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MEMORIAL MASS OCTOBER 2



We hope to see many of you at the Annual Memorial Mass for Father Seelos. The time is 11:30 A.M. in St. Mary's Assumption Church, Constance and Josephine Streets, where the mortal remains of Father Seelos are buried.

We ask you to make the special intention of your prayers for the advancement of the cause of Father Seelos for canonization. From the mail we receive at the Center we know many of you are receiving favors through the intercession of Father Seelos. We hope all of you are reporting these favors to us. We keep hoping to receive a miracle(s) so that we can go further forward. Be assured we are working with everything we receive.

Next we ask that you pray for all the intentions placed before the tomb of Father Seelos. That way I will be praying for you and you will be praying for me.

After the Mass Father Grangell will greet his friends for coffee and doughnuts in the Auditorium.

Josie M. Becker

O my God, I believe you are truly present with 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 prayers give me this favor I ask of thee. . . .

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 11 121/123)

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 in America 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 with 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.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Dear Friends:

We have been besieged with illness among our volunteer workers at the Father Seelos Center. One of our workers is on dialysis, another had a hysterectomy, another cataract surgery, and another has lymphoma. May we ask your special prayers for these workers that God will bless them with good health again, through the intercession of Father Seelos.

Josie

From Chickasha, Okla.

"My son returned from Viet-nam war a completely different person. He was so kind, gentle, a loving son when he went in the service. When he returned you could not believe the language he used. He couldn't even ask for a cup of coffee without cussing - the words were horrible. He married and I figured he would stop but it even became worse and after the arrival of two sons of his own they soon picked it up. This hurt. So I prayed to Father Seelos and promised publication. My prayers were answered. My daughter-in-law says for over a month he has not said a cuss word. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Hudson, New York

"My husband was in partnership with a Saudi in Arabia. He wanted to leave but the Saudi had his passport and visa taken away as leverage so that my husband would be held in Saudi. There seemed to be a commercial dispute. With the grace of God my husband made it to the American embassy where he remained two months. I began to pray to Father Seelos for help, visited his tomb and poured out my heart to him. With no passport or visa my husband seemed doomed. But two months later after a lot of prayers, my husband miraculously escaped and is back home in New York."

From Houma, La.

"My daughter and son-in-law were being sued for an accident that happened on their property and they feared they would lose home and business. Through Father Seelos' intercession God helped us. It was settled out of court with no cost to them. I put my house up for sale and it was settled by the end of the year, but about a month before, I changed my mind and did not want to sell. I prayed to Father Seelos to help me. The buyer changed his mind. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

From Harvey, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for the special help that was given to my baby for her health and also for financial help in helping my husband find a job."

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SPECIAL NOTES

Did you read the Conference? Did you notice something? We gave the same conference a year ago for October! Read it again! As you read this ask yourself how often did you say to God: MY GOD I LOVE YOU! TODAY

Thanks for coming to the Anniversary Mass! Wasn't it an inspiration? If you have received Father Seelos and Sanctity before Sunday, October 2, come to the service and bring your neighbor, and call up your family and tell them about it.

Thanks for spreading devotion to Father Seelos.

Thanks for using the small gold envelope which came to you with FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY, for greater promotion of the cause of canonization of Father Seelos. God will reward you.

Don't forget, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Let's pray for one another! Pray for the sick and for fallen-away Catholics.

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

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