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HOLY HOURS REQUESTED

At 9 A. M. on Sunday, May 31, a special Mass was said during which I preached a sermon honoring the 800 people who had pledged themselves to spend one hour or more a month in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary's Assumption Church in New Orleans. It was in this very church that Father Seelos worshipped while living in New Orleans 98 years ago. These hours of adoration are performed in imitation of the holy life of the saintly Servant of God, Father Francis Xavier Seelos.

This program began as a result of my desire to develop the promotion of the cause of Father Seelos into a medium of helping to produce holiness in others. It is for this reason that I have always included in this publication a spiritual message. It was my object that by this means we might encourage you to share in his holiness.

According to our records during the past year over 12,000 hours of adoration have been performed by our official "adorers." In fact we even have one man and his wife who made over 240 HOURS OF ADORATION since July 1963. They have pledged themselves to make a holy hour FIVE DAYS A WEEK.

I preached at all of the Masses in St. Alphonsus Parish on that same day, May 31, encouraging the rest of the parishioners to imitate the 800 adorers mentioned above. At that time 160 people responded, pledging one or more holy hours per month.

The method followed in the ADORATION LEAGUE PROGRAM is as follows:

1. A week before the pledged holy hour, a post card reminder is sent through the mail. When making the holy hour the adorer places this card in a special box provided in the church. This is their record of attendance.

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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, June 17, 1964, New Orleans, Louisiana

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2. A specific councillor is assigned to each adorer. If the adorer cannot make the assigned holy hour a phone call to their councillor will provide for a substitute.
3. On Page 3 you will find a blank which you can fill out and mail to me should you desire to enroll in the ADORATION LEAGUE.
4. If you live in the city of New Orleans or its suburbs we ask that this holy hour be made in St. Mary's Assumption Church on the corner of Constance and Josephine Streets.
5. If you live outside the New Orleans area you may make a holy hour in your parish church. The reminder card will be sent to you as mentioned above. By return mail you can send the card back to us indicating that you made your holy hour.
6. If you are a shut-in you may make your holy hour at home. We will send you a reminder card which you can return to us when you have completed your hour.

We are anxious to demonstrate to the church authorities in Rome that the cause of Father Seelos is instilling in the hearts of people a greater devotion to Christ. Your participation in the holy hour program will enable us to do so.

Remember one of the best ways to obtain a special favor from God is by demonstrating to Him as a result of receiving this favor you will become a more devout person. A pledge to make a monthly holy hour will be an excellent step in this direction.

FATHER VAUGHN

To Know and Imitate His Holy Life

Almighty God gives special Supernatural Gifts to certain chosen people for the purpose of manifesting His Power and as a means of dispensing His Grace to others.

Father Seelos enjoyed many Supernatural Gifts.

He seemed to possess a Supernatural understanding of people. This was evidenced in his work among souls and in his direction of the Redemptorists placed under his charge. When he was heard speaking in the pulpit or giving words of advice, encouragement or correction in the confessional, the people listened as if it were God Himself speaking.

His supreme goal in life was to guide everyone to living in the perfect service of God. He very wisely adapted all of his advice in this direction according to the state in life of the one whom he was advising.

In Pittsburgh he became acquainted with a man who had neglected his religion for quite some time. He was married and had several children. Father Seelos spoke with him, advising and encouraging him and finally brought him back to

For Seelos Guild Members Only

Every day we receive letters from our GUILD MEMBERS telling us that they are praying for the intentions of all other GUILD MEMBERS. If you are not doing so because you forget to mention it when saying the prayer, why not make the intention that each time you say the prayer you also include the intentions of all GUILD MEMBERS.

Our united prayers should certainly be more efficacious. Our united prayers for the speedy canonization of Father Seelos will eventually help us obtain the miracles necessary for the advancement of his cause.

GOD BLESS YOU!

