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HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD!

We take time out to honor our Mothers this month and wish to all you Mothers – Grandmothers – Greatgrandmothers – a happy day.

Since Father Seelos was so devoted to Mary, we feel it most appropriate to ask that through her intercession, God's choicest blessings be bestowed on all of you, who are devoted to Father Seelos.

Please continue to pray for our volunteers who are on the sick list. Ask Father Seelos' prayers for their return to health.

Josie M. Becker

Excerpt from THE CHEERFUL ASCETIC

Seelos was in New Orleans a little over five weeks when sad news reached him from home. His mother had died in Fussen, the day before he arrived at his new home in the Southland. Seelos had always had the greatest admiration for his mother. He once told his students in Cumberland that if he ever had the chance to see his mother again, he would fall on his knees and kiss her feet for all she had done for him. The chance would never come, for the pious 78 year old mother had suffered an injury to her leg, which festered and her condition became so painful that the doctor wondered how she could refrain from crying out from intense agony

BE A MILLIONAIRE

(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue: POVERTY. The true rich man's kind.

Patron: St. Thomas, the Apostle

Text: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5/3)

A poor parishioner of Father Seelos said to him one day: "I wish I were a millionaire, better still, a billionaire. I would start bank accounts all over the world, for all the poor children in the world, so that they could begin adult age with dignity and much happiness. I would like to surprise them." Father Seelos congratulated his friend on his spirit of Charity. He told him, however, he could do something more wonderful, by far greater, not a wish, but a reality. He said to him: "Do you realize how much spiritual poverty there is in the world! So many people are living without God – no faith, no prayer – just living! Some are money-wise millionaires, but paupers in love and service of God. They will die in God's own good time – maybe tomorrow – leaving all their wealth behind them, and stand before God at the Judgment empty-handed, not an idea of personal merit for eternity – complete failures! Maybe it was not their fault that they never heard of God (?) – their ignorance will save them. You, my friend must make every effort to save souls, all souls. You must build as many banks in heaven as there are people living today and who will live in the world till the end of time, and you must fill these banks with merits for these countless numbers." Our Lord wants this: He tells us about laying up treasures in heaven. You must read St. Matthew 6/19/21. You want everybody surprised when he begins his life in eternity ! A priceless fortune awaiting him.

Do it this way: Include everybody in all your prayers. Here's an example: "My God, I offer to You all the Holy Masses that are being said NOW and will be said continuously to the end of the world, to give You infinite Adoration, Thanksgiving, Atonement and Petition, for myself and for everybody living NOW and for all who will till the end of time, through Christ and with Christ and in Christ." And don't forget the Morning Offering: "My God I offer You my and everybody's thoughts, words and actions of today and every day as so many acts of love of You and acts of sorrow for having offended You."

At the end Father Seelos said "If you help souls this way, you are a millionaire, not in wish, but in great eternally meritorious reality."

God loves the soul of holy desires.

CONSECRATE YOURSELF AND EVERYBODY, DAILY, TO THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

SPECIAL LETTERS

From Metairie, La.

"We had an answer to our prayers. My husband's truck had been stolen and was found several days later. My husband makes his living with the truck and so we had prayed to Father Seelos to find the truck. We are grateful for his intercession."

From New Orleans, La.

"After undergoing two operations to remove kidney stones, I became ill again with the same symptoms. The doctor thought that I may need another operation to remove more stones. I prayed to Father Seelos and promised a letter of thanksgiving if I was spared further surgery. After getting the results of my tests and X-rays, the doctor told me my kidney was clear. In the meantime I had passed the stones which gave me the trouble. Many thanks to Father Seelos."

From San Antonio, Texas

"In February 1981 a tumor was removed from my left hand and I suffered a great deal of pain. After the fifth day my son put a picture of Father Seelos on my hand, but I still had the pain. My wife prayed harder and we went to Mass. During the Mass the pain got worse. We prayed still harder and before Mass was over the pain left and has not returned. It is now four months and the pain is gone. Thanks to Father Seelos."

From Memphis, Tenn.

"My fourteen year old daughter had an ugly mole removed from her chin. The doctor said it could be dangerous and we had to wait three days for the report on the biopsy. They were the longest days of my life. We prayed and prayed to Father Seelos. Thank God the test came back negative."

"My sister had intestinal surgery. She was in a very serious condition. I prayed to Father Seelos for her recovery and good health. She has recovered and the doctors were well pleased."

From Metairie, La.

"Recently I had two favors granted through the intercession of Father Seelos. Would you please print public thanksgiving?"

"My doctor informed me that I may have a recurring cancer. I prayed to Father Seelos and after a painful biopsy, I received good news that the test was negative."

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SPECIAL NOTES

If you still have your Christmas cards, look at them again and see how poor Mary and Joseph were then, and also their Infant Jesus. Sleeping in the desert, poor clothes, one animal for Mary and the Baby, etc. etc. and all for us, for our love, our salvation. We learn how to put up with the wants of our lives! We learn never to complain, to see the will of God in our own sufferings! St. Joseph must have worked all the time a few hours a day if he could find employment.

May is our Blessed Mother's month. Do something extra out of love for her. Do you ever say the Litany of the Blessed Mother?

Riches make some people selfish. Somebody put an unusual petition in the basket on the tomb of Father Seelos. This is it: Father Seelos, please inspire some millionaire to endow St. Mary's Church, or inspire someone to start a fund, getting ready for his canonization, attracting the world to come to St. Mary's Assumption Church, making it a national Shrine.

Thanks for using the gold envelopes with a gift for Father Seelos. Before you put this letter aside, read No. 3 of these notes again and pray for that miracle.

Come to the Healing Service every Sunday at 3:30 in St. Mary's Church. During the service the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for a few minutes. During the service Father Steffes and Father Grangell give an individual priestly blessing with hands consecrated at their ordinations. The blessing is for healing purposes. All followed by Holy Mass at 4 o'clock. After Mass the individual blessing with the crucifix of Father Seelos. The Veneration of the crucifix is for each individual. God bless the teen-agers and older youths who come to this service, a young man on crutches is one of them, another comes on a walker, etc.

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

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