



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## ONE NATION, UNDER GOD



We are a great nation, under God. Do we take time out to thank God for the blessings He has given to us as a nation? Do we ask Him to guide and bless our leaders? If we ever needed God's blessings and guidance, we need them now.

Why not start your day on the FOURTH by attending Mass in thanksgiving and petition. After that go out and have your picnics, barbecues, or whatever.

HAVE A HAPPY DAY!

Josie M. Becker

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Excerpt from THE CHEERFUL ASCETIC, by Father Michael Curley, C.S.S.R.

Of Father Seelos in the tribunal of penance it may be said that he was a true son and zealous imitator of his glorious Father St. Alphonsus. Like him he was the friend and consoler of all in affliction. His confessional was always crowded. It seemed as if the whole congregation, wherever he might happen to be stationed, flocked to him to cast themselves and the burden of their sins at his saintly feet. For ordinary confessions a minute or two sufficed; but the few words of exhortation that fell from his lips dropped like burning coals into the hearts of his penitents.

## "I WANT TO BE A SAINT" (Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue for July: Obedience

Patron: St. Philip, the apostle

Text: You are my friends if you do the things I command you. (St. John 15/14)

A young man told Father Seelos he wanted to be a saint and asked him what he had to do! Father Seelos congratulated him on his ambition and told him he had already taken the first step -- he WANTED it. He must persevere in this desire. The next steps were to work in a particular way on two virtues: THE LOVE OF GOD and OBEDIENCE. Two prayers must be the breath of his soul -- MY GOD I LOVE YOU -- YOUR WILL BE DONE.

### I. HOW A SAINT LOVES GOD!!

He trains himself to keep in touch with God, using the above prayers constantly. He doesn't multiply prayers. In fact, he will skip some prayers to perform acts of charity for his neighbor -- leaving God for God.

All our prayers come under the heads of: 1. Adoration (love.) 2. Thanksgiving. 3. Atonement 4. Petition. There are no other kinds of prayer. These are our four creature obligations to God. We offer them to God in an infinite way through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, at every sacrifice of the Mass.

The saints loved the Mass -- they understood it. They edified everybody by the way they assisted at Mass. They were not singular, eccentric, peculiar, different. They were just plain, simple, ordinary, pious, happy, agreeable people, who put first things first in their lives.

Saints were tempted against Faith to give up all their pious devotions, even the Holy Mass, but despite their feelings and inclinations, coldness of spirit and indifference, they went to their daily Mass and Holy Communion. They never stopped praying.

Some holy people can't go to daily Mass on account of poor health, work, distance from the church, hours of work. They offer the Holy Mass and Holy Communion spiritually.

Real saints love their neighbors and help all in body and soul. A saint loves the Blessed Mother.

Saints are people of strong will, determination, perseverance and cheerfulness.

### II. HOW A SAINT OBEYS!!

He sees the Will of God in everything -- the least details of the Ten Commandments, the laws of the Church, the voice of the Holy Father, the pains and aches and frustrations of life. Holy people never complain nor criticize lawful authority.

Saintly souls obey their confessors blindly if inclined to be scrupulous, in performing penances and in their prayer life.

YOU CAN DO ALL THESE THINGS IF YOU WANT TO BE A SAINT.

TELL THE BLESSED MOTHER: MARY, I WANT TO BE A SAINT. HELP ME.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

From Fort Worth, Texas

"My daughter had a stroke. The doctor ordered various tests. I prayed to Father Seelos to spare her from blood clots, tumors, etc. All the tests was okay. She is getting along fine. My thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Superior Wisconsin

"I am so grateful to Father Seelos for his special help in curing me of a rather bad habit and ask his help every day for a permanent and lasting cure. I am from Wisconsin and would like to see this letter published in your paper. Thanks! "

From Harahan, La.

"I have so much to thank Father Seelos for. Through his prayers my grandson is now well and a lost article was found. Every chance I get I say his prayer. He has helped me in so many ways."

From Vernon, Conn.

"My life was a mess and I felt torn apart. My job was on the line. My inter-personal relationship was in a turmoil. But from the day I started praying, things have changed for the better. My life has really come around, including a new job which I really enjoy. Father Seelos has really interceded for me and I feel a strong feeling of calm whenever I pray to him."

From Opelousas, La.

"This is in thanksgiving for prayers that were answered through the intercession of Father Seelos for the recovery of a sister who was seriously ill."

"My husband suffered a malignancy and an operation was performed. All tests are negative, however, due to the radiation treatments he has lost the use of his leg. I ask your prayers that the leg will be cured."

From Belle Chasse, La.

"I was awaiting open heart surgery in the hospital when the Father Seelos' workers brought in the Father Seelos crucifix. I kissed it with so much faith in my heart. I just knew my load had been lifted. I will always be so grateful to Father Seelos for interceding for me. All went very well."

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## SPECIAL NOTES

The month of July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus. A pious person says a beautiful prayer which begins: "Behold me humbly kneeling at thy feet (the crucifix)," and ends "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones." You can imagine this scene! Shed a tear. His flesh was torn to ribbons. When Pontius Pilate saw Him he was shocked!! All he could say as he presented Christ to the mob was "Behold the Man." Shed a tear! We receive the Precious Blood when we receive Holy Communion. Your best preparation and your best Thanksgiving is MY GOD I LOVE YOU AND I THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME FOR A HAPPY ETERNITY. MY GOD I THANK YOU!

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Many thanks for spreading devotion to Father Seelos. Come to the healing service in St. Mary's Assumption Church every Sunday with your sick and join in with all in church in community prayers to Father Seelos for your sick, stay for Holy Mass at 4 o'clock and venerate the crucifix of Father Seelos after Holy Mass.

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Thanks for using the small gold envelope which comes to you monthly with FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY and return it with something to help advance the cause of canonization of Father Seelos.

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Make the Way of the Cross and ask our Lord through His Precious Blood to give you grace to be a saint.

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

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