



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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BURIAL OF THE REMAINS OF FATHER SEELOS

On November 9, 1975, the mortal remains of the Servant of God, Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R., were transferred from St. Alphonsus Church, 2030 Constance Street, New Orleans, across the street to St. Mary's, where prior to Hurricane Betsy of 1965 they had lain for nearly a century. Most Rev. L. Abel Caillouet, retired auxiliary of the archdiocese of New Orleans, presided at the ceremonies.

FATHER SEELOS TRUSTED IN GOD

by *Father Grangell*

Virtue for February: HOPE

Text: Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. (Pr 90/14)

Patron: St. Andrew, Apostle

A man called on Father Seelos to get some advice. He was worrying constantly to the extent of losing sleep. He worried about his past sins and past confessions and about losing his immortal soul in eternity. Father Seelos asked him if he knew the Act of Hope. He recited it: Oh my God, relying on Thy Infinite goodness and promises, I hope for the pardon of my sins, for Thy Grace and for life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ. Father Seelos said to him: If you mean this, how can you possibly worry or doubt about anything. It's the most consoling prayer we have. We rely on God's goodness, infinite goodness, no limits to it. We rely on His promises to be good to the repentant sinner, and He is all holy and cannot deceive us. We ask for everything — forgiveness of sins; God's grace, His help for soul and body; and for Heaven — and all through the merits of Jesus Christ. Often say the Act of Hope with the Crucifix in your hand and recite it after your daily Holy Communion.

Father Seelos preached on the Mercy of God on all his missions. If Judas had only stood beneath the Cross of the dying Christ and said: I am sorry for what I have done, he would have become a great saint. Teach the Act of Hope to the sick and the children.

The opposite sin to despair, excessive worrying about personal sins, is Presumption. Presumption goes like this: God Loves me, He died for me, He will not send me to Hell. All I have to do is believe in Him and do as I please! Stupidity! Christ says: To enter eternal life you must keep the Commandments.

If there is some presumptuous person in your family, pray for him and win him back to God by good example, Mass and Holy Communion. All Americans should be good, holy persons. They live by the motto: In God we trust and carry it around with them constantly on their coins and currency. Imagine! We have God's name on our person. It's like a sacred medal.

Father Seelos became an American Citizen when he became a Redemptorist priest. He loved his adopted country because it was built on God's trust for its greatness.

SWEET HEART OF MARY, BE MY SALVATION, MY HOPE.

MGILY

SPECIAL LETTERS

New Orleans, La.

"Please publish this letter. I prayed fervently for my son to get a job. God in His Goodness, through the intercession of Father Seelos, answered my prayer. Many thanks."

P. L. M.

Baton Rouge, La.

"Please publish this letter. I want to thank Father Seelos for all favors granted."

J. W. T.

New Orleans, La.

"My daughter's neighbor had an eight month old baby which was scheduled for open heart surgery. Upon hearing this, I began to pray to Father Seelos. The following day I learned that the operation was postponed and the doctor told the mother she could wait until the child was five years old. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

A. B.

Tampa, Fla.

"Please publish thanks for many favors received through the intercession of Father Seelos. I want to thank him for favors granted."

M. L. C.

New Orleans, La.

"I prayed for a friend who is middle aged, ill and has to work to support herself. I prayed that she would find a job. This prayer was answered. She is very happy in her new work. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

L. R.

Metairie, La.

"Three years ago my prayers were answered through the intercession of Father Seelos. My son was on his deathbed and I was able to arrive at his location four days before he passed away. I was there when he received the last Sacraments after many years away from our faith. I am very grateful to God and Father Seelos."

J. R.

Baton Rouge, La.

"We were having a number of family problems and business conditions were bad. Thanks to Father Seelos' prayers for granting our favors and helping to better business conditions."

J. P. S.

Morganza, La.

"I would like to have this published. I had been suffering from a slipped disc and pinched nerve for quite some time. Lately I have obtained relief which I am sure is through the intercession of Father Seelos."

H. O. R.

SPECIAL NOTES

Make Sunday a Holy Day. Spend a little time with Father Seelos. Come to the 4 P.M. Mass in beautiful St. Mary's, pray for the canonization of Father Seelos and for all your needs of body and soul and venerate his Crucifix after Mass. Bring a neighbor. Call up your friends and tell them about the 4 P.M. Mass.

Did you ever send us new names and addresses for FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY? To get Father Seelos better known in the U.S.A. send us the name of somebody, many bodies, in a distant city. Do this today. Use the little gold envelope.

A lady in Ireland wrote for the blessing with Father Seelos' Crucifix. Wish we could go in person and give this individual blessing! Every day we bless the world and everybody in it and the good Friends of Father Seelos — with the Crucifix.

A man in prison wrote for the blessing of Father Seelos — a group of men in Ghana, West Africa, are interested in Father Seelos — the list is big and universal.

For blessings of the sick with the Crucifix of Father Seelos, please call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.

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