



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## THE SAINTS ARE OUR HEROES

All men honor their national heroes in picture, song and story. The saints are our heroes. They lived on earth in surroundings and human situations no different from our own. They were flesh and blood, prone to temptations and sin. Somehow they rose above the commonplace and conquered the enemies of their soul. This "somehow" was the Spirit of the Lord dwelling within them. We have the promise of the same Spirit. It was St. Augustine, a sinner once himself, who, on contemplating the lives of holy men and women, is alleged to have said: "They could do it, why cannot I?" And so he did, and so can we.

*Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.*



Fuessen, Bavaria, was the birthplace of Father Seelos. This is what it looked like at the time he lived there.

## FATHER SEELOS LOVED EVERYBODY

*by Father Grangell*

The Virtue for April: Brotherly Love, Fraternal Charity

Patron: St. John, the Evangelist

Text: Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other. This is how all will know you for my disciple; your love for one another. (St. John 13/34)

I hope you have made yourself familiar with M.G.I.L.Y! Keep telling God you love Him. To prove to yourself your love for God, you must love your neighbor. Your neighbor is everybody, beginning with all the members of your family.

Father Seelos was most charitable, because he loved God so sincerely.

As we look at Father Seelos' life, let's try to imitate him. It's easy. He was very kind. He had the reputation of being a kind person. We certainly can acquire that reputation.

He was pleasant, attractive. He had a winning smile and hearty laugh. He used to say God did not make sad people. Our Lord was the man of sorrows, but He was not a sad man. Sad people are selfish people. Smile a plenty.

Father Seelos was always the same. Some people have a dual personality — they are the life of the party away from home, and at home they are disagreeable, sullen, moody, offensive. The slogan of your home must be: "Christ is the Head of this house, the invisible Guest at every meal, the silent Listener in every conversation.

Father Seelos bore with the defects, weaknesses and imperfections of others. He never made another suffer mentally. He was not disturbed by the idiosyncracies, eccentricities, annoying hobbies of others. He had a good sense of humor. He was not sensitive.

Father Seelos' charity was supernatural. He saw Christ in everybody, in children, in youths, in worried adults, in the old and sick, in lonely, suffering people.

And so, the story of fraternal charity, brotherly love, goes on and on. Father Seelos wants you to be as he was. Then M.G.I.L.Y. means everything in your life.

**ASK THE BLESSED MOTHER TO HELP YOU.**

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Gretna, La.

"I wish to express my appreciation to Father Seelos for two favors that I have received through his intercession. Six months ago I underwent surgery and had a speedy and excellent recovery. I had to take cobalt treatments five days weekly for five weeks. I had no ill effects from these treatments. My family and I are so thankful to Father Seelos for the answer to our prayers. We shall never cease praying for Father Seelos to become a Saint of the Church, if it be God's Holy Will."

*M. Ste. M.*

Gretna, La.

"We prayed to God and Father Seelos for a very special favor. My sister-in-law had to have a very serious operation on her spine and removal of a tumor on her pelvis. We prayed to God through Father Seelos that this tumor would not be cancerous. Our prayers were answered. She is doing fine now. Thanks again."

*Mrs. C. C.*

Labadieville, La.

"Thanks for a favor granted through the intercession of Father Seelos. I had a bad pain in my right side, for which I had to be hospitalized. They took all kinds of X-rays, and I prayed that my tests would be all right and that I would be able to go home soon. My prayers were answered. I repeated this prayer for God and Father Seelos to grant me this favor and my prayers were answered. Thanks to God and Father Seelos."

*J. T.*

Houma, La.

"Last week my son was in trouble. We had to wait to talk to a man. While we waited, I prayed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and asked Father Seelos to intercede. Before we left the man's office my prayers were answered."

*Mrs. R. P. B.*

New Orleans, La.

"I want to publicly thank Father Seelos for his intercession. A very special favor was granted to me today. I held the cloth memento of Father Seelos in my hand and asked for the favor. My prayer was answered. For a long time I have had many problems and difficulties and I had become discouraged, but tonight I have renewed hope because Father Seelos has helped me. I feel he will continue to help me."

*Mrs. J. M.*

Clearwater, Florida

"My son had oral surgery last month and my prayers through the intercession of Father Seelos have been answered. There were two factors involved, cyst on the bone and blood clotting time. We had extensive blood testing done on him and when the tissue test came back from the lab, it proved to be negative and my fear of cancer was removed. My prayers to God and Father Seelos have been answered once again."

H. K. L.

God has been good to me, He has given me the grace to live the religious life for 60 years. I made my Profession as a Redemptorist in 1914.

I invite you to come to the Diamond Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, April 28, in St. Alphonsus Church at 11:30 A.M.

Come to the reception after Mass, 'till 3 P.M. at Liguori Auditorium, next to the Church.

This is not an announcement, it is a cordial invitation to you. You must come.

Father Grangell, C.S.S.R.

### SPECIAL NOTES

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