



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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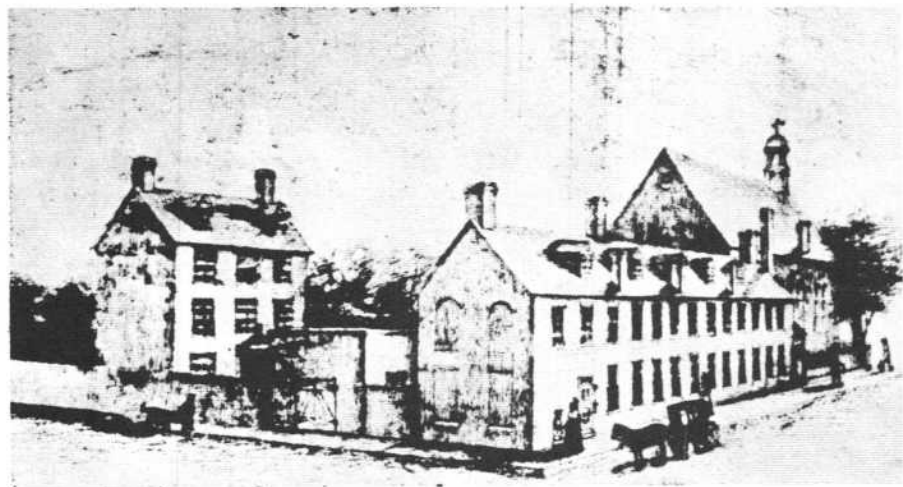
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## FATHER SEELOS' NOVITIATE

Father Seelos came to the United States as a young seminarian in April of 1843. He applied for admission to the Redemptorists and was sent to St. James Church in Baltimore to make his novitiate. During that year he sometimes had companions and sometimes not. As a novice he was associated with Father Joseph Mueller, and young Joseph Helmprecht, and Brother Louis Kenning.

It turned out that Brother Louis Kenning was part of the first Redemptorist community sent to New Orleans in 1847 by St. John Neumann, C.S.S.R. He was still there 20 years later when Father Seelos died. Brother Louis wrote much of the early history of St. Mary's, New Orleans, and actively promoted the cause of Father Seelos in its initial stages.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



*St. James Church and Rectory as they were in the days of Father Seelos.*

## WHY DO WE GO TO HOLY MASS?

*(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)*

Virtue for November: PRAYER. (The greatest prayer in all the world is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It's infinite in value.) The shortest prayer is: "My God, I love You." It's so human. Use it ceaselessly.

Patron: St. Jude, the Apostle

Text: They must always pray and not lose heart (Luke 18/1) never quit! Never give up!

The great Doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori, C.S.S.R., answers the above question in a little book entitled: "A Rule of Life", Chapter III, thusly: "We go to Mass for the same ends for which it was instituted by Jesus Christ, 1. to honor Almighty God; 2. to thank Him for His benefits; 3. to make atonement for the punishment due to our sins; 4. to obtain divine grace. But what is of the greatest importance is that those who hear Mass should make a special application to their own souls of the merits of the Passion of Jesus Christ." (End of the quotation from St. Alphonsus.)

At every Mass wait anxiously for the "Consecration!" when you see the Sacred Host and the Chalice raised high in the hands of the priest, say: Welcome, Jesus Christ, thanks for coming to this altar, to be the Priest and Victim of my sacrifice! Eternal Father, Almighty God, I offer to You: 1. Infinite honor, infinite adoration; 2. Infinite thanksgiving for all that I have and am; 3. Infinite atonement for my sins and the sins of all the world; 4. Infinite petition for all the graces I need for soul and body and for the conversion of sinners. I offer this Divine Sacrifice, through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, using all the infinite merits of His passion and death as mine.

Christ is now on the altar, praying for you to His Eternal Father. You must pray with Him. God is Our Father. These are terrific moments of your life!

The Communion of the Mass comes. The Priest shows you the Blessed Sacrament: "Behold the Lamb of God." You are invited to the altar to receive Holy Communion, to become one with Christ, to share the Divine Nature, to lose your littleness in the greatness of God.

REMEMBER THIS! MEN, WOMEN, TEENAGERS, CHILDREN. TEACH IT TO OTHERS! Approach the altar reverently, return to your pew reverently. 1. Move slowly, 2. your eyes down, 3. your hands folded over your heart (not dangling and swaying before you, not swinging at your sides, not folded before you or behind your back) 4. your lips moving in prayers of love and petition, with the Blessed Mother, your Guardian Angel, your patron saints at your side. Ask Father Seelos to pray for you to understand the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Lake Charles, La.

"After one year of praying to Father Seelos for a son who was in trouble, he has finally been cleared. Please publish this letter."

E. D.

New Orleans, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for having received money due me and also improvement in way of living by a member of my family."

O. S.

San Angelo, Texas

"I wish to acknowledge a great favor received through Father Seelos' intercession. I prayed for a deeding of land to settle a family feud. My request has been granted."

C. J. C.

Thibodaux, La.

"My husband had a serious eye operation in which the possibility of his losing his sight was very real. He was operated on for the other eye and in view of the fact that he is a diabetic, the doctor who performed the first operation would not perform the second. He then went to the hospital in Oklahoma City and returned the day after surgery. There were no complications. He has been discharged and has excellent vision with his contact lens. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession for this great favor."

L. L. D.

New Orleans, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers for the rental of my house."

L. A. B.

Thanks for favors received.

New Orleans: A.B., F.S.R., P.K., R.B., E.L.A., R.R., E.deV.; Jennings: J.F.; Baton Rouge, La.: C.E.M., B.H.; Longview, Tex.: E.J.B.; Philadelphia, Pa.: G.B.; San Antonio: C.W.K.; Mathew, La.: L.L., J.A.C.; Arabi, La.: M.D., S.R.; Metairie, La.: G.C.D., M.S., C.S.; Florida: R.C.McE.; Chicago: L.S.H.

## SPECIAL NOTES

Three things happen in practically every Catholic Church at every Sunday Mass and Vigil.

1. The big majority of the people receive Holy Communion. They have Faith. **GOD BLESS THEM.**
2. Some sit through the Sacred Banquet, starving themselves spiritually. They have been sitting since last Easter season. Why? Ask them. I do not know.
3. Some get up at Communion time, turn their backs on the Eucharistic God and leave the church, usually in a hurry, without even a reverent genuflection as they leave. Why? Ask them. Ask the teen-agers.

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Please inform us of your change of address. We must pay 25c for every piece of mail returned to the Center.

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Are you spreading devotion to Father Seelos? Give his picture to everybody. You will find his pictures at his tomb in St. Mary's.

The season of Advent begins on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Prepare for Christmas with a few extra prayers and some penance. Pray for the conversion of sinners.

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November is the month of the Poor Souls. When a friend dies enroll him in the St. Joseph's Mass League. Call the Center: 525-2495 for information.

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To have your sick blessed with the crucifix of Father Seelos, make arrangements through Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.

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**PRAY TO FATHER SEEOS FOR MIRACLES, GREAT MIRACLES. HAVE FAITH, CONFIDENCE, PERSEVERANCE.**

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