



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, C.S.S.R., SERVANT OF GOD



Again we remind you of our annual memorial Mass in honor of Father Seelos. This Mass will be at St. Mary's Assumption Church, Josephine and Constance Streets, New Orleans, on Sunday, October 3, at 11:30 A.M. Come and pray for your own intentions and for all those recommended to Father Seelos' intercession.

At the Center our main intention is that the cause of Father Seelos will progress and he will soon be declared "Blessed."

We have another prayer we ask of you. This paper comes to you each month through the efforts of volunteer workers. Our mailing list is about 36,000. During the month of June God called one of our wonderful workers to her eternal reward — Antoinette Stack. I cannot tell you the countless

number of hours she and her husband, Cletus, have devoted to working for the Center. As soon as the newsletter arrived from the printer they were there immediately to fold it. Then when it was ready to be bagged for mailing, they came again and spent hours tying the bundles as required by the Post Office.

Antoinette, we miss you, and Cletus, we offer you our love and hope in some way we can help you through this trying time.

Josie M. Becker

O my God, I truly believe you are present within me. I adore your limitless perfection. 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 that others may know and imitate his holy life. Through his intercession please give me this favor. . .

## HOW TO SPEND THE DAY WITH GOD

*(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)*

Virtue for the month of October: Recollection and Silence

Patron Saint: St. Simon, the Apostle

Text: And having dismissed the crowd, Jesus went into the mountain, alone, to pray. Matt. II 121/23

We live in a world of thousands of distractions, day after day. Rarely during the day do we think of the good God. Isn't that true? If we wish to change this — to be recollected, to live in the presence of God, to talk to Him often, as we work, even as we play, we must have reminders to pray around us. Father Seelos spent his early years — until he came to America at the age of 24 — in a Catholic country, where there were crucifixes and shrines at the street corners and along the mountain sides. He was not afraid nor ashamed to kneel at these holy reminders and say a prayer. His Catholic home was filled with these sacred images. In this way he learned early in life to be recollected and to pray ceaselessly

When he became a Redemptorist he found these reminders to pray all day long. The word SILENCE in big letters was on the walls of the corridors. It was a reminder to talk less to man — to talk more to God.

Your life style calls for much talking. However, wouldn't it be wonderful if you could get away from the noise and distractions of the world and make a retreat of a few days in some religious house, to be alone with God! Maybe you could join some Prayer Group and make monthly days of recollection in a quiet church. Surely you can visit the Blessed Sacrament in your parish church from time to time, possibly daily, and sit and talk with your God about time and eternity. Find a few minutes daily to dialogue with your crucifix. Have a crucifix handy so that as you pass it, you can pick it up and say: MY GOD, I LOVE YOU. When our Lord was nailed to the cross, He could do just two things — SUFFER AND PRAY. That's our life in miniature.

CARRY YOUR ROSARY WITH YOU ALWAYS. IT'S A REMINDER TO TALK TO THE BLESSED MOTHER.

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We thank the volunteer workers for Father Seelos. Space prevents us from mentioning names. We must mention Miss Addie Buhler who never leaves her home because of physical inability. She keeps the two crucifixes of Father Seelos in and out of hospitals and homes all day long and every day. Don't forget her phone number — 895-6176. God bless Addie and her traveling missionaries.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Baton Rouge, La.

"Yesterday while on a trip with my husband, we stopped at a place of business and I left my purse there. After traveling five miles down the road I discovered I didn't have my purse and I panicked. I immediately began praying to Father Seelos. We returned to the store and one of the ladies gave me my purse, which she had put in the safe. I know it was Father Seelos' prayers that helped me find my purse."

"My eyes had been hurting and burning for five months and after prayers to Father Seelos, the burning and hurting stopped. Through Father Seelos' intercession great favors have been granted to me and my husband."

St. Martinville, La.

"One Friday afternoon my aunt found my grandfather on the floor. She rushed him to the hospital and then called us. I got on my knees and started to pray. She called again and asked us to come to the hospital. All the way I prayed. The doctor said he had a bleeding ulcer. He was taken to surgery and everything went well. Now he is fine. Thanks to Father Seelos."

New Orleans, La.

"Two and a half years ago my grand nephew who was four months at the time was dying with a very serious case of diarrhea. He was living on infusions. We all prayed almost constantly for his recovery. I visited Father Seelos' tomb and prayed with some ladies in church. The baby got well and strong. He is now three years old. I know it was only through prayer and Father Seelos intercession that he got well!"

"Last June my daughter-in-law called and said my son was hospitalized. He had a growth which was found to be cancerous. The doctor removed the growth. Now all tests taken have proven negative. Thanks to Father Seelos."

Alexandria, La.

"I prayed to Father Seelos to help a family member who was jobless and without money for his family. My prayers were answered. He obtained a wonderful job just when everything seemed so hopeless. Thanks to Father Seelos."

New Berlin, Wisc.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for helping a friend in need. This friend had a severe attack of kidney stones and surgery was advised. However he waited and prayed to Father Seelos to intercede. My friend had a speedy recovery and is back home making a fine recovery without surgery."

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## SURRENDER

The psalmist writes: My God stands by me; all my trust is in Him.

Hardly anyone will deny this fact. Intellectually we admit God's care for us. Too often the prayer remains a head trip and does not become a vital factor in our lives. How can we get this realization out of our heads and into our hearts? Here is a way. And the way becomes exciting.

At the beginning of every day spend some time with Jesus in the Bible. If you are a shut-in and have the time, make it an hour. At your side keep a composition book. The top entry must be the date and declaration: e.b. September 1, 1982. Jesus I call you Lord because you are. Today I will wait on you. I will see your handwriting in all that comes to me.

At the bottom of the page sign your name. The page remains blank till evening or the next morning when you once again set out on the adventure. Recall the happenings of the previous day in the light of Jesus at your side. Describe the happenings when He entered your life. Quickly the page will be full.

Jesus only becomes my personal Lord when I surrender my will to Him. That means I accept His sovereignty over my real, concrete, every day life.

Father Joseph Steffes, C.S.S.R.

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Remember the HEALING SERVICE every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. followed by Holy Mass and 4 P.M.

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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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