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HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED JESUS!



The shepherds said one to another: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us." (Luke 2:15)

Again we come to that happy season of Christmas. Yet for some this is a sad time. If all of us will just concentrate on what Christmas really stands for, and attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, we will find an inner peace which the world cannot give us.

For those who are blessed with family, why not invite someone who is alone to have dinner with you? You will be doing much more for yourself than for them.

Meantime, all of us at the Father Seelos Center wish all of you a blessed and merry Christmas. God bless and keep you for many years to come.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Josie M. Becker

LOVE GOD AND DO AS YOU PLEASE
(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue for the month of December: SELF DENIAL AND LOVE OF THE CROSS

Patron Saint: St. Matthias, Apostle

Text: If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. (Matt. 16/2)

Father Seelos kept two books on his desk! He never closed them. They kept him in touch with God — all day long. He never ceased telling God that he loved him. They were the Divine Infant and the Crucifix. When he returned home after a good 'mission', he did not keep the crucifix in his valise or hang it on the wall until his next 'mission'. No! He was in personal contact with his God. He prepared for Christmas by a big private novena during Advent. He renewed his Religious Vows on the 25th day of every month. He practiced in a very generous way the 'Monthly Virtue' of self denial and love of the cross. There were many acts of mortification and he accepted the cross — sickness in all its forms, which he accepted as his love of the cross.

His every breath — day and night — was a prayer: "My God I love You."

Recollect yourself for a few seconds; 'Now' talk to God: My God, I offer you my every breath of life as an act of love of You, and sorrow for having offended You. I wish never to cease loving You, never to cease praying. If I should become unconscious in sickness, or from a heart attack, or an accident, or an operation, or live to be mentally incapable to pray, I offer all my breathing at that time as a continuation of my present acts of love and sorrow for my sins. And, good God, at the moment of death, when I gasp my last breath, which will be my last act of love of You in this world, I hope to awake in eternity hearing you say, calling me by name: I LOVE YOU!

MARY PRAY FOR ME

Ask all the members of your family, your friends, your neighbors, to say this prayer privately, devoutly, and often.

SPECIAL LETTERS

From New Orleans, La.

"I was on a twelve hour shift from 7:48 to 7:18 and was soon literally falling asleep at work and at the wheel. I had quite a few close calls, so I prayed to Father Seelos to help me stay awake and be alert. The shift is over and I am in one piece. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Buffalo, N. Y.

"I am offering thanksgiving for a special favor I had requested sometime in May. The doctor was certain my dear brother-in-law Francis had a tumor on his lung and that it was malignant. Francis was in the hospital for a week for tests, and all they found was a pulmonary artery; there was no surgery, not even medication was needed. We feel it was an answer to our prayers."

From Donaldsonville, La.

"I want to thank Father Seelos for a favor granted. My son sold his home after many months on the market. We are grateful."

From London, Ont. Canada

"I have been praying to Father Seelos for a long time, although the favor for myself was not answered. I'm still not working because of my disability, but I never gave up. I was granted four favors for other people. My niece thought she had an ulcer which resulted to be nothing. My sister had an eye operation which was a success. My other sister had a minor stroke and she is improving every day. My English friend had a major operation and it was a success. I feel it would take a miracle for me to be completely well, but I am continuing to pray."

From Memphis, Tenn.

"My daughter had bad skin problems and was under a doctor's care for over a year. Nothing seemed to help, so I decided to ask Father Seelos' intercession. I was shopping one day and was talking to a sales girl about my daughter, and she told me about a doctor who does wonders with skin problems, so my daughter changed doctors. Now after a little time she is cured. I know it was Father Seelos who let us know about this new doctor."

From Camp Hill, Pa.

"My mother who is 84 years old, was confined to bed with a back problem. I prayed to Father Seelos. Thanks to him for his intercession. She is up and cooking and doing her chores."

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SPECIAL NOTES

A very Merry Merry Christmas to you and to all of your family. My gift gives to each one of you, living close by or a distance away: I shall pray for all in my three Christmas Masses and in my every daily Holy Mass in 1984.

I invite all the members of your family to join the Guild of Father Seelos. No obligation, just tell God you love Him — all day long. (MGILY)

Read "Father Seelos and Sanctity" monthly. It's all Love of God.

Again, again — thanks for the correct spelling of your name and address and code. Thanks for sending so many new names

Send us all cures and accounts of Doctor's reports. Many tell us of cures, but no names, no addresses, etc. Many small children have been cured, but we never hear the details. Bring the child to the healing service on Sundays at 3:30 P.M.

Again 'Merry Christmas to you all' — I hope Santa is good to all.

Pray for my eyes and thanks. I would like to answer many letters, but I can't make out 'writing' and 'names and addresses'.

If you miss your copy of "Father Seelos and Sanctity", please inform us.

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

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