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The bulletin, *Father Seelos and Sanctity*, reaches your mail box each month through the volunteer help of many devoted friends of Father Seelos who live in the New Orleans area. They give several hours of their time each month to keep you aware of the progress of the cause of Father Seelos. We urgently need your prayers this year to speed the cause along. Unnecessary delays try one's patience, but through them, the Lord has a way of testing one's constancy.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



Left to right: Sr. Ambrose, Marie Palermo, Leona Legendre, Louise Gautreau, Clare Hein.

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DON'T BE A QUITTER! KEEP GOD IN YOUR LIFE

Monthly Conference of Father Grangell, C.S.S.R.

Virtue for February: Hope (Say the Act of Hope often)

Patron: St. Andrew, Apostle

Text: Because he clings to Me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges My name. (Psalm 90/14)

St. Matthew tells the story in his Gospel, Chapter 8, of a leper who came to Jesus, adored him and said: "Lord, if You want to, You can cure me!" Jesus stretched out His hand, touched him and said: Of course, I want to. Be cured! He was cured at once. Leprosy in those days was an incurable disease. Only a miracle of God could cure it. The man's FAITH and CONFIDENCE in God cured him.

Don't you love the words of assurance of Our Lord: "*Of course, I want to!*" Now read the little prayer on your Father Seelos' picture card. It's the story of the leper in your individual life. Read it. You adore God within you and say: Lord, if You want to, let Father Seelos be canonized a Saint, and give me the favor I am praying for, this cure, this miracle! What's God's answer? OF COURSE, I WANT TO! When, Good God? Be patient! Have lots of FAITH and CONFIDENCE and PERSEVERANCE! Don't give up. To give up, to quit praying is a species of despair, a sin against the virtue of Hope. Read the story of the Syrophenician woman (St. Mark 7/25-30) and see how God answers a persistent prayer for help.

Notice how a very young child asks for something — for anything. Now he wants to play with his dad's sharp razor. The dad says "no" but the child will not take "no" for an answer. He begs, he pleads, he shouts, he cries, he shows a temper and throws things around. The dad can't possibly give the child something that would hurt him, but he must pacify the youngster. He doesn't want to see him cry, so he gives him a dime and tells him to get some candy. The child is satisfied. Ask God for favors, for miracles, like the begging child. Have perseverance in your prayer — don't give up — don't quit. You may not get what you are praying for, you will get something better in God's judgment. Every prayer is answered.

Some people say many prayers, but never pray. Talk to God from your heart. Above all, don't quit! Why have the thousands of people who used to go to Holy Communion on the First Friday quit? Why have they quit the weekly novena to Our Blessed Mother? Why have you given up so many of your private devotions and prayers and little penances — no time — busy? We all have time to get sick and die! We have become too worldly, too self-sufficient, we don't need God.

During Lent pray for good, solid, childlike Faith and PERSONAL LOVE OF GOD and the grace to persevere in God's service — not to be a quitter.

Love the Blessed Mother. She is our LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS AND OUR HOPE. Father Seelos pray for us.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Baton Rouge, La.

"I had a lot of trouble with my stomach. Through prayers I changed to a doctor who put me through many tests which proved negative. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

E. B.

Mobile, Ala.

"My seven year old nephew had a serious accident in France in July. The doctors had no hope for him. Immediately asked Father Seelos prayers for his recovery and had a cloth memento placed on him. My prayer was answered."

M. C. F.

Corapolis, Pa.

"Some time ago I had what seemed to be diabetes — sudden loss of weight, constant thirst, blurred vision, etc. I was frantic and frightened to see a doctor. I could see my future taking insulin, leg amputation. I began to plead with Father Seelos and he came through. I have been watching my diet. My vision is not completely cured but all other symptoms have gone. I feel this was an answer to my prayer."

J. J. C.

San Antonio, Texas

"My husband had surgery in May and was told he had cancer of the throat. I have been praying the Father Seelos prayer and have been informed by the doctor there is no more trace of cancer. My husband speaks clearly and has gone back to work."

L. M.

Upper Darby, Pa.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for the help he has given me in taking my Medical Board Examination which was most difficult. I needed extra help to obtain my medical license."

A. E. Z.

New Orleans, La.

"I prayed to Father Seelos for a good report on my check-up from the doctor. Everything was fine."

R. G.

Port Arthur, Texas

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L. A. N.

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SPECIAL NOTES

Spend Lent in a holy way. Have a program: 1. Go to *daily* Mass and Holy Communion, make the way of the Cross and say your Rosary. 2. Do a little penance. Deny yourself a smoke, a sweet, a drink, a show. Tell your sick to offer their every pain and ache and privation as so much penance for the sins of the world. 3. Pray that some fallen-away Catholic will come back to Holy Mass and Communion at Easter. Pray for vocations to the Priesthood.

Read the February 1977 Conference on CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

It is a good thing to have Holy Mass cards in your home for all occasions — Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, Deaths, others. Write to St. Joseph Mass League office, 1527 Third Street, New Orleans, La. 70130, and ask that these cards be sent to you. You will like them. You send your offering for them when you use them at any future date.

At all hours of every day we bless you and the world with the Crucifix of Father Seelos.

You receive a gold envelope with every issue of FATHER SEELOS & SANCTITY. Use these in your correspondence with the Center — to report a thanksgiving, to send a petition to the tomb of Father Seelos, to send a gift to help us pay our monthly printing and postage bills, which are high. God reward you.

Some Cuban visitors at the tomb of Father Seelos took a pack of Spanish prayers to distribute among their people. Thanks to them.

Some people from Honduras came to the Center to report a great miracle in their country through Father Seelos. They promised to get all documents and proof for us. Pray!

If you change your address, or if you know a reader of *Father Seelos & Sanctity* who did so, please inform us to keep our files up-to-date and to keep our postal expenses down.

Call Miss Addie Buhler for the blessing with Father Seelos Crucifix.
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