



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As I thought and thought of a message to bring to you in this our first issue of 1981, I found the following poem, which struck me as something we could all put into practice in our lives:

If you hear a kind word spoken  
of some worthy soul you know,  
It may fill his heart with sunshine  
If you only tell him so.

If a deed, however humble,  
Helps you on your way to go,  
Seek the one whose hand has helped you,  
Seek him out and tell him so!

If your heart is touched and tender  
Toward a sinner, lost and low,  
It might help him to do better  
If you'd only tell him so!

Oh my sisters, oh, my brothers,  
As over life's rough path you go,  
If God's love has saved and kept you,  
Do not fail to tell men so!

Author unknown

Have a happy year!

Josie Becker



# LOVE YOUR WONDERFUL CATHOLIC FAITH

*(Conference of Father Grangell, C.S.S.R)*

THE VIRTUE FOR JANUARY: FAITH

PATRONS: Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and our friend, Father Seelos.

TEXT: I am the light of the world. (Jno. 8/12)

Father Seelos used to tell the people if anybody asked them what they believed as Catholics to recite the APOSTLES CREED – that's it! Or, they could give them THE ACT OF FAITH, stressing the last words of the Act; I BELIEVE THESE AND ALL THE TRUTHS WHICH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BELIEVES AND TEACHES BECAUSE THOU HAST REVEALED THEM, WHO CANST NEITHER DECEIVE NOR BE DECEIVED. If anybody tells you one church is as good as another, or if he reads the big bill boards on the highways: "Go to the Church of your choice," quote for him the inspired words of the fearless St. Paul in his epistle to the Galatians, chapter one, first verse, in GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN – "If we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel that is different from the one we preached to you, may he be condemned to hell!"

Why do we say the Catholic Church is the church founded by Christ! History proves it. And the Catholic Church will last til the end of the world – Christ said so. (Matt. 16/16-18)

The Bible is not sufficient in itself to lead us to heaven. -In fact it can lead one astray. You must read the second epistle of St. Peter, 3/16.

The Church was called CATHOLIC for the first time in the year 110 by St. Ignatius of Antioch, because it is universal, embracing everybody in the world.

The word, 'judgment' is found in the Apostles Creed and in the Act of Faith! St. Paul writing to the Hebrews(9/27) makes this so explicit. IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MAN ONCE TO DIE AND AFTER DEATH THE JUDGMENT. We must live without mortal sin. If we die in mortal sin, we are lost forever.

Thank God for the sacrament of confession! Make the Act of Contrition often during the day.

Never criticize the Holy Father or the teaching of the church. If you do, your Faith is weak.

We exercise our Faith best if we love the Blessed Sacrament. On your way to Mass on Sunday or any other day say to those riding with you: We are going to Calvary now to meet Christ in person. He comes at the Consecration as priest and Victim of our sacrifice. Welcome Him in your own words and pray "through Him, with Him, in Him" to His heavenly Father. Make Acts of Love in your own words and ask for all you want and need. Your prayers at Mass are infinite in value. Become one with Christ in Holy Communion.

St. Paul tells us in the last words of the famous 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians: "There are three things that last: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE, and the greatest of these is LOVE. If you have great LOVE OF GOD in your heart and in your actions toward all men, you have great FAITH."

The Blessed Mother's life was one of GREAT FAITH and so was Father Seelos'. May they pray for us.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Kansas City, Mo.

"This letter is written in thanksgiving for a successful operation on our daughter and her speedy recovery. She is 47 years old and had not been to a doctor since her last child was born 17 years ago. They removed a tumor, appendix, tubes and ovaries and all tests were benign."

D.E.S.

Belle Chasse, La.

"I have been granted two favors through Father Seelos' intercession, for my health. One was I didn't need surgery and the other was that tests showed I had nothing serious wrong with me, as it might have been."

S.D.

New Orleans, La.

"We have been praying to Father Seelos for a long time. He has helped my husband last year when he had a blood clot on his right lung in January and one in his right leg in April. Then he had a hemorrhage in his right eye. For a while I thought they would remove the eye so I prayed again to Father Seelos and through his intercession my husband has been helped."

G.K.

Metairie, La.

"A great favor has been received. My son and daughter-in-law are together again. Hope everything works out for them. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

M.J.

Welsh, La.

"I asked Father Seelos to intercede to God for improved health for me. My prayers were answered."

B.D.

Lafitte, La.

"My granddaughter was very sick a few weeks ago. She is only four years old. I asked Father Seelos' prayers for her recovery. She is now doing fine. I will continue my prayers for Father Seelos' canonization."

I.B.

Iowa, La.

"My sister has prayed for so many people. She has had some prayers offered for my husband. He was to have a toe amputated as he is a diabetic. It could have been worse. Now it seems like the toe will heal without amputation. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

J.L.

Metairie, La.

"My doctor sent me to a vascular specialist because of a murmur he heard in the main artery. I became alarmed and called on Father Seelos. Much to my surprise the doctor informed me that everything was normal for my age. I am grateful for this favor which was granted me."

J.C.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70130

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## SPECIAL NOTES

Join the daily perpetual novena in honor of Father Seelos. Just say the short prayer on the picture card of Father Seelos. Ask for personal favors and pray for all who are making the novena. Say the prayer at any time.

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There are over three billion people living in the world. Pray for all of them daily, offer up their every breath, day and night, as so many acts of love of God coming from their hearts.

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Send the Center at least one new name, address, zip code — maybe a member of your family — every month in 1981.

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Try to win a soul for God, getting one to go to Mass on Sunday and eventually to Holy Communion. If every member of the Guild, close to 40,000, won one soul for God each month, think of the number we would win for God in a year!! Say the prayer with the sick and bless them with the memento.

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Tell the children about Father Seelos and teach them to say MGILY as they meet you.

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Use the gold envelope every month to keep Father Seelos out of debt. Thanks! God will reward you.

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Try to say the Rosary every day in 1981 — go to Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion daily.

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We receive dozens of letters daily, some of petition and some of thanks, all are full of FAITH, CONFIDENCE, LOVE OF GOD, RESIGNATION, all the virtues. All are cheerful and happy. We receive many letters from men who love Father Seelos. Occasionally a sad petition comes: My husband and four teenage sons have left the church — many of my family never go to church, etc. Please pray for such.

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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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