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TALK IS CHEAP

Once a young boy was writing a love letter to his girl friend. He said: "I would swim the mighty ocean for one look into your eyes. I would walk through a wall of fire for one touch of your hand. I would climb the highest mountain just to receive a smile from your lips. I will see you Friday night if it doesn't rain."

TALK IS CHEAP. The real proof of the sincerity of your speech is to be found in your actions.
ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!

I think that many people who pray to Father Seelos should constantly bear this in mind. I suspect that many pray to this holy Servant of God without proving the sincerity of their speech by their actions.

Therefore, if you really wish to obtain a favor from God through the intercession of Father Seelos - don't just pray. **ACT! PERFORM SACRIFICE! PROVE THE SINCERITY OF YOUR REQUEST BY PERFORMING GOOD DEEDS FOR OTHERS.**

The most noteworthy virtue in the life of Father Seelos was the virtue of genuine Christian kindness. His entire day was a constant search for ways in which he could do nice things for his fellow men.

So don't just say "Father Seelos please cure my child" "Father Seelos help my husband get a good job." "Father Seelos make my husband stop drinking." etc.

Rather say "Father Seelos, I am going to be nice to so and so in order to imitate your spirit of kindness." "Father Seelos, I am going to grit my teeth and keep silence when so and so insults me." "Father Seelos, I am going to give up such and such in order to strive for the same degree of Christian perfection which you achieved."

In this way you will be proving your sincerity. You won't just be talking. You will be doing. **ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.** When God sees your actions he will certainly respond to your needs more quickly than if you just uttered words.

FATHER VAUGHN

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Seelos -

Apostle of Kindness

by Luana Jambois

Mang Seelos realized that his son, Xavier, was not physically strong enough to learn a trade. A profession required additional education which people of their limited means could not afford. He and his Francesca prayed. God would help them.

Father Heim, a Benedictine priest from Augsburg, replaced the pastor of Fuessen when vacation time came. He noticed the small son of Mang Seelos, who went often to church, who served Mass on the altar so ardently. His intelligence was keen, his faith obvious. "Xavier, come here." he said one day. "Do you want to be a priest?" Xavier was eager, but practical. "Oh yes, Father! But my father says it is too expensive. If my uncle Schwarzenbach were still alive, there might be some hope for me." Father Heim smiled, "And I have some friends in Augsburg who might give you some help."

The prayers of Mang and Francesca Seelos had been answered! Mang Seelos was overjoyed! Patrons to finance Xavier's studies and the good Father to help him study for entrance to St. Stephan's! The Gymnasium of St. Stephan's was the equivalent of High School and College combined, and would require nine years study of the classics. It would also require the first separation of Xavier and the family he loved so well.

To the city of Augsburg, Francis Xavier Seelos brought the same love of God, of family, and neighbor he had been taught. In school he quickly became known as the "student bank,"



because he was a "soft touch" for any story of a fellow in trouble. Often there was nothing left for himself. When his friends teased him, he said "So long as I have any money at all, I cannot see one of you without food or lodging." He won many scholastic awards. Yet never was he stiff or too serious. Prayer meant happiness to Xavier. Gaiety and buoyancy of spirit made him a favorite with his friends.

"I'm sure," said one of them, "that his soul was never clouded by a breath of sin. He loved to sing. At High Mass he would sing with such gusto that I would say, 'Seelos! Not so loud!' Once some of us went to visit a church. When we entered Xavier began to sing a hymn to our Lady without paying the least attention to us!"

By fall of 1839, Xavier had finished St. Stephan's and begun his studies at the University of Munich. He had earned a scholarship to the great university. Here taught the foremost teachers of his time. He also entered into the social life of the school, learning to fence, to play the violin, and to dance. As a member of the Fraternity of Philosophy School, he enjoyed the long hikes and comradeship of his fellows. Much of his time was spent instructing others, to pay for his living expenses. He was always friendly, never somber. Yet again none of his companions could detect the slightest trace of sin in him.

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TO KNOW and IMITATE HIS HOLY LIFE . . .

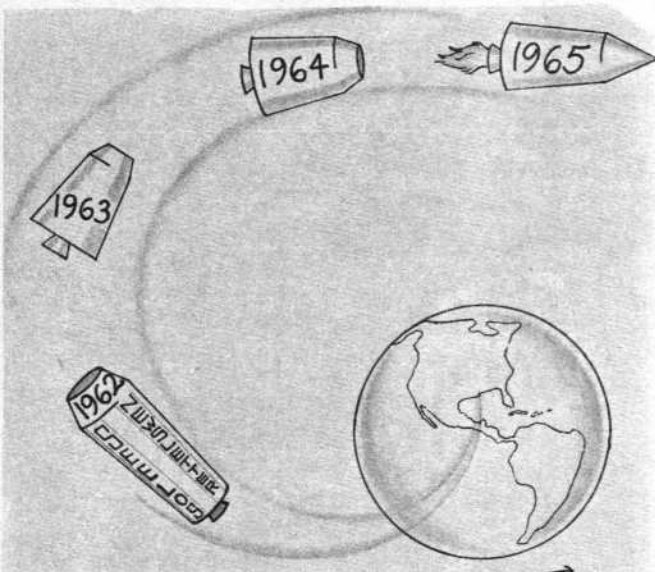
SEELOS and MARY

Father Seelos was a great lover of our Blessed Mother. Through his entire life he was especially devoted to her. His love for Mary was second only to that which he had for her beloved Son.

