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FATHER SEELOS & MARY



I was thinking a lot about what little message we could bring you on the first page of our February issue and I happened upon this lovely picture of Mary and her Son. I realized it is hard to think of Father Seelos without thinking of Mary. He had a very deep devotion to her.

In February we celebrate the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, also the Purification. It would be well for us to follow the example of Father Seelos and keep the Blessed Mother always in our thoughts.

With such devotion as he had it is only fitting that Father Seelos should be buried in the Church of St. Mary's Assumption.

O my God I truly believe you are present within me. I adore your limitless perfection. I thank you for the graces and gifts you gave to Father Seelos. If it is Your holy will, please let him be declared a saint of your church that others may know and imitate his holy life. Through his prayers give me this favor I ask

I KNOW GOD WILL HELP ME! WHY WORRY!

(Father Grangell's monthly Conference)

The Virtue for February: HOPE

Patrons: St. Andrew, Apostle - Father Seelos

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

Do you suffer much mental agony — feeling frustrated, abandoned, alone, worrying about your health, about your future, about your sins? Adult persons do — many teen-agers do, too.

What are you doing about it? If you want to be Christ-like, take your Rosary and meditate on the first Sorrowful Mystery. See Christ in agony. It's to the extent of sweating blood, He knows the bodily torture He must suffer — the scourging, crowning with thorns, death on the Cross!! (Thank God you don't know the future. Why worry about it?)

How does Christ accept all this? He asks His Heavenly Father to let this chalice pass from Him — just as you make novenas, say countless prayers to be cured of a disease or be spared a heavy cross. However, He prayed: "Not My will but Thine be done!" If you can pray like that in all your afflictions, you are a Saint! Congratulations!

Don't take the other stand and say: "Why does God treat me like this! I'm finished with Church and religion — prayers." You have lost Hope and trust in God.

At Baptism God gave us the virtue of Hope, so that we would put all our trust in Him as we go down the years of life — never to despair, never to give up, to accept mental and physical suffering as God's will. Reader! You must become a Saint, nothing less.

The Catechism gives us a simple very understandable ACT OF HOPE. You must use it often. It is built on the foundation of the Infinite Goodness of God and His promises to help us. Our hope lies in the merits of Jesus Christ.

We ask three things in the Act of Hope.

1. The Pardon of our Sins. Make the Act of Contrition often during the day. When the priest absolves you of your sins rejoice — be glad — you are born again. Never become scrupulous. Cast worry to the wind. Smile, laugh, be cheerful. God loves you.
2. GOD'S GRACE, His help. Pray for anything, everything — for miracles. Pray with Faith and Confidence and Preserverance. Never give up — that's despair.
3. LIFE EVERLASTING. Heaven is ours through the merits of Jesus Christ. Our Lord in St. John's 6th Chapter tells us how to get to Heaven — through Holy Communion. You must read Chapter 6.

Father Seelos, the Missionary, never ceased reminding the people that the Blessed Mother of God is our HOPE, our Refuge, our Salvation.

A child of Mary is never lost.

Listen America: IN GOD WE TRUST!

SPECIAL LETTERS

Warrington, Fla.

"My faith will never cease in Father Seelos. My niece and her husband signed papers for the sale of their home in Slidell, now they are trying to sell their home in New Orleans so that they can move to Slidell."

R.McE.

Empire, La.

"I was in need of a job for which I had applied. All the other teachers had gone to work and I was still not called. After praying the Father Seelos prayer, I was called to work."

M.J.E.I.

Lafayette, La.

"I wish to acknowledge two favors received through the intercession of Father Seelos. My granddaughter found a job and is very happy. My son also found a job he wanted but unfortunately after 25 months he had to give it up due to his heart. Now he has a part time job which he enjoys."

A.A.D.

Arabi, La.

"I prayed that we would not have a hurricane this year. The season is over now and we have been spared."

R.D.

Cypress, California

"It was a critical situation which occurred in my business which could have broken me. After only one hour of sincere prayers asking Father Seelos for help, everything was worked out satisfactorily. To me it was truly miraculous."

M.J.L.B.

Baton Rouge, La.

"My gratitude to Father Seelos for his intercession. Through prayers to him, I was granted a favorable decision which had appeared hopeless."

M.L.B.

Opelousas, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos. Through his prayers my petition for a better salary for my son was granted."

Y.B.

Shreveport, La.

"I prayed to Father Seelos that I would not need surgery and my prayers were answered."

L.E.P.

New Orleans, La.

"I wish to acknowledge two favors received through Father Seelos. After living in a house for 25 years the new owner gave us six weeks to move. After prayers to Father Seelos we found a house on short notice. After having nose bleeds for a long time, through prayers, the condition has greatly improved."

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SPECIAL NOTES

Let's be ambitious! Let's work for 100,000 members in the Guild of Father Seelos. If everybody who received FATHER SEELOS & SANCTITY monthly were to send us just THREE names and addresses, we would be over the top in a month's time. Thanks for your cooperation!

Something NEW! We have a new printed life of Father Seelos in pamphlet size! We must charge you 25¢ a copy until we meet the original cost of this first edition. Then, we will flood the U.S.A. with them, as many as you want.

We found this note and an empty drug bottle on the tomb of Father Seelos! 'Father Seelos, you cured me of cancer. I owe you my life!' (Name and address and telephone number) She is hoping the doctor will call it a miracle. Pray with her.

Whether you write MGILY, or whether you breathe it, it's always:
"MY GOD I LOVE YOU!"

If you know any boy or young man interested in the priesthood, ask him to write to Father Grangell.

Lent begins on February 28, Ash Wednesday, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 15. Spend it well — Daily Holy Mass and Holy Communion, daily Way of the Cross, the daily Rosary of the five Sorrowful Mysteries, some mortification at table, fewer smokes and drinks and some acts of Charity toward your neighbor and your family.

MGILY

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

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