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MARY'S GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION



On August 15 we celebrate the feast of our Mother Mary's Assumption into heaven where she was crowned Queen of Angels and Saints — Queen of Heaven and Earth.

In our parish the main altar of the Church beautifully depicts this great event in the Church — Mary, glorious in heaven just beneath the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The great devotion Father Seelos had for Mary makes it only fitting that his mortal remains should be in the sanctuary of the Church dedicated to her.

On August 1 we celebrate the feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, who also was very dedicated to

Mary. He has written a lot about her, including a book entitled THE GLORIES OF MARY.

Let us imitate the example of these two great men in our devotion to Mary. All of us at our judgment, want Mary at our side.

Josie Becker

HUMILITY AND MEEKNESS

(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

The Virtue of the month of August is Humility

The Patron Saint - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

The Text - Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart. (Matt 6/29)

Father Seelos used to preach in season and out of season, and always in the confessional, that Humility was the fundamental virtue of true sanctity. It's the one and only virtue that our Lord introduced to the world in a very formal way: Learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of heart. And, to encourage us to practice the virtue He promises us that we shall find rest for our souls. Just relax, Father Seelos would say and think: I am nothing ! I am nobody ! I am what I am in the eyes of God. All I have, I have from God. Nobody can deny or doubt that. Just pause for a few minutes and think about it. Humility is Truth.

Disobedience was the cause of the fall of Lucifer and his legions in heaven and of Adam and Eve in paradise. But the reason for their disobedience was pride. Lucifer would raise his throne above that of God and was hurled into hell. Please read Isias Ch. 14, verses 12 to 16. The devil told Eve she would be like God if she would eat the forbidden fruit.

Pride vitiates and destroys all the virtues of the soul. However virtuous any soul may have been, as soon as it gives itself up to pride, its virtue grows daily more feeble, only to disappear altogether in a short time.

The proud soul doesn't go to Holy Communion. He doesn't need it. In the meantime, that soul languishes and dies because of lack of sanctifying grace and all the sacramental graces of the Blessed Sacrament.

The proud soul doesn't pray. It is self-sufficient and doesn't need God's help. That soul will be lost.

The proud soul will not forgive and God does ! But he is against God. He has enemies.

Father Seelos was always happy and cheerful. Somebody asked him what happiness really is. He replied: doing God's Will is happiness. That's the reason he was so humble, he was obedient to the Will of God in all things. Morose, sullen, sad people are not humble. Somebody or something is going against their wills.

The first time we meet the Blessed Mother in the Bible, she is saying to an Angel: Be it done unto me according to thy word — that was her whole life — humble submission to God's Will.

Make your constant prayer: JESUS, MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART, MAKE MY HEART LIKE UNTO THINE. MARY, HUMBLE MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR ME.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Thibodaux, La.

"My son had surgery for cancer five years ago. I put a cloth memento on him and said the Father Seelos prayer for his recovery. He has now been found to have no malignancy. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

O.P.

Homer, La.

"I wish to say that my son has been accepted for medical school. I have prayed for three years for this and I know Father Seelos has interceded for him."

V.H.R.

New Iberia, La.

"I asked Father Seelos' intercession to help me find a way to pay an important bill which had to be paid by March 1. My prayers were answered. Thanks."

M.W.

Philadelphia, Pa.

"I had a severe attack of food poisoning and I could not get in touch with a doctor. I began taking home remedies and asked Father Seelos' prayers. I got his picture and placed it on my body because the pains were severe and I was very depressed. The next day the pains left. What a relief — I felt happy once again. Father Seelos prayers did help me."

M.D.K.

New Orleans, La.

"My son's operation was a complete success. Thanks for this favor."

A.J.M.

Gretna, La.

"I asked Father Seelos to pray for me to have a negative checkup as I feared something serious was taking place, perhaps cancer or gall bladder. All tests were clear."

E.B.

Chalmette, La.

"To let you know of a favor received through the intercession of Father Seelos. I prayed that my husband would come back home after we separated and we could be happy again. My prayers were answered. Thanks to God and Father Seelos, all is fine again."

S.G.

Beaumont, Texas

"I wrote in February asking prayers for successful surgery. I had the surgery on Feb. 19 and it was very successful."

E.M.

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SPECIAL NOTES

Father Grangell is presently in Medicenter (June 15) and is doing very well. He is anxious to get back to his work for Father Seelos' cause. He has asked that I thank all of you for your prayers and various spiritual remembrances. He enjoys receiving your cards. Please continue to keep him in your prayers and don't forget to repeat constantly MY GOD I LOVE YOU.

ADVANCE NOTICE — Please circle Sunday, October 7, on your calendar. This is the day of the annual memorial Father Seelos Mass. More details in next issue.

Again we remind you to advise us of your changes in address. It is quite costly to us for the Post Office to return mail to us. Might I suggest that you clip your name from a previous issue of the paper when your address is changed and send that to us together with your new address. In this way we will be able to properly identify the addressograph plate. Thanks a lot.

Have you sent us any new names for our mailing list lately?

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

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