



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

VOLUME XIV, NUMBER 6

JUNE 1980

JUNE — THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



In this beautiful month of June we celebrate Fathers' Day. We wish all of you fathers a happy Fathers' Day and ask the Sacred Heart to bless you especially at this time.

Josie Becker

READ THIS BY ALL MEANS

We have two novenas in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, in beautiful inspirational St. Mary's Assumption Church on Sunday at 3:30 P.M. and in St. Alphonsus Church on Wednesday at 4 P.M. — to advance the cause of Father Seelos and to obtain favors for ourselves.

1. We say the Fatima Rosary. At each decade the prayer: "Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, etc."
2. At each decade, we say the prayer on the picture-card of Father Seelos. All mention aloud their petitions, very briefly. "For health, for success, financial help, conversions, return to the practice of religion, etc. etc. The long petitions are put on the tomb of Father Seelos.

3. The masses are said for all lovers and workers of Father Seelos.
4. After Mass, all come to the altar to venerate the crucifix of Father Seelos.
5. Drop all petitions at the tomb of Father Seelos.

If all become enthusiastic over this Novena, the churches will be too small to accommodate the crowds we should have. Advertise it. Bring your neighbors! Ask the men folks, even the teen-agers, to come with you. Bring the sick. Make sacrifices. Give God an extra hour of your time on Sunday. Take home with you the novena card. Say the novena privately at home.

LET'S GIVE GOD A CLEAN SERVICE

(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

The Virtue for June: PURITY

Patron: St. James, the Lesser – Apostle

Text: Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God (Matt. 5/8)

In the spiritual doctrine of St. Alphonsus Liguori, C.S.S.R., a great Doctor of the church, SANCTITY, HOLINESS, PERFECTION are all the same thing. Sanctity is the common vocation of everybody, teen-ager, the old, rich, poor, single, married, for every state of life. The saint's definition of sanctity is very simple, easy to remember, even by children. It is doing everything with the sole purpose of PLEASING GOD. It is easy to be holy – live with God all day long, even in our sleeping. Remember Father Seelos' night prayer (November)? "I take this repose in order to PLEASE Thee as the angels love and PLEASE Thee in heaven."

The virtue for this month is PURITY. When we were baptized, we renounced the devil. At the end of the ceremony the priest told us to go in peace. There has been little peace in our lives. The devil whom we renounced is fighting for our individual souls for his Kingdom of Hell. His best weapon for winning our souls is temptations against the holy virtue of purity. Pause for a moment and ask: WHERE DO I STAND TODAY? WHO IS WINNING?

Young people say it is hard to be pure. Everybody can say that, no matter how old we are.

All do not have to make the sacrifice Maria Goretti made to preserve her purity, her life, as a young teen-ager. A wonderful little girl who truly loved God, was prepared to die rather than commit a sin of sex.

How can anybody be pure??? Only by the grace of God, the help of God. And how do we get this grace, the help from God?

1. Ask for it in prayer. Say the act of Hope often during the day.
2. Avoid the occasions of sin – certain places, persons, things.
3. Control your eyes. Read 2nd Samuel, Chapter 11 & 12 in the Old Testament and see how King David fell into sin because of his eyes, and then committed the sin of murder. His Act of Contrition was Psalm 51. Read it often in the Old Testament.
4. Above all, go to Holy Communion frequently, if possible, daily.
5. Keep a clean, clean conscience. You may die suddenly. Go to confession regularly, follow the advice of a confessor. Be sincere.
6. Say three Hail Mary's morning and night, asking the Blessed Mother to keep you pure. That's easy.

Read 1st Corinthians 1/6-9 and see who will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Begin today to be a Saint. Do everything to please God. No effort.

DON'T FORGET: MY GOD I LOVE YOU!

SPECIAL LETTERS

Chicago, Ill.

"A few days ago I had an experience of an answer to my prayer to Father Seelos. I had been sitting on the sofa for an hour or so and when I wanted to get up my legs felt like broomsticks. I could not stand on my feet at all. I called my daughter to get me into my bedroom and put me to bed. I was truly frightened as I thought I had a stroke. After asking Father Seelos' intercession, in about an hour my legs moved again."

B.D.

Westwego, La.

"My best friend had surgery of the lung. Half of one lung was removed. He made it through the surgery fine."

B.T.

Jefferson, La.

"My daughter was held up in front of her home by a boy with a gun. He put the gun to her head and took her car keys and left with her car, but thanks to Father Seelos' prayers, she was not hurt. She was extremely nervous and afraid. The car was found in good shape the same day and after we prayed she is no longer afraid."

E.McC.

Bogalusa, La.

"I wish to thank Father Seelos. I had a growth removed which was not malignant. I had prayed to Father Seelos for his intercession."

J.A.C.

Lafayette, La.

"My son was in a terrible accident that left him completely paralyzed from the chest downward. Although he is well he is still unable to walk. We have prayed to Father Seelos and asked his prayers, which we feel are helping."

L.C.

Springfield, Tenn.

"After nine years with a large problem, the ramifications of which were many, it appeared to have no ending, court continuances and harassments. I asked Father Seelos for help. In about thirty days all this will be finalized. Thanks for his prayers."

R.W.

Donaldsonville, La.

"Recently I had to have surgery and I prayed to Father Seelos for a successful operation, and a speedy recovery. I also prayed to find a good job with work I enjoy doing. Both petitions were granted."

T.F.

Metairie, La.

"Thanks for recovery from recent critical illness."

F.D.B.

PAID AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.
SECOND CLASS POSTAGE

POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO
FATHER SEELOS CENTER (USPS 488-660)
2030 CONSTANCE ST
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70130

SPECIAL NOTES

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. He promised to bless the home where his image is venerated in a prominent place. Teach the children to whisper as they pass the image: "Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine."

Welcome to all new members to the Guild of Father Seelos. Your obligations are to pray for the canonization of Father Seelos and to spread devotion to him.

When you send us new names for the Guild – and you do so often – make certain that you give us the correct addresses and zip numbers. For every copy of FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY that the mail man returns to us he collects 25¢. Some months 30 pieces or more are returned. That's staggering! It hurts our economy. Thanks to the good lady who reported to the center that she receives two copies of FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY every month. That information helps the economy.

God called a devoted friend of Father Seelos to heaven on Good Friday this year, Bishop Robert E. Tracy, retired Bishop of Baton Rouge, La. He had a picture and memento of Father Seelos on the altar of his private oratory.

We appreciate every donation you give to the Center to help us in our great work of advancing the cause of canonization of Father Seelos.

You have not received a THANK YOU for contributions to the Guild due to Post Office regulations. We are changing our letter and waiting for the printer to print it. You will receive February, March and April all at the same time.

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

Published monthly by the Redemptorists at the Father Seelos Center, 2030 Constance Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. Telephone 525-2495. Subscription is \$1.00 per year.

In conformity with the decree of Pope Urban VIII all statements contained herein are unreservedly submitted to the judgment of the Holy See and the decision of the Sacred Congregation of the Causes of Saints.

Published with Ecclesiastical Approbation.

Rev. William Grangell, C.S.S.R., Vice-Postulator and Editor; Miss Josie Becker, Associate Editor; Miss Regina Beck and Warren Gautreau, Executive Assistants.