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with our prayer that Father Seelos will
be declared a Saint of the Church.

the practice of his faith. He continued to guide and direct his activities and under the influence of Father Seelos, he attained a very high degree of perfection. As a result of Father Seelos' guidance and instructions he expressed the desire to devote his entire life to Christ as a religious. Father Seelos advised him to consult the Bishop. The Bishop asked him if his wife and children were provided for. The man answered that he had already taken care of that adequately. The Bishop examined the case further and then gladly gave his permission for the man to enter the Trappist Order. He persevered as a Trappist until he died a very holy death - a death that truly reflected the sanctity of his life.

This is just one instance in which the special God-given gifts of Father Seelos demonstrated themselves. We could relate many, many more such instances from his life.

Let us strive daily for a more perfect love of God. Let our every action, and all of our action, and all of our thoughts and words be prompted by our love for God. While we are not gifted as was Father Seelos to lead others closer to God by our advice and guidance, we can help to do so by our good example and by striving constantly for perfection.

JOSIE BECKER

THANKS!

"My niece, age 10 years, was struck by an automobile last September. The doctors declared that it was very likely she would not live. A priest was called to the hospital's emergency room to administer Extreme Unction.

"Just the Sunday before Father had preached a beautiful sermon about Father Seelos. I prayed so hard for his help and the life of my niece was spared.

"I will always thank him for his prayers that by God's Holy Will our little niece lived."

"My husband and I met a young woman for the first time last Saturday and I must say she impressed us very much. She was not trained in any special work and found it very hard to find

In imitation of FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, C.S.S.R., I hereby PROMISE to spend ONE HOUR OF ADORATION EVERY MONTH IN ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH on the day and hour stated below. If in any month it becomes impossible to come at this time, I will contact my councillor who will provide a substitute.

(Circle appropriate words, e.g.:

First Tues. 4 P.M. - Every Sat. 11 A.M.)

FIRST - SECOND - THIRD - FOURTH - EVERY

SUN MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT

5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 A.M.

12 Noon - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 P.M.

Name _____

Address _____

a job. She had been working two days a week for little pay. We asked her how she could live on so little and she just smiled and said as long as her rent was paid she could get by and have a roof over her head. She went hungry very often because she didn't have money to buy food. Yet, she didn't seem to mind because she said God was very good to her.

"This upset us very much. In fact I could not sleep that night. Her face was continually before me. Yes, she was happy and so thankful for the little she did have. I promised her I would try to find a job for her where I worked. However, when I spoke to the personnel manager I was told that the job had been filled. I then prayed to Father Seelos, asking that she would get a job soon. A little while later I was told that one of the girls was leaving on Friday and that my new friend could have that job. She started working the following Monday at \$50.00 per week.

"My sincere thanks to Father Seelos."

PLEASE!

"Please pray for my cousin, who is suffering greatly with cancer. Include both his spiritual and temporal welfare. Also pray for my own spiritual, temporal and mental welfare. I have a grave problem and ask the help of Father Seelos and your prayers."

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"Please place my petition before the tomb of Father Seelos. I pray for peace in my family. I have five wonderful children - all adults now. There has been a misunderstanding between my son and daughter and also a daughter-in-law. I surely hope Father Seelos will help them to forget their differences. It is not a really big problem, but I want things to go along as they were.

"I wish you would also pray that my youngest son will not marry a non-Catholic girl with whom he is keeping company and find a good Catholic girl. He has been a wonderful son to me. You see, I am a partial cripple as a result of a stroke."

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"Our 14 month old baby has been stricken with leukemia. He can be saved only by a miracle. We wish that through Father Seelos' intercession, God would choose to perform such a miracle."

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"I am praying for a sister of mine for the success of a very serious operation she must undergo. We are in hopes that there is no malignancy. I beg and storm heaven's gates, asking the Infant of Prague and Father Seelos for her complete recovery in order that she may care for her three children who need her so much."

"Please pray also for a friend of mine, who has the same problem as my sister, plus a heart condition. I know prayer and faith can do much, so please place my requests by the tomb of Father Seelos."

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For your own intentions, the ones mentioned above and all those placed before the tomb of

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Father Seelos let us 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 THAT OTHERS MAY KNOW AND IMITATE HIS HOLY LIFE...