



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

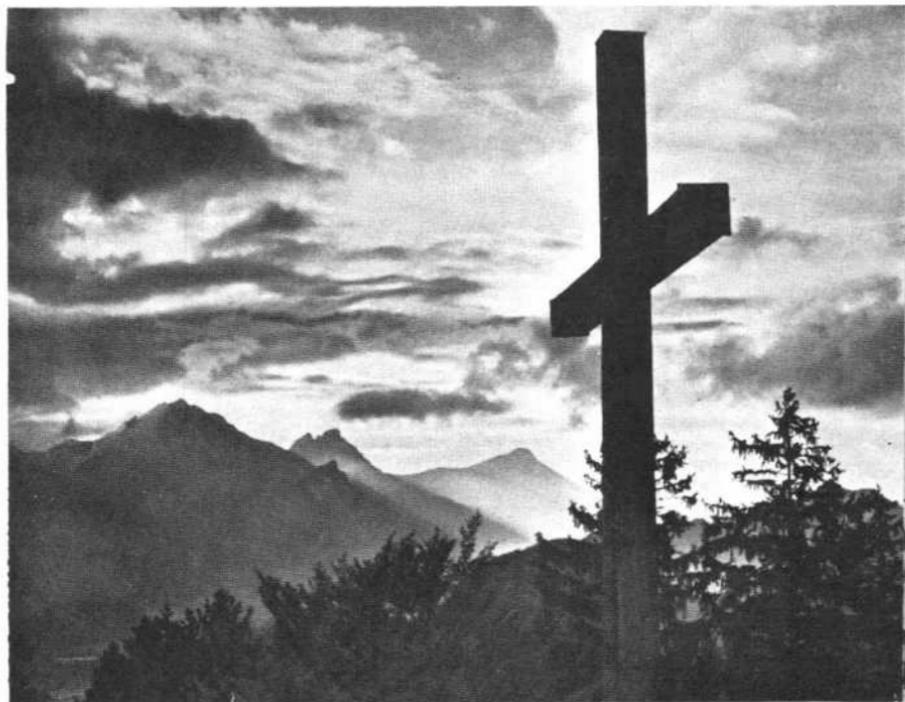
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EASTER!

The coming of Easter this month once more emphasizes the importance of the resurrection in our lives. Each day as we celebrate the holy mysteries of the Mass, we are mindful of the death, resurrection and ascension of the God-made-man. Belief in the resurrection is fundamental. Without the resurrection, St. Paul says, our faith is in vain. Christ died and rose again that we might live in everlasting communion with Him and His Father and the Holy Spirit. Belief in the resurrection gives total meaning to our earthly lives when sickness and suffering, trial and tragedy disturb us and leave us humbly yearning for the life of the love of God that knows no bounds.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



This photograph, taken in Fussen, Bavaria, the birthplace of Father Seelos, reminds us of the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter.

FATHER SEELOS LOVED EVERYBODY

by *Father Grangell*

Virtue for April: Love of the neighbor.

Patron: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Text: This is My Commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
(John 15 / 12)

Our Lord taught: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself (Matt. 22 / 34). Did you ever think of the many reasons you have for loving yourself? You are a very distinguished, noble person. God made you after His own image. You can think, choose freely and love as God does. You are a child of God, an heir or heiress to the Kingdom of Heaven. So as not to forget this, Our Lord put this truth in a prayer for our daily use: Our Father, Who art in Heaven. Since Christ is the Son of God and you are the child of God, Christ is your brother. His Mother is your mother. You are a child of Mary. When you receive a Sacrament, you receive sanctifying grace. You share in the Divine Nature. How wonderful all this is! When you were baptized and later confirmed, your body was anointed, you became a temple of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, you must love yourself. You are a royal person in God's estimation.

When you were baptized, the Priest ended the ceremony with these words: Go in peace and the Lord be with you. There hasn't been much peace in your soul through the years. You renounced the devil on that day. He is determined to win back your soul for his kingdom of hell, so he tortures you constantly with temptations to commit sin. God, on the other hand, wants your soul for His kingdom. He died for that soul on Calvary. He helps you in this warfare, with His sacramental graces and blessings, if you ask for them. To win heaven you must fight for it.

