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Walter Randall handles the many bags of mail each month bringing you our newsletter. He is one of our good and faithful workers at the Father Seelos Center.

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## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO BISHOP OTT!

We were quite privileged to have Bishop Stanley J. Ott to be the main concelebrant at our annual memorial Mass honoring Father Seelos. We sincerely appreciate him taking time out from a busy schedule to be with us for this occasion. His words were most inspiring.

The annual Mass is the highlight of the year for the devotees of Father Seelos and it provides for us at the Father Seelos Center inspiration to continue this great work. Pray with us that the cause will progress and before too long this Servant of God, Father Francis Xavier Seelos, will be declared a Saint.

## IT'S SO EASY TO PRAY

*(The Monthly Conference of Father Grangell)*

Virtue for November: Prayer

Patron: St. Jude, and always — Father Seelos

Text: We must pray always and never cease. (Lk. 18/5) It's so easy to say "My God, I love You."

In this month of Prayer, let us think for a few moments on the Prayer of Desire. The dictionary defines desire: to wish or long for.

Our first desire is to be saints, the greatest ever! St. Theresa of Avila used to say she did not care if all the saints in heaven had a greater degree of glory than she would have, but she did not want anybody in heaven who loved God on earth more than she did. That's our desire.

Our first priority on earth is to excel in holiness. Holiness, sanctity is to do all things to please God. The same Theresa says the good God takes as much delight in our desires as if they were put into execution. Read this again — be happy if you wish to love God, because your desires can be limitless. St. Alphonsus Liguori, a great doctor of the church, quotes this teaching of St. Theresa in his most excellent book: THE PRACTICE OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

We must desire that everybody be saved. That's really loving our neighbor.

Let's put that in prayer form. Often during the day say: "My God, I offer to You my thoughts, words, actions, my every breath, and those of everybody living now and who will live till the end of time, as so many acts of love of You and so many acts of sorrow for having ever offended You. I desire to lay up all these prayers as so much personal merit in Heaven for every man's eternal salvation. I am thinking of the billions living now and who will live till the end of the world.

Some people without Faith might object to our praying for them, but how happy they will be at the Particular Judgment immediately after death to discover that we prayed for their immortal souls and saved them.

Everybody must offer sacrifice to his Creator. We do that in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass — the greatest prayer on earth. Everybody owes God adoration, thanksgiving, atonement, petition. He satisfies these creature obligations to God in an infinite way in the Holy Mass through Christ, with Christ in Christ. If everybody only understood this! Let's offer the Holy Sacrifice for everybody living now and for all who will live till the end of time. Truly a holy desire. Make this offering spiritually often during the day. Desire ceaselessly to save souls.

Ask the Blessed Mother and Father Seelos to help you all day long to make all kinds of acts of desire to do all kind of things for Him and for souls.

IT'S SO EASY TO WANT TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR GOD.  
IT'S MENTAL PRAYER.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Evansville, Ind.

"For years I suffered from gas symptoms. About a year ago Sister N. gave me Father Seelos pamphlet to read. When I finished reading the pamphlet and learned what an influential friend of God he was, I promised that if Father Seelos would obtain this cure for me, I would publish it, to help his cause for canonization. I have not suffered from this distressing pain since. Praise God."

Sister Mary A.

Metairie, La.

"Through the intercession of Father Seelos, the Blessed Mother, the Sacred Heart of Jesus and other saints, my husband's last test was free of cancer."

R. L.

New Orleans, La.

"I had the flu several times this year and since wearing the cloth memento of Father Seelos I am doing better. Please continue to pray for my family and me."

M.L.R.

New Orleans, La.

"Through the intercession of Father Seelos my husband's health is improving every day. Thanks for this favor."

Mrs. L.H.

New Orleans, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos and all the Saints for the many favors granted me through their intercessions. For my grandson's wife — successful open heart surgery and my father's recovery from a heart attack and for many other favors granted. Please publish."

Mrs. H. D.

Jefferson, La.

"My sister-in-law was sick for four months in the hospital and since there seemed to be no hope for her, she was moved to a nursing home. I have been praying night and mornings asking Father Seelos' intercession. She could not move her legs and now she can stand and make a few steps. The doctor is amazed. Many thanks to Father Seelos for this wonderful favor."

C. G.

Metairie, La.

"I previously requested prayers that my daughter would not need another operation on her ear and that her hearing would not be impaired. This morning she was told by the doctor that she does not need further surgery. I sincerely believe that this favor was granted through the intercession of Father Seelos."

L. J. D., Jr.

## SPECIAL NOTES

As we are going to press for November we have just learned the news of the death of Pope John Paul I. We are very much saddened by this news and will include him in our prayers at our Seelos Masses.

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November is the month of the Poor Souls. Keep your dear departed in your daily prayers and have Masses said for them. When a friend dies flowers are sent to the living. They fade and die. Masses and the promise of Masses are given to the dead. They have eternal, everlasting value. Keep Holy Mass cards at home for these occasions. Write to the St. Joseph Mass League, 1527 Third Street, New Orleans, La. 70130 for as many cards as you desire. Send your offering as you use them.

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We are sincerely and prayerfully grateful to all you good people who send gifts and donations to the Center to help us advance the Cause of Canonization of Father Seelos. The cost of printing and postage has doubled within the past few weeks. You are very kind to help us keep moving. God love you.

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Give your friends a beautiful Christmas gift. Enroll them in the Guild of Father Seelos. All they have to do is pray for the canonization of Father Seelos and to spread devotion to him. They will receive "Father Seelos & Sanctity" monthly. We pray for them daily.

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The Redemptorist missionaries in Thailand have translated the Father Seelos prayers into the Thai language and are spreading devotion to Father Seelos far and wide.

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We just heard of a great miracle through Father Seelos in Paraguay! (We will investigate it.) Father Seelos will win the whole world for Christ. HELP HIM.

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