



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## HEART MONTH



The picture I have chosen for this issue is the reverse of the Sacred Heart badge. How many of you still have one? How many of you continue to say the morning offering daily — "O Jesus, through the immaculate heart of Mary...." Is this a dying breed? If so, why not revive this practice which you and I learned in our *early training* in Catholic schools.

Also in thinking of heart the words of a song from quite a while back comes to my mind "You gotta have heart." You've got to have heart when you are praying. We are human and are always asking for something. Do we have the heart to recognize that what we are praying for might not be the best thing for us — that God in His wisdom gives us what is best for us?

HAPPY VALENTINE!

Josie M. Becker

## IN GOD WE TRUST (Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue of February: HOPE

Patron Saint: St. Andrew, Apostle

Text: Because he clings to me, I will deliver him. Psalm 90/14

When we say the Act of Faith, we end it with the statement: "I believe these and all the truths which the Catholic Church teaches because Thou hast revealed them, Thou who canst neither deceive nor be deceived." The Act of Hope follows perfectly. It puts our Faith in action. I believe in God and I hope He will help me. The Act of Hope: "Relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope for the (1) forgiveness of my sins, (2) Thy grace (3) everlasting life, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ." In all your prayers remind Christ that His INFINITE merits are yours. Your prayers are powerful.

We read the Life of Our Lord in the four gospels of the bible. St. John ends his gospel telling us: "There are many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written, the world itself, I think, would not be able to contain the books that should be written."

Think of Our Lord's many promises to help us. "Ask and you shall receive," "Whatsoever you ask the Father in my name will be given to you." Read the New Testament! It's a love story. It's a story of a God-man promising to help his creatures.

Don't despair, don't give up, don't say your prayers are never answered. You lack the virtue of perseverance. Be patient. Read the story of perseverance of the Canaanite woman. It's beautiful, Mark 7/24. Read the most interesting story of the woman, sick for years. In the crowd around Jesus she said: "If I just touch His clothing, I shall get well." Christ rewarded her faith and confidence. (Mark 5/25)

In the Act of Hope we ask for three things (1) The forgiveness of sins. If you commit a mortal sin, make many acts of contrition and then go to confession as soon as possible. Don't live in mortal sin, you are gambling on eternity. You may die today. Get out of mortal sin by all means. You ask for God's grace, His help, all day long. He taught us what to ask for in the OUR FATHER (Matt. 6/9). You want everlasting life. You will not receive it unless you go to Holy Communion frequently, if possible daily.

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Trust is another word for HOPE. Our American money — pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, halves, silver dollars — all paper bills are not just for buying, selling purposes. They are, or should be for us, reminders of God in whom we trust for personal help and national protection. We carry God's name in our pockets and purses always. It's in our motto: IN GOD WE TRUST.

I wonder if anybody ever thinks of this!! Talk about it! Get the children interested in it.

LOVE THE BLESSED MOTHER. SHE IS OUR HOPE! A CHILD OF MARY IS NEVER LOST.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Metairie, La.

"My son went to his office one Monday morning then collapsed. He was taken to emergency then hospitalized. After many tests, X-rays, brain wave and brain scan, diagnosis was Hypoglycemia. Treatment three high protein meals per day, cut down drinking. As the doctor explained he had to get into the habit of eating properly. We will continue to ask Father Seelos' intercession."

V.S.

New Orleans, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for help and courage through a difficult time."

S.S.

St. James, La.

"Several years ago my daughter was struck by a car and lay unconscious for two weeks in I.C.U. in a New Orleans hospital. She was moved to a private room so we could be with her. My mother is a great believer in the power of Father Seelos, so she had my daughter blessed with his crucifix and we said the prayer on the picture prayer card. Thanks to the mercy of God, the intercession of Father Seelos and the faith of my dear mother, my daughter is normal and healthy today."

W.M.

Natchitoches, La.

"I prayed to Father Seelos for a very special favor that was granted immediately. My thanks for this favor."

W.P.C.

Lake Charles, La.

"My brother had a tumor in his neck and was sent to a tumor hospital in Houston. He had had surgery in Lake Charles, however nothing was removed. We prayed to Father Seelos for his recovery. He had the tumor removed and it was not cancerous. He is now doing great. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

N.C.

Donaldsonville, La.

"I prayed to Father Seelos for a safe delivery for my daughter. She now has a beautiful baby girl. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

M.M.

Pace, Florida

"I wish to thank Father Seelos for a special favor. Peace in our family, after a few months of confusion and sorrow. Thanks also for a safe trip to and from California."

R.A.H.

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## SPECIAL NOTES

If you have changed your address, or if you know somebody of the Father Seelos Guild who did, please inform us. Send us the old address with the new, to keep our files correct. THANKS.

Be sure to say the prayer on the Father Seelos picture card daily, joining with us in our perpetual novena, praying for ourselves and others. There are 3½ billion people in the world. Millions never say a prayer. Offer their every breath of life as so many acts of love of God for them. THAT'S CHARITY.

A good way to make converts and to bring lapsed Catholics back to church is to give them the prayer of Father Seelos and ask them to say it daily. Then check later and see if they are saying it. Comment on it with them.

Form small FATHER SEELOS CLUBS! Meet in different homes and look up the bible texts of the FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY of the current month. Ask the teen-agers to go along. Be sure to bring your Bible.

A sad mother wrote asking us to pray for her son who gave up his Catholic religion. We sent this message to the boy: "If you give up your religion you are giving up God." There is an emptiness, a void, a vacuum in your life, which nothing can fill. Youth needs God in these days of juvenile crime, murder, suicide, sudden death — eternal punishment. Stay with God. Read the conference on HOPE.

Again and again our sincerest thanks to you good people who are helping us to pay our bills in this holy work of furthering the cause of canonization of Father Seelos. God love and reward you. Keep using the little gold envelope which comes to you with the monthly FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY.

Spread devotion to Father Seelos. Tell your relatives and friends about him and send us their names and addresses and zips. THANKS. You are in our every daily Holy Mass.

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

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