



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## ALL EYES ON PHILADELPHIA

On August 1 to 8 the 41st International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Philadelphia. The last time this Congress took place on the soil of the U.S.A. was in Chicago exactly 50 years ago.

The Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia should have special meaning for us American Catholics in the year that we commemorate the 200th birthday of our beloved country.

The church pictured below is the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. The exterior was completed under the leadership of Blessed John Neumann, C.S.S.R., the fourth bishop of the diocese. Bishop Neumann was greatly devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and was the first to organize the Forty Hours Devotion in all the parishes of his jurisdiction.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



**Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia**

# FATHER SEELOS WAS A TRULY EUCCHARISTIC PRIEST

by Father Grangell

Virtue for August: Meekness and Humility of heart

Patron: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Text: Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of heart (Matt 11/29)

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.** Father Seelos gloried in the fact that as a Religious he lived in the same house with the Blessed Sacrament. He could visit his God really present in the tabernacle of the little house-chapel, as often as he desired. And to be with the Blessed Sacrament always, he put his heart in every Sanctuary lamp in the world, and he made their tiny flames of fire his living tongue, praying ceaselessly "MY GOD, I LOVE YOU" (MGILY). And you???

**HOLY MASS.** Father Seelos said the following prayer before he celebrated his every daily Holy Mass - you should say it when you assist at Mass. "My God, I offer this Holy Sacrifice to give You infinite Adoration, infinite Thanksgiving, infinite Atonement, infinite Petition (all my intentions) through Christ, with Christ, In Christ." Often during the day, offer all the Masses that are being said somewhere in the world, for those who never go to Mass. The Mass is continuous, it never ceases. It is the clean sacrifice with Bread and Wine of the Last Supper, it's the bloody sacrifice of Calvary, in memory of Christ till the end of time. DO YOU GO TO DAILY MASS??

**HOLY COMMUNION.** The Mass ends with the Eucharistic Banquet, Holy Communion. This is what happens to you when you receive Holy Communion: Your littleness is lost in the Greatness of God; your sinfulness, in God's Holiness; your humanity, in Divinity; your finiteness, in Infinity! You are as completely lost in God, as a drop of water is lost in the immensity of the sea. ARE YOU A DAILY COMMUNICANT?

**THE MONTHLY VIRTUE.** Humility! Just a word. Only the humble love the Blessed Sacrament - and God loves them. The proud never go near the Blessed Sacrament; they don't need God. They are self-sufficient! God pity them. Pray for them.

**THE BLESSED MOTHER.** Ask her to help you live a truly Eucharistic Life.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Metairie, La.

"For several months I had been experiencing breast discomfort. Although no lumps could be felt, the doctor was concerned. I prayed to Father Seelos that the tests would be negative. So far the tests have shown negative. I ask Father Seelos intercession daily and in times of extreme distress and he always seems to comfort me greatly. Thanks."

B.F.

New Orleans, La.

"I wish to thank Father Seelos for his intercession for many favors received especially for tests for a growth taken from my daughter, which tests proved negative."

H.K.

Plaquemine, La.

"I made a novena to Father Seelos asking that my grand-nephew would find a good job and also prayed for my niece's son to get work and both favors were granted. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

S.G

New Orleans, La.

"Many thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession for my husband who obtained a job long sought after."

J.M.S.

Slidell, La

"I am very grateful for two favors received through Father Seelos intercession. I used to have severe coughing spells and also suffered from shortness of breath. I am doing fine."

W.E.R.

New Orleans, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for many favors. Recently I was not feeling well and the doctor ordered tests to be made. Thanks to Father Seelos intercession the tests proved negative."

L.J.V.

Amite, La.

"My daughter had to have surgery but could not due to a bad blood condition. We prayed to Father Seelos and she went through the surgery anyway. The blood condition has now cleared. I am grateful to Father Seelos for this favor granted through his intercession."

R.A.S.

## SPECIAL NOTES

Let us go in spirit to the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia August 1 - 8 and renew our love for the Blessed Sacrament. Ask yourself a few questions:

1. Why do I go to Holy Mass on any Day? To pay my creature debts to God of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Atonement, Petition, in an infinite way.
2. Why do I receive Holy Communion? To become one with God.
3. Why do I visit the Blessed Sacrament in any Catholic Church? For the same reason I visit anybody I love and with whom I like to talk.

Our contest for more names for FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY will come to an end in the September number of our paper. Everybody please send us at least four names! O.K.? God love you.

The purpose of this little paper is:

1. To have thousands of people to pray for the canonization of Father Seelos. See the prayer on his picture-card. Do you have one?
2. To remind people to pray to Father Seelos for great personal favors, even miracles. Write and tell us of favors received.
3. To teach our readers the asceticism of the twelve monthly virtues, which Father Seelos used to become holy, a great saint.

Pray for priests, respect them, call them "Father" always. Pray for vocations to the priesthood. If there were no Priests, there would be no Holy Eucharist.

Make the Father Seelos Novena every Wednesday in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, La. at 4:15 p.m., followed by Holy Mass, and followed by the veneration of Father Seelos' crucifix. If you cannot come, send us your petitions.

For blessings with Father Seelos' Crucifix, call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.

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