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THE MARTYRS

After our Blessed Mother and the Apostles, the Church pays special veneration to those who have shed their blood in the cause of Christ, the martyrs. In the early centuries of the Church during the Roman persecutions, relatives and friends were allowed to claim and bury the broken bodies of the martyrs. Many of these were laid to rest in the Catacombs and the holy sacrifice of the Mass was offered above their relics. The number of martyrs is great and really never ending.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



This is the high altar of St. Mang's, the parish church of Fuessen where Father Seelos was baptized.

FATHER GRANGELL'S MESSAGE

The Virtue for July: Obedience

Patron: St. Philip, The Apostle

Text: You are my friends if you do the things I command you
(John 5/15)

This month's virtue, Obedience, was the life of Christ on earth as a man. He lived only thirty-three years, thirty of which He lived in the little town of Nazareth, with His Mother and St. Joseph. All we know of Him from the Bible is: He was subject to them, He obeyed them. What an example for youths who call themselves Christians - followers of Christ. Today, so many early teen-agers are independent, stubborn, self-willed. In their late teens they live in apartments for more independence. This independence grows with age and finally develops into downright sinful disobedience. They defy the laws of God and of His Church and of their country. Their philosophy is: My Will! I will do as I please and nobody will stop me, neither God, His infallible church, nor man and his civil laws. They become arrogant in their disobedience. Why do you think people miss Mass on Sunday? Why is there disregard for the holy sacrament of matrimony - in preparing for it and in living it?

Father Seelos was a close imitator of the obedient Jesus Christ by religious profession as a Redemptorist. His rule told him: The spirit of our institute consists in self-abnegation and the renunciation of self will. St. Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists writes in a book entitled 'The True Redemptorist' - 'one enters this Congregation to obey.' Obedience is the very essence of the religious life. It is the essence of the good Catholic's life. You can't go wrong, you never make a mistake when you obey the Holy Father, Christ's audible voice on earth! You are a poor Catholic when you find fault with the church - contradict, complain, criticize her teachings.

Defend the Church by your words and good example, by perfect obedience to her laws. Never scandalize and lead into sinful ways a fellow-Catholic or a protestant by living contrary to the laws of your Holy, Roman, Catholic, Apostolic Church.

MAY OUR BLESSED MOTHER LOVE YOU! MAY FATHER SEELOS HELP YOU!

SPECIAL LETTERS

New Orleans, La.

"Last year about this time I had to undergo surgery for a lump on my breast. I was very frightened at the possibility of a malignancy and prayed to Father Seelos to intercede for me. I also wore the relic on my clothing. I am happy to say there was no malignancy, although the tumor was a large one. . . Also sometime before this and even after, we were having a serious problem in our family. Our son had planned to leave home and this caused quite a bit of anguish between him and his father. It is still a strained relationship even though our son is not home at this time, the communication is better and he did spend Christmas with us. Again I used the relic (cloth memento) and prayers of Father Seelos and know that he will continue to help us by his prayers to our dear Lord."

E. R.

Port Allen, La.

"I wish to report a very important favor I received that I have prayed for for quite a while. The conversion of our daughter-in-law to the Catholic Faith. I attribute this favor received to the intercession of Father Seelos."

E.J.A., JR.

New Sarpy, La.

"Just two months ago, I became ill and the doctors thought I had a heart attack. After giving me many tests, I was told I had a good chance to go through open heart surgery and be well again. My nine children and myself prayed to Father Seelos day and night to intercede for me. I went through the operation without any trouble at all. After ten days, I was able to go back home. I have been doing good so far. Thanks to Father Seelos's prayers for the favor granted."

Mrs. D. G.

New Orleans, La.

"I prayed for restored health because I was very ill. I am now on medication and doing fine. I was found to be anemic, but it is treatable and I will be completely fine. I prayed not to have anything seriously wrong, because I was very sick. Thank God for wonderful Father Seelos. It was through his intercession that I received this favor."

P. B. S.

New Orleans, La.

"I will be forever thankful my prayers were answered. My boy's trouble has cleared up in school and he is doing fine. My husband suffers with his arm from too hard work and age. Please pray for him that he will be able to overcome his pains. I will be forever thankful to Father Seelos for his intercession."

Mrs. A. B. J.

SPECIAL NOTES

July is the month of the Precious Blood. Adore the Precious Blood at the Consecration of the Mass and receive Our Lord's Precious Blood in Holy Communion often.

Go to Holy Mass on the 4th of July and thank God that you are an American. Pray that we never forget our national motto: In God we trust!

If you are about to move, please give us your new address. Send us the names and addresses of all to whom you would like us to send "*Father Seelos & Sanctity.*"

Let's pray for one another. Your priests at Seelos Center remember you in their daily Masses.

We do not thank our volunteers enough. The few that we have are very faithful and we could not keep the Center going without them. Thanks so much to you wonderful helpers. You are in our daily prayers.

For blessing with the mission crucifix of Father Seelos call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.

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