Now, who is your neighbor? The same kind of person you are, a child of God, who says daily as you do: "Our Father, Who art in Heaven." You must love every human being who can think and choose and love, as your brother, your sister. Pray that everybody saves his soul. Help him by your good example. Help him if he is in need of food or clothing. Read St. Matthew, Chapter 25, from verse 34 to 46 and see how Christ will reward those who are charitable, and punish those who are selfish.

Father Seelos had the reputation of being a very kind person. He knew how to love God, so he knew how to love his neighbor. He knew: "My God, I love you" meant "My God, I love my neighbor".

Ask the Blessed Mother to pray for you to be charitable in your thoughts, words and actions. Check your life!

SPECIAL LETTERS

Metairie, La.

"My sister stepped on a nail and for some reason forget to get a tetanus shot. She did not know she was a diabetic and tried home remedies. Her foot became very swollen and when she decided to see her doctor it was so bad he told her it would take a miracle to save it. We prayed very hard and God in his mercy through the intercession of Father Seelos, answered my prayers. The doctor had to remove only two toes, for which we are very grateful."

J. M. F.

Silver Springs, Md.

"It was necessary that I have two X-rays taken. The doctor let me hold a Father Seelos memento in my hand while the X-rays were being taken. Thanks to Father Seelos' intercession, they were both negative."

A. A.

Silver Springs, Md.

"Sometime ago I had the symptoms of a virus. The next day I felt pain in the calf of my right leg and swelling began. I took the relic of Father Seelos, passed it on my leg and prayed. The pain was less each day and swelling began to subside. What I thought was a virus, seemed to be an infection. I did not consult the doctor and now I don't have to. Thanks for Father Seelos' prayers."

M. R.

Castle Island County,
Kerry, Ireland

"One day there was a strike at all dairies. All milk brought back home by the farmers. If the strike was not over by milking time that day all milk was to go down the drain. I lit a candle before the picture of Father Seelos and offered two rosaries that the milk would be taken before evening. On my third rosary my son was notified the strike was over. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

N. P.

Bayside, L.I., New York

"Please publish these favors. My mother was awakened with terrible pains in her stomach. She is taking eight heart pills a day and surgery would have been very dangerous. Thanks to Father Seelos' intercession the pains subsided. Another favor, after my doctor passed away I had no doctor. I prayed to Father Seelos and now have found one with whom I am very pleased. A third favor, my aunt had a swelling on her side. I promised publication if she would not need surgery. Surgery was not necessary. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession for all of these favors."

M. M. L.

International Falls, Minn.

"I wish to thank Jesus and Father Seelos for the many favors granted to me and my family on numerous occasions.

V. S.

SPECIAL NOTES

Spend the last two weeks of Lent, April 4th to Easter, by saying some extra prayer — daily Mass and Holy Communion, the Rosary, the Way of the Cross. Deny yourself something. Keep your Crucifix close to you. Get some careless Catholic to go to Holy Mass with you on Easter Sunday.

Help us to keep our records straight. Inform us if we misspell your name, if we send you two letters, if you are about to move. Thanks for your cooperation.

Also, when sending a change of address to us, please give us your old address so that we will remove the proper plate from our files.

The more people who hear about Father Seelos, the faster will his cause for canonization move in Rome. Send us five or six new names for "Father Seelos and Sanctity."

Thanks for your gifts toward the installing of the new heating system in the Center. God love you.

If your Doctor tells you your cure or recovery was unusual, miraculous, ask him to write a note to that effect for our annals.

Fathers Elworthy and Grangell and everybody
at Father Seelos Center wish you a very joyful,
Happy Easter. We pray for you. Pray for us!

The attendance at the 4 P.M. Sunday Mass in beautiful St. Mary's is very good. We are praying for the canonization of Father Seelos. After Mass all venerate the crucifix of Father Seelos.

For blessings with the Crucifix of Father Seelos for your sick at the hospitals, kindly call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.

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