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HAPPY, HEALTHY, HOLY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Make 1979 the best year of your life in the LOVE and SERVICE of God. It may be your last year on earth! Death is most uncertain.

Make some resolutions, promises — as a guide-line for holiness.

1. Go to daily Holy Mass and Holy Communion.
2. Say the Rosary Daily.
3. Make a Day of Recollection every month, either alone or with two or more people. Use "Father Seelos & Sanctity" for some thoughts and inspiration. Use your Bible. Look up the texts suggested in the Conference each month.
4. a. Work for the canonization of Father Seelos; b. Get others interested in the Cause. These two things are the Guild.
5. Send one new name and address and zip every month for the Guild. Use the gold envelope.

DO ALL YOUR WORK FROM THE MOTIVE OF THE LOVE OF GOD; OTHERWISE, YOUR ENTHUSIASM WILL DIE DOWN AND YOU WILL QUIT. KEEP BREATHING: MY GOD I LOVE YOU (MGILY)

OUR MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION

(Monthly Conference of Father Grangell)

Virtue for January: Faith

Patrons: St. Peter and St. Paul and Father Seelos

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

Your greatest personal gift from God is your Catholic Faith. Never cease to thank God for it and to do all in your power to protect it. Pray for the grace never to lose it. Do nothing to weaken it, work to strengthen it. We received the gift of Faith at Baptism. It was just a spark. Some have allowed the fire to be extinguished — their Faith is gone. There is now a void, a minus, an emptiness in their lives which nothing can fill. They are the saddest people in the world.

We are not Catholics accidentally because our parents are Catholic. Not at all. Faith is a supernatural gift to us individually. Why to us and not to others !!! That's a mystery.

Pray for the fallen — always to come back. Pray for the conversion of others to Catholicism. We make converts by our sincerity, by the way we practice our Faith — attending Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion faithfully, by watching the little things, the way we genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament, the way we make the Sign of the Cross — by never criticizing the Church, the Priests.

All of us were greatly impressed watching the TV installation of Pope John Paul II as the 264th successor of St. Peter, the visible head of the greatest organization in the world — 700 million Catholic people of all nations. Probably all the nations were represented in the 300,000 present at the ceremony. We witnessed the Unity, the Oneness, of our universal church in the way the Holy Father said the Holy Mass and gave Holy Communion — the same the world over. Everybody recited the same creed!

Be happy, as a Catholic you belong to the true Church established by Christ 1900+ years ago. Don't be worried, confused, disturbed by all you hear and read against the Church. Maybe you wonder why Christ does not punish the enemies of His Church! Read St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 13, verses 24 to 31 and verses 36 to 43. It's the answer.

Some deny the existence of hell. They say God is too good and forgiving to create such a place for man. Hell was not created for man. It was created for the fallen angels. Man chooses it for himself. Read St. Matthew 26/41.

The man who says there is no God is called by God "a fool". Read Psalm 13 and weep.

Father Seelos spent the years of his priesthood preaching parish missions. The general theme of his sermons was SAVE YOUR IMMORTAL SOUL! THINK OF ETERNITY! STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH WITH DAILY HOLY MASS AND HOLY COMMUNION IF POSSIBLE. SAY YOUR ROSARY DAILY — THAT'S POSSIBLE.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Nederland, Texas

"I have had phlebitis in my leg for many years and about two months ago sores broke out on my ankle. I was given an ointment by the doctor, which did not improve the condition. The doctor then placed a Unna Boot on my leg. Three weeks later my leg was much better, thanks to the prayers of Father Seelos."

M.J.B.

Watervliet, N. Y.

"My sister-in-law tried for over a year to get a job with the State. I prayed to Father Seelos for her and within a month my prayers were answered."

J.E.S.

International Falls, Minn.

"My husband's firm transferred us to another state. My husband disliked his job very much. We prayed to be returned home and that he would gain his benefits which he did. Another favor, I was ill and had three major operations — thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession. I am now feeling fine."

L.K.

New Orleans, La.

"Many thanks to Father Seelos for a successful thyroid operation."

M.M.

Austin, Texas

"I requested prayers to Father Seelos for the sale of my home on a Monday. Tuesday someone agreed to purchase it and by Thursday it was sold. I am most grateful for this favor received through the intercession of Father Seelos."

C.B.

New Orleans, La.

"I had a stroke and my family thought I would never get well, however, with all the prayers to Father Seelos and the blessing with the crucifix of Father Seelos, I am now able to walk."

V.L.

Clearwater, Fla.

"My son was in a traffic accident and we were unable to have a lawyer defend him. I prayed to Father Seelos for the Judge to be understanding and my prayer was answered."

H.K.L.

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If you receive two or more copies of Father Seelos & Sanctity inform us at once by phone, 525-2495, or by mail.

Use the same name always with Mr., Mrs., or Miss — spell out your Christian name, do not just give the initial.

Inform us of a death in your family so we can remember them in prayers before the tomb of Father Seelos.

Let us know if your neighbor or relation, who receives Father Seelos & Sanctity has moved. Get the new address for us. Thanks!

A Poor Clare Nun wrote that Pope John Paul II will canonize Father Seelos! Thanks Sister! You raise our hopes.

If you receive a favor from God through Father Seelos, give us some details of it, not just "Thanks for a favor received."

Thanks for helping us to pay our bills — printing, postage, etc., etc. May God reward you.

For blessings of your sick with the Mission Crucifix of Father Seelos, please call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.

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