



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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To all the readers of "FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY", Father Grangell and I wish a happy and holy New Year. There are over 31,000 readers of this bulletin scattered throughout the U. S. and the world. We are pleased to know so many people have come to appreciate this good missionary priest, Father Francis Seelos, who died over 110 years ago. As a reader you may be interested in knowing a few of the people whose voluntary service brings this message to your home. Left to right: Warren Gautreau, Odile Legendre, Walter Randall, Tony Palermo.

God be with you throughout 1978!

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



## TRUE, CEASELESS HAPPINESS IS LIVING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

*(The Monthly Conference by Father Grangell)*

Virtue for January: Faith

Patrons: Saints Peter and Paul

Text: I am the light of the world. (St. John 8/12)

The true lover of Jesus Christ begins a New Year with resolutions to do things better than in the past, to strive after perfection in a meaningful way, to be a saint — nothing less!

As the new year begins, let us do two things immediately — thank God for all His graces of the past and ask Him to bless the future. Do this in an infinite way, through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, at your first Holy Mass of the New Year.

1978 might be your last year on earth! Who knows? Only God. Make it your best year ever — go to daily Holy Mass and Holy Communion at the cost of some big sacrifice. Say your Rosary day after day in 1978. I know a man, who since World War II, says the Rosary every night before he goes to bed. He is fulfilling a promise. Mary has helped you much in the past.

Don't let anybody love the Blessed Mother more than you do.

A big work for 1978 would be to bring back a fallen-away Catholic to the practice of his (her) religion. Maybe that person lives in your home! Ask Father Seelos to help you. That was his work as a missionary.

Try to make a convert to Catholicism! Do this by prayer, good example, and a fundamental knowledge of the Faith. Study your catechism again, and read the four Gospels of the Bible. There are eighty-nine total chapters. If you read one chapter every day, you will read the life and teaching of Our Lord four times a year. You must fall in love with Christ. To know Him is to love Him.

Thank God daily for your Catholic Faith. You belong to the Church founded by Christ over 1900 years ago. All other churches were founded by men. That's history.

Faith is a gift from God to you. Treasure it! Protect it! Don't lose it. If you lose it, there will be a void, a minus, an emptiness in your life that nothing else can fill.

Your Faith is as strong and as fervent as your love for the Blessed Sacrament is. Just one point here! When you enter the Catholic Church adore Jesus Christ, really, truly present in the Tabernacle. The point is — genuflect reverently. Let me repeat: GENUFLECT reverently. There is only one way of doing this — unless you are elderly or arthritic — touch the floor with your right knee.

MY BLESSED MOTHER PRAY FOR ME THAT I BE A PERFECT, PRACTICING CATHOLIC.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Owensville, Mo.

"When I lived in New Orleans I became pregnant and had trouble with a tumor which gave only a 50/50 chance of saving the baby. During all this time I prayed to Father Seelos, attended Mass each Sunday and was blessed with the Crucifix of Father Seelos. Upon entering the hospital the doctor checked me for the tumor. He was shocked, the tumor was gone. I was checked by other doctors and went through many tests but no tumor was found. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

L. K. W.

Chalmette, La.

"Recently my husband had a very serious operation. Three days after he almost died with partial heart failure, etc. He was blessed with the crucifix of Father Seelos, which I am sure helped him recuperate and he is now doing fine."

E. J. B.

New Orleans, La.

"Father Seelos had seen me through two major operations within six months. Both times there was no evidence of cancer."

M. A. B.

Long Beach, Calif.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for relief of severe pains in my back and head which I suffered for many months."

A. G. D.

Evansville, Ind.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for two favors—a good report from annual physical examination and for my grandson who is returning from the army."

E. W.

Jennings, La.

"After daily praying to Father Seelos I received the following favors: a good job—right decision in a personal matter—disappearance of cyst (I was told that I may have to undergo surgery) and my daughter did not have a serious blood condition the doctor thought she had."

J. S.

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## SPECIAL NOTES

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

May your 1978 be filled with happiness, health, holiness and miracles, great miracles, many miracles, through the intercession of Father Seelos. Let us pray for one another that all become great saints — nothing less.

MGILY

If your doctor tells you that your cure was unusual, remarkable, ask him to write a note to that effect for our files.

Send us at least one new member for the Guild in 1978 — but don't stop at one. Become enthusiastic for the cause of Father Seelos.

A High School boy in Massachusetts has started a drive with his fellow-students to win New England for Father Seelos. Notice! A High School student! Give youth an incentive and they will do a good job. To know Father Seelos is to love him and to want everybody to know him.

The Redemptorist Fathers in Bangkok, Thailand, have had all the Father Seelos prayers and literature translated into the Thai language. A new country for Father Seelos to win.

Since the last Friday in May, 1966, Miss Addie Buhler has spent unknown hours on the telephone arranging to have the Father Seelos Mission Crucifix brought to the sick. She has notebooks filled with the names of the sick. God love her. Remember her number, 895-6176.

Since 1966 Mrs. Leonie Rodriguez has crocheted over 102,000 mementoes of Father Seelos. She has been instrumental in a big way in spreading devotion to Father Seelos around the world. This is no exaggeration. God bless her.

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