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Father Gautreaux chats with a native of Thailand in front of Holy Redeemer Church in Bangkok, Thailand, built by and cared for by the Redemptorists. There are 2 Thai and 6 English Sunday Masses and 4 Thai and 1 English Perpetual Help Novena services every Wednesday.

Father Gautreaux, a native New Orleansian, has been a missionary in Thailand since 1952. Ordained in 1950 he left New Orleans for Thailand (then known as Siam) in 1952 and has worked constantly with the people of that country.

He is presently assigned to the Redemptorist Seminary at Sriracha, which is about 100 miles from Bangkok. As part of the Redemptorist Mission Band, he is presently assisting in giving one and two week missions to the Catholic people of Thailand. The Redemptorists are the only ones who give missions in Thailand. It is estimated it will take four or five years for them to reach all the Catholics of that country.

Father's last visit home was in 1975 when he celebrated his silver jubilee of ordination to the priesthood.

While he is here he will give the homily on the occasion of Father Grangell's 60th anniversary of ordination.

The devotion to Father Seelos is being spread through Thailand by our great Redemptorists there. Father Joe Vallope, C.S.S.R., has translated the prayer and other information on our prayer card to that language.

We are happy to have Father Gautreaux with us even for this short time. He is a very pleasant and jovial person and you will have the opportunity to meet him at Father Grangell's reception.

LEAD SOULS TO GOD — NOT AWAY FROM HIM

(The Monthly Conference of Father Grangell, C.S.S.R.)

The Virtue for the Month of April: Love of thy Neighbor

Patron: St. John, Apostle, Evangelist! Good Father Seelos, ALWAYS.

Text: This is my Commandment: That you love one another as I have loved you. (St. John 15/12)

One of the great proofs that you practice fraternal charity, that you love your neighbor, that you love God, is that you pray for your neighbor. Everybody is your neighbor, beginning with your family. Do you realize that you have been doing this since you were a small child?

Whenever you say the "Our Father" and the "Hail Mary", you pray for others. In both prayers, after you honor and praise God and the Blessed Mother in their respective prayers, you ask for favors for everybody. You do not use "I" "Me" "Mine" in either prayer; you use "Our" and "Us" in both. Imagine how charitable these two prayers have made you! Congratulations! Keep praying for everybody in the world. You are saving souls.

We are all brothers and sisters of a great big worldwide family — God is "Our" Father, Mary "Our" Mother. On one of the walls of your home, maybe the dining room, this announcement in big letters should tell the world what kind of home you have:

Christ is the Head of this House, The Invisible Guest at every meal, The Silent Listener in every conversation.

When things get out of order at table — an angry quarrel, an unkind criticism — somebody should remind all of the "Invisible Guest."

The home is the child's first Church. Make yours look like a Church with Holy Pictures, the Crucifix, some Holy Water, good books and papers. PRAY TOGETHER. Father and Mother should be able to say as St. Paul said: "Be ye followers of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11/1). Christ was agreeable, approachable, forgiving; He was not selfish, moody, silent, forbidding. Members of a happy family meet one another at the dawn of the new day with a smiling "Good Morning", which means "God be with you."

Christ said "I am the way." He was a Leader! So are parents. They give good example, they edify, they are models. They go to Holy Mass on Sunday, and the children go, too. Many teenagers and older brothers and sisters do not go to Mass on Sunday because the parents do not go. Such parents are guilty of the sin of scandal, they are wrecking the Catholic Faith of their children. They are starting them on a life of sin and — God forbid! — maybe, eternal damnation. What a thought! Read what Christ says about scandalizing a child — ONE VERSE — St. Mark Chapter 9, verse 41.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME! HELP ONE ANOTHER TO GET TO HEAVEN!
PRAY: DEAR BLESSED MOTHER, DO NOT ALLOW THE BLIGHT OF SCANDAL
BE ON MY HOME.

SPECIAL LETTERS

New Orleans, La.

"My neighbor had a large lump in her breast, all tests pointed to cancer. I prayed to Father Seelos every day. When the doctor removed the lump it was benign. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

Mrs. L.F.C.

Silver Spring, Md.

"I am taking care of a sick husband and an old mother and had to take tests which I put off for some time. Finally I went for the tests after fasting and waiting for the doctor — the tests proved to be negative, only my nerves. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

Mrs. A.A.

Metairie, La.

"My brother was having pains in the back. The doctor ran tests including the lung area. Upon further tumor X-rays of the chest everything was negative. Thanks to the intercession of Father Seelos."

S.F.C.

Bogalusa, La.

"After 5 years waiting my son received a letter asking if he was still interested in electrician-apprenticeship — he answered yes and then took the test and was chosen to start work in about 3 weeks. Many thanks to Father Seelos for making my son's dreams come true."

M.W.K.

Metairie, La.

"A friend was struck by a truck and dragged many feet — at first there was little hope for her. We began immediately to pray to Father Seelos — the result, she came out with just a few scars. Thanks to Father Seelos."

J.F.

Houston, Tex.

"I have prayed to Father Seelos for several years and he has answered my prayers. My intention was for my husband to quit drinking and now he has. My husband is sick now — I will continue to pray to Father Seelos for his health."

C.G.

Port Arthur, Tex.

"My son had a cancer in the nose. He took treatments, then went for a check-up and the doctor said there was no sign of a tumor. Thanks to Father Seelos for the favor granted."

R.B.A.

Melville, La.

"I had a checkup for gall bladder surgery and the doctor informed me I had an inflamed kidney and had to undergo surgery for removal of the stone. I prayed to Father Seelos and when examined by the doctor later he could not find the stone and I was treated with medicine. Many thanks to Father Seelos."

S.G.B.

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SPECIAL NOTES

On Sunday, May 6th, I am celebrating the 60th Anniversary of my Priesthood. I personally invite you, as a friend of Father Seelos, to come to the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Alphonsus Church in New Orleans, at 11:30 A.M.

Come to the reception in Liguori Auditorium, next to the Church, after the Mass 'til 2:30 P.M.

I will be looking for you.

Father Grangell, C.S.S.R.

Every Sunday at 3:35 P.M. we have the Father Seelos Rosary Novena in St. Mary's Church, followed by Holy Mass at 4, followed by the veneration of the Crucifix of Father Seelos and the blessing of the sick.

Every 8th Grade school boy and all young men in High School and college should visit with a priest and talk about the priesthood. How does one know he has a vocation and what must he do to follow it! Call any priest. Parents pray for a vocation in your family.

Thanks for all the new names, addresses, zip codes of friends you sent us as people who might be interested in the cause of canonization of Father Seelos. Send some more! We are aiming at a 100,000 membership of the Guild of Father Seelos.

To become a member of the Guild, one has just to send the Center his or her name, address and zip. (The post office insists on this zip). Then do two things (1) Pray for the Canonization of Father Seelos (2) Spread devotion to him, tell others about him. It's an extraordinary privilege to belong to such a religious organization, to have Father Seelos as a personal friend, a powerful helper in all your needs of body and soul.

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

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