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THE REDEMPTORIST SAINTS



St. Gerard Majella
St. Alphonsus De Liguori
St. Clement Mary Hofbauer
Blessed John Neumann

The picture on this issue shows the four Redemptorist saints. (At the time this picture was made, Bishop Neumann had not yet been canonized.) It was sent to me by the late Father Michael J. Curley, C.S.S.R. on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of his Religious Profession just ten years ago this month. I treasure it, because I do not believe there are many, if any, people in New Orleans who have such a picture.

As I gaze on this picture I keep wondering when their number will be five. We are working hard for Father Seelos and all of the mail which we receive from you is gratifying and keeps us going. Let us unite in prayer, asking that if it is God's Will, that Father Seelos' cause will soon show great progress.

I have saved this picture to use in August, since the month begins with the feast of St. Alphonsus, founder of the Redemptorists. I am sure he looks forward to another of his followers being elevated to sainthood.

Josie M. Becker

I AM WHAT I AM IN THE EYES OF GOD (*Monthly Conference of Father Grangell, C.S.S.R.*)

The Virtue for August: HUMILITY and MEEKNESS

Patron Saint: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Text: Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart. (St. Matthew 11/29)

We must have a purpose in life, an endeavor, something outstanding. May I suggest this short prayer: GOOD GOD, I SEEK NO GREATER JOY THAN YOUR LOVE AND THE PRIVILEGE OF BRINGING IT TO OTHERS. Repeat this prayer often until it sinks deeper and deeper into your heart and becomes a part of your breathing. Live that life and you will be a holy person. Remember the "Atom Prayer".

The system you are following in your life for greater protection is THE MONTHLY VIRTUE.

Humility is the virtue of August. St. Alphonsus, the great doctor of the church, tells us in one word what humility is: TRUTH! I am what I am in the eyes of God, no greater, no less. All that I have, I have from God. Of myself I can do nothing. God says: Ask and you shall receive. The humble man prays. Pride is the sin against Humility. Pride was the reason for the creation of hell (Read Matthew 25/41) and is the reason that we have sickness, pain, death in the world. The rebellious angels in heaven wished to be like God! What pride!! Hell was created for them. They were driven into hell by Michael and the loyal angels with the cry "Quis ut Deus" (who is like unto God). Again, read Matthew 25/41 and Luke 10/18. Adam and Eve were perfectly happy in the Garden of Paradise, but the devil promised them that if they disobeyed God "you shall be as Gods". (Genesis 3/4) What pride! Now God must dislike the sin of pride. He punishes it with such everlasting punishment.

Christ came into the world to save man. He came in a very humble way, born in a stable, died abandoned on a cross. His favorite virtue through the thirty-three years of his humble life was humility. Of only one virtue did He say "Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart". Everybody knows this text, but few know that in the same sentence He gives the reason for being humble and meek. "You shall find rest in your soul." (Matthew 12/29) Everybody wants peace of mind, everybody wants peace at home. There is so much quarrelling and dissatisfaction and stubbornness and enmity and jealousy, and it all comes from personal pride—too much I, ME, MINE, too much selfishness.

The outstanding sin of the world today is Pride. There are terrifying sins in the world, but they originate from Pride. When Moses brought a message to Pharaoh, he said to Moses contemptuously: "Who is this God that I should hear His voice?" See the bit I !!! That's the defiance of man today.

Who is going to tell me to go to Sunday Mass. I don't need God. I can take care of myself. And so with all the laws of God and the Church!!

One of the eight Beatitudes is: Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land. (Matthew 5/4) Meekness is the virtue that controls the passion of anger. Meek people are happy, cheerful, approachable. They get along with everybody—everybody loves them. The world is theirs!

BLESSED MOTHER PRAY FOR ME TO BE MEEK AND HUMBLE.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Violet, La.

"I am praying for my grandson who had a brain operation and is doing fine. His last test showed great improvement. Will keep on praying to Father Seelos."

G.B.

Alexandria, La.

"I have been praying to Father Seelos for my legs. Whenever I sit I am hardly able to get up and walk because of the pain. After praying I am not completely well, but there is definitely a big change. I am hoping to get completely well."

A.L.G.

Metairie, La.

"I pray to Father Seelos often. He has always come through. The latest was a promise to write to you in thanksgiving for helping my husband and me finish some presentations on time. We were under a lot of pressure and through his intercession we made it."

J.T.

Arabi, La.

"A close friend of ours asked us to say some prayers for his granddaughter. Stacy had open heart surgery when just a year old. The team of doctors said she had a 50/50 chance. It was a long operation. Not only did she make the long operation, she is doing very well. Her little body is so nice and pink. I know it was through Father Seelos' intercession that this was possible."

W.B.

Bethel Park, Pa.

"I have had many favors granted through Father Seelos. Since I have been praying to him my life is much better."

S.G.

Chalmette, La.

"I prayed to Father Seelos the whole time I was pregnant and on April 1 I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Father Seelos answered my prayers."

K.L.

Metairie, La.

"About four months ago I went to the eye doctor. He recommended a specialist and when I went to him he told me I had glaucoma which he would treat. But I had to have surgery on both eyes. I had no sight in my right eye. I prayed to Father Seelos that it would be a success. I now have sight in both eyes. I want to thank Father Seelos."

M.B.

Bryan, Texas

"I wish to report a favor I received from Father Seelos. A hundred dollar check was lost in the mail. I begged Father Seelos to intercede for me. The very next day the check came to light. I received many favors through his intercession."

J.L.M.

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SPECIAL NOTES

If you have the pamphlet – life of Father Seelos, by Father Artz, C.S.S.R., read the paragraph on the MONTHLY VIRTUE – page 13.

Father Seelos has made many new friends in Natchez, Mississippi. Through prayers to him and the use of the cloth mementoes, he saved the old Mercy Charity Hospital from demolition. The staff writer of the Sunday edition of the Natchez Democrat begins the feature story on page 1, "You may not have heard much about Father Seelos before last Friday, but he is being talked about in Natchez right now, talked about in connection with a possible modern day miracle. This happened in May 1981." Notice on the reverse side of the picture card of Father Seelos, he preached a mission in Natchez. How about your city? Let the Center know. Thanks.

Thanks for your gift in the gold envelope towards the cause of canonization of Father Seelos. It's a noble work. God love and reward you.

August begins with the feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists. If any boy in the eighth grade or High School or College would like to join the Redemptorist Family, let him write to the Father Seelos Center. The Order is worldwide and made up of Priests and Brothers. Father Seelos was a C.S.S.R.

If you do not receive FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY monthly or you know somebody who does not, let us know. Maybe he (she) has changed address and did not inform us.

Let us know about your sick. We desire to put their names on the tomb of Father Seelos and to remember them in our every daily Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Mail your FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY to a relative or friend. Ask all of them to send their names and addresses to the Center and they thus become members of the Father Seelos Guild.

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

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