In this month of May, why not strive each day to imitate this devotion to Mary. Say an extra Hail Mary or an extra rosary or whisper an ejaculation to her each time her name

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORT THE PROGRAM OF THE SEELOS CENTER. WE COUNT ON YOUR REGULAR MONTHLY HELP TO ENABLE US TO MAKE FATHER SEELOS MORE WIDELY KNOWN. WON'T YOU PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE EACH MONTH TO HELP US?

or that of Father Seelos passes through your mind. Remember Mary will never forget those who call on her intercession.



WE ARE THREE YEARS OLD!!!

Only three years ago - in May 1962 - this newsletter began its monthly visits to your homes. How time has flown! From a mailing of about 700 at that time, we have now increased our circulation to about 17,000!

We deeply appreciate the kind comments of those who have written to tell us about how much they enjoy this little publication.

However, we would appreciate any suggestions you may offer us as to how we can improve. Do you find it informative? Is it too long? Do you enjoy illustrations? Should we publish it every other month? Do you throw it in the wastebasket (if so, please let us know - it will save us postage)?

Any comments you may care to make will be of help to us in planning our future issues.

JOSIE M. BECKER

CONGRATULATIONS!

Miss Odile Legendre and her committee have now made over a HALF MILLION cloth mementoes of Father Seelos for distribution to you and your friends! Please write us. We will be happy to supply you with any amount you may request.

THANKS!!!

"Recently surgery was necessary for the sixth time for my son, as a result of an automobile accident.

"The sixth operation was a very serious one. The fifth operation had to be gone over and he also had kidney stones which had to be removed.

"My husband and I have been offering an hour of adoration on the third Tuesday of each month for fifteen months for this boy's recovery and we promised a letter of thanksgiving if the operation was successful.

At first we thought it was unsuccessful because one stone had been overlooked and the doctor said this would require further surgery. He was very ill and his temperature was high, however, with antibiotics and intravenous feeding, he threw off the infection. When he was X-rayed again the stone did not show and the doctor said probably the stone moving to another position had caused the high fever and that the stone had passed from his body.

"He is feeling better now and up to this time has not required another operation. He has returned to work and we are praying that the stones will not recur.

"We are grateful to the Blessed Mother, Bishop Neuman, Father Seelos, St. Ann and St. Anthony, to whom we prayed.

"Now we are praying that another son will get a position where he will not have to travel and will be able to remain close to his children, who need his guidance.

"We also pray that this letter will help in some small way to help realize the canonization of Bishop Neuman and Father Seelos."

"We are devoted to Father Seelos and it does my heart good when the simplest things are referred to him by my family - we have his intercession prayer right over our kitchen table and there's not a day when we and visitors don't just glance at it but pray it and of course, in times of greater distress, several of us recite it aloud.

"I recognized and felt wonderful about my letter in your Newsletter and everything I petitioned for was granted - oh not in exactly the way I wanted - but in His own much better way!

"Keep up the good work, Father. Without your encouragement, some of us weaker souls might, just might, falter!"

PLEASE!!

"My request seems hopeless. I have prayed for 35 years and today things seem more hopeless than ever before. My husband has always had a terrible temper - like one insane - but for over a year he has been drinking so much that he doesn't even bother to come home at times and if he does I have to leave the house as he becomes like a mad man.

"He has a safe where he hoards his money, allowing me my house and expense money only. He is retired. Twice he has left home for several weeks at a time, returning only when he wanted to.

"Before Christmas, when he was drinking, he went to my son's small apartment and told my boy, his wife and two small babies to keep away from our home. This was done for no reason at all. We live in a big brick house and my son and his family live in a small basement apartment. They struggle never asking for any help. He works long hours.

"Not once has my husband regretted what he has done. My heart aches for my son and his family. It hurt them so much. Of course, I go to visit them as often as possible.

"It seems it will require a miracle for my prayers to be answered, but please Father say a prayer for my request."

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

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We hope you were able to see the excellent TV program telecast on WDSU-TV Channel 6 in New Orleans, Holy Saturday night at 7:30 P.M. If you enjoyed the program and thought it worthwhile, as we know you did, please write to WDSU-TV thanking them for putting the program on the Station and telling them how much you enjoyed it.

All of the expenses in producing the program were underwritten by the television station. Your letters will help us greatly in obtaining similar programs about Father Seelos in the future.

Do not write to the Seelos Center, but rather address your letters to WDSU-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana.