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SACRED HEART OF JESUS BE MY LOVE BE MY SALVATION

DREAM DREAMS

Dream dreams of real compassion
And the joys your dreams could bring.
Dream Dreams of their fulfillment
And the sad you helped to sing.
Then think of ways of making
These good dreams to come true.
The good Lord needs more dreamers
Yes, the Lord has need of you.
He needs your hands to minister
To the sick and insecure.
Your life to be a sermon
How to love and to endure.
He needs your voice to tell men
The humble Gospel story
And to spread abroad the knowledge
Of His great love, and glory.

by Sister Mary Gemma Brunke

This poem struck me as appropriate to offer you in this month of the Sacred Heart. If you read it carefully I am sure there is something you can apply to your own life and thereby bring yourself closer to the Sacred Heart.

Meantime, we cannot forget our dear old dads. Happy Father's Day to all our Dads, Granddads, Greatgranddads, and so on and on. May God grant you happiness today and every day of the year.

Josie M. Becker

PURITY OF HEART

(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue for June: Purity of Heart
Patron: The Apostle, St. James, the lesser and St. Maria Goretti.
(Tell the teenagers about her.)
Text: Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God. (St. Matt. 5/8)

St. Maria Goretti, a girl of twelve, said to a man of eighteen, who invited her to sin – and her words should be those of everybody tempted to sin alone or with another – "I don't do those things. They offend, God, and God punishes them in hell for all eternity." She was murdered rather than offend God by abusing sex. When the Holy Father heard of her death he called her A MARTYR OF CHASTITY.

Sex is the thing that bothers everybody in thoughts, words and actions. There is never a let-up in temptation.

At Baptism, whether as infants or adults, we renounced the devil and all his works and pomps. We renewed this renunciation at Confirmation and every time we say the Our Father: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION do not allow us to be tempted beyond our strength.

At the end of the Baptismal Ceremony the priest sent us from the font with these words: GO IN PEACE AND MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS. Now the spiritual life begins. There is much peace in the soul of a little child, no temptations, no worries, no anxieties, no doubts. Children love God. There are no atheists among them – only fools are atheists, so says God in Psalm 13 1/7.

Unfortunately many teenagers become atheists – – at least they act like atheists, no prayers, no Holy Mass, no confession, no Holy Communion, no Blessed Mother! Now the devil whom they renounced at Baptism begins his work for their souls. They are easy prey for the devil. The Bible (Job 7/1) says the life of man on earth is a warfare. God and the devil are fighting for every individual soul. The devil's big weapon is the abuse of sex. He wins so many young souls! The good God loses so many, apparently.

For anyone to conquer the devil and to save his (her) soul, he must: 1. Pray for help to overcome temptation. 2. The best time to pray is immediately after receiving Holy Communion, when you and God are one. 3. The best prayer you can say is the infinite sacrifice of the MASS. 4. Love the Immaculate Mother of God, say the Hail Mary like this – pray for us sinners NOW (for me that I be pure today) and at the hour of my death (that I be ready then to meet my God for the Judgment.) I may die suddenly in an accident: MARY, HELP ME TO HAVE A CLEAN SOUL AND AT LIFE'S END – ETERNITY'S BEGINNING. Our breath of life must be MY GOD I LOVE YOU – MGILY.

SPECIAL LETTERS

From Allen Park, Mi.

"I was out of work in 1982 for 9 weeks. I searched for a job, placing many applications. One of the applications was at a machine shop. To my surprise I was called for an interview. I was interviewed and explained that I did not have much experience on the type of machine in the shop. I was disappointed because they were looking for someone with more experience. I began to pray to Father Seelos asking him to help me. Less than one hour after saying the prayer to Father Seelos the owner called and said he would try me on the job. It has been over three weeks and I still have the job. I can handle the machines and am contented with it. Father Seelos has earned my confidence and love."

From St. Bernard, La.

"I wish to express my thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession. Since last August I have been having intestinal problems which were causing much discomfort. Although lab tests revealed minor problem, medicine seemed to have little effect. I started praying to Father Seelos and my condition started to improve immediately."

From Gretna, La.

"I heard of Father Seelos through a friend. I need help. I am very nervous and have a fear since I have been a child. Father Seelos give me courage, energy and the power to overcome my fears and nerves. You have answered my friend's prayers and I hope mine will be answered."

From Pierre Part, La.

"For nine months I have been praying for my granddaughter. She was born with a Neuroblastoms. Now after nine months of praying she is on the road to recovery. My husband had a heart test and he passed it o.k. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession.

From Waveland, Miss.

"Recently my husband had been told he had lung trouble, as the doctor saw a spot on his lung. We immediately prayed to Father Seelos. He entered the hospital for more X-rays. The doctor was amazed that they showed no spot on his lung. The doctor immediately had more X-rays to convince himself. My husband is now home and doing very well."

From Slidell, La.

"I was going under surgery for a breast tumor. I was very upset, because I've been thru it before. I prayed and had a Mass in honor of Father Seelos. My surgery was successful. The tumor was benign. My prayers were heard, thanks to Father Seelos."

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SPECIAL NOTES

June is the month of THE SACRED HEART! Our perpetual prayer should be – – not only during the month of June but always: JESUS, MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART, MAKE MY HEART LIKE UNTO THINE. MY GOD I LOVE YOU. You may not have the First Friday devotions in your parish publicly; a very few churches may have dropped this devotion. You'll have to say these prayers privately in your life. Have all the members of your home go to Holy Mass on First Friday.

Thanks for using the gold envelopes and thus help us to pay our bills. They are big.

Pick up some members for the guild of Father Seelos. You will share in many Holy Masses and prayers. Explain this to the teen-agers.

Help us to keep our files correct: 1. right name. 2. right address; 3. tell us if you move; 4. your neighbor's new address. We thank you for your cooperation in a noble cause. Help us to hasten the Cause of Canonization of a saint.

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

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