him - thanks be to God.

"To me this was truly a miracle, attributable to Father Seelos' intercession with Jesus and Mary, because neither before nor after was brother able to receive Holy Communion. Most of the time until his death it was necessary to feed him with a tube through his nose.

"He died a very peaceful death, just breathing less and less, until the end."

"I enrolled as a member of the Father Seelos Guild and also added my name to the list of adorers each month.

"I have a serious dental problem which involves a lot of expense. I found a dentist who was highly recommended. My husband applied for a bank loan and was successful. I am now scheduled for oral surgery.

"I have placed my needs in the hands of Father Seelos. It looked hopeless for me to get the loan but that problem is over. I feel Father Seelos is still looking after the needy. I have spent happy hours in St. Mary's Church. I carry his picture in my purse. It will go with me to the hospital.

"I feel the help I have received through Father Seelos is almost miraculous. This is a letter of gratitude and thanksgiving.

"I am writing in thanksgiving for many favors obtained through the intercession of Father Seelos. We are trying to promote devotion to him by giving the prayer and cloth memento to our friends in need of help, both spiritually and physically, and in so many cases we have had help. In our own family - our prayers have been answered too. Both my husband and I have been gravely ill and prayers to Father Seelos have pulled us through.

"Please publish our thanksgiving in your pamphlet. God bless you."

"Last October I was quite ill with pneumonia. It was the hottest October we had ever had. (I live in Scarsdale, New York). Many people with respiratory illnesses, especially among the elderly, were dying.

"I was hospitalized and placed in an oxygen tent with little hope for recovery. My sister who lives in New Orleans told me she was praying to Father Seelos. This was the first time I had ever heard of him.

"After one week in the oxygen tent and another two weeks of treatment in the hospital I was sent home to convalesce. I am convinced that my recovery is due to the intercession of Father Seelos.

"I am happy to say that I am now visiting my sister in New Orleans and have had the opportunity of visiting his tomb several times. I was overjoyed to have the occasion to meet the great grand-niece of Father Seelos who visited there during my stay.

"I hope to make him better known in New York."

PLEASE!

"Our son is a fallen away Catholic, and is engaged to a girl who is a member of another church. Please ask the members of the Seelos Guild to pray for his return to the Sacraments and that his intended wife will be willing to sign and live up to the Catholic rules concerning marriage so that they can be married in the Church."

"I am writing to ask your prayers for my grandson. He is going from bad to worse. He won't work, has stopped going to Church and is going with bad company. He is mean to his wife and they are on the verge of separating. Please pray and ask God to help him change his ways."

"Please pray for my sister to stop drinking and causing so much unrest and discord in our home and to me personally."

"I am an arrested cancer victim, and she is trying so to upset the household situation. So please, pray for her to give up this bad habit."

"Please help me pray for my daughter to complete four years of college. Also for her peace of mind and happiness. She has accepted an engagement ring and I truly believe it was out of pity. If it is God's holy Will give her courage to break off the engagement before it is too late if she finds she has made a mistake in accepting the ring."

"A friend of mine is very much disturbed over a financial problem. Please pray that before long he will receive the aid he needs to meet his obligations."

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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