



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R., Servant of God

On Sunday, October 5, at 11:30 A.M. We will again commemorate the anniversary of the death of Father Seelos. As usual the Mass will be in St. Mary's Assumption Church, where lies the mortal remains of Father Seelos.

This annual event has become a great tradition in our parish and one looked forward to by the many devotees of Father Seelos. If distance, illness or anything else prevents you from attending, make your special intentions at home and we will remember them in our prayers at the Mass.

After Mass Father Grangell will greet his friends in Liguori Auditorium.

O my God, I truly BELIEVE You are present with me. I ADORE Your limitless Perfections. 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 the Church so that others may know and imitate his holy life. Through his prayers please give me THIS FAVOR.

(here mention your special intentions)

Josie Becker

## TALK WITH GOD ALL DAY LONG *(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)*

The Virtue for October: Recollection

Patron Saint: St. Simon, Apostle

The Text: And having dismissed the crowd Jesus went up into the mountain to pray. John 12/25

Father Seelos lived in a Religious House. There were holy pictures and statues and the crucifix on the walls of the corridors and in his room. They were there to help him be recollected, to live in the presence of God. The rule SILENCE was a virtue and the monthly day of recollection and the annual ten days of strict retreat were spent in checking his personal spirituality.

Your home should be religious in its appointments. We all need help, reminders to be recollected, to be holy people. Like our Lord we must go to the mountain to be alone with God. Sit with the Blessed Sacrament and think.

Recollection is a virtue that must be cultivated. Through practice we must keep in touch with God all day long with short ejaculatory prayers like "My God, I love You" (MGILY). There are three billion people in the world. For each and every one of them say often MY GOD, I LOVE YOU. Be missionaries to save the world for God. Yes, YOU! They will thank you for all eternity.

Consecrate yourself and everybody in the world to the IMMACUALTE HEART OF MARY in any words you care to use. Save souls through Mary. The church teaches a child of Mary is never lost. Tell God you desire not to be a great lover of His, but the GREATEST in the world, in fact, the GREATEST in history. God loves the prayer of desire.

Tell the good God you wish you could multiply the three billion people of the world as many times as there are Eucharistic Tabernacles in the world, to have all of them in every Tabernacle always and all praying ceaselessly MY GOD I LOVE YOU. He understands what I am saying – I don't want Him to be abandoned or alone anywhere.

Make SPIRITUAL COMMUNIONS all day long for those who have never received Holy Communion and for those teen-agers who have QUIT Going to Holy Communion. Don't you hate that word QUIT?

Here is a beautiful prayer – say it slowly – and realize how precious you are.

"My God, I offer to You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all His love for me and His sufferings for me, and all His merits which He gives to me as mine."

The Little Flower wanted her whole life to be one act of love of God – and you?

LET US SEEK FOR NO GREATER JOY IN LIFE THAN GOD'S LOVE AND THE PRIVILEGE OF BRINGING IT TO OTHERS.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Baton Rouge, La.

"Two months ago my daughter and her husband were in a terrible automobile accident. When we were called to the hospital my daughter was in such a condition I could hardly look at her. The doctor said it was very serious. We prayed night and day asking Father Seelos' intercession with God to please help them every way. Each day the doctor would say things didn't look as bad as he had thought. My son-in-law was not hurt as badly as my daughter. He had a broken leg and head wounds. Today they are going home and both are almost like new. Thanks to Father Seelos for interceding for us."

B.M.N.

River Ridge, La.

"In thanksgiving for many favors granted and especially for helping me on the road to recovery from a heart attack."

I.D.

Cottonport, La.

"I have been praying to Father Seelos for eight years for the health of my daughter who had cancer. Her doctor informed her that she was cured. I will continue to pray to Father Seelos."

J. McC.

New Orleans, La.

"My sister, a widow, living alone, has had slight strokes, falling down so she could not live alone. Our prayers were answered she has moved and now has the help she needs."

A.G.

St. Louis, Mo.

"In appreciation for being protected from serious injuries, or rather from any injury when I had a strange accident. I was wearing a cloth memento of Father Seelos at the time."

L.S.

St. Louis, Mo.

"I am a legal secretary and work in a small office. I had heard that there would be a reduction of personnel, consequently I being the last one employed, probably would be the first one let out. I begged Father Seelos' intercession and promised if I did not lose my position I would write a letter of thanksgiving and have a Mass of thanksgiving said. Much to my surprise my employment was not terminated."

V.R.Z.

Toledo, Ohio

"For eight years I had trouble with my back and legs and could hardly walk. I went to many doctors and specialists but none could cure me. Like so many I prayed to Father Seelos, asking for a miracle. I was so sure it would take a miracle to cure me. Finally I was referred to a neuro-surgeon. He put me in a hospital for tests, one of them a mylogram. It was found I had a complete blockage of the spinal column which was causing my legs to become paralyzed. the neuro-surgeon could not understand how I was able to walk alone. I had emergency surgery. I have had no leg pains for some time. I still have problems and no more surgery will be needed. I know my good recovery is due to prayers."

J.J.P.

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## SPECIAL NOTES

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We recite the Fatima Rosary every Wednesday at 4 P.M. and every Sunday at 3:30 P.M. in St. Mary's Church. COME! JOIN US!!

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Did you ever tell anybody about Father Seelos — the sick, your neighbors, the members of your family living at a distance?

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We can't repeat this enough! THANKS and God bless you for supporting the Center. God love you. Keep using the gold envelopes.

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Every American carries in his pocket and her purse the name of God. It is on our coins and paper money "IN GOD WE TRUST". We need God's perpetual help and protection to exist as a nation. Let's prepare for the 1980 election with prayers. Pray that the people make the perfect choice.

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Father Grangell signs his letters "Sincerely in J.M.J.A." which stands for Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Alphonsus. (Everybody knows what MGILY means.)

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

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