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HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR



The baby on this picture is not the typical New Year's baby. But this is such a cute picture of Katie, I just couldn't resist putting it in the paper. Katie is the great-niece of one of our volunteer workers and I might add she is a mighty proud aunt.

We hope all of you will have a happy 1984 and that God will shower His blessings on you, and your loved ones.

Let us all pray that in 1984 the cause of Father Seelos for canonization will make great strides and by this time next year we will be able to report great progress.

Please continue to pray for your own petitions, as well as for all those placed at the tomb of Father Seelos. That way You will be praying for me and I will be praying for you and we will all be praying for each other.

Meantime have a Happy New Year and enjoy your day.

Josie M. Becker

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!
(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

My Dear Friend and Friend of Father Seelos:

My New Year wish for you is that it will be very happy and holy and healthy, filled with God's best graces, our Blessed Mother's love and Father Seelos miracles. To make this a reality, I will share my every daily mass of 1984 with you. God love you! Pray for me.

In our study of the Virtues, we begin the year with FAITH. Good solid practicing Faith makes us happy and contented always. Our text is Our Divine Savior saying to us: 'I am the Light of the world.' (John 8/12). If your life is Christ-centered, you live in His eternal sunshine. Our patrons are Saints Peter and Paul, the first pope and history's greatest Missionary, both martyrs, because their Faith was more precious to them than life.

Hear Father Seelos saying to you: 'Make 1984 a Eucharistic year! Love the Blessed Sacrament, kneel before the tabernacle often and tell our Lord all about yourself and your dear ones, and pray for the conversion of the world. Go to daily Mass, if possible, and offer the Holy Sacrifice to Almighty God to pay your creature debts of adoration, thanksgiving, atonement and petition in an infinite way through Christ and with Christ and in Christ. Always receive Holy Communion.' If that is your Faith, Father Seelos will love you and pray for you at the Heavenly Throne of the Most High God.

Treasure your Faith as your best possession. Lose anything; everything, even your life, rather than lose your Faith.

A great resolution for the New Year should be to see Christ in the sick and the old and the physically handicapped – in the spirit of Faith, Father Seelos loved the sick. He saw Christ in them. Without Faith a sick person in bed sees only a ceiling and passes the time with moaning and complaints. With Faith, the sick person looks beyond the ceiling to Heaven and sees God and speaks to Him ceaselessly. His favorite prayer is MY GOD, I LOVE YOU! If I had my way, I would have MY GOD, I LOVE YOU on the walls of every sick room.

If the sick feels neglected and abandoned and is in great pain, he must embrace the Crucifix and offer his sufferings for the conversion of the world.

The well and the healthy must see Christ in the sick and the old and the incapacitated and help Christ who is suffering in them. That's what Father Seelos did.

Again HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Father Grangell, C.S.S.R.

SPECIAL LETTERS

From Baton Rouge, La.

"I am so grateful to Father Seelos for his help in curing me of a rather bad habit and ask his help every day for a permanent and lasting cure."

From Chalmette, La.

"I wish to express my thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession. For months I suffered with intestinal problems and medicine seemed to have no effect. I started praying to Father Seelos and my condition improved within a short time."

From Kenner, La.

"On August 31 my father will make eleven years of sobriety. Before this time I had prayed to Father Seelos that he would stop drinking. At that time I wrote to you and you published my letter. I promised that I would continue to write as long as father did not drink. Thanks to Father Seelos."

From Fort Worth, Texas

"My daughter's operation was a success. I want to thank Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Metairie, La.

"I underwent a partial thyroidectomy. Prior to the surgery I was concerned that my nodule would be malignant. I prayed to Father Seelos and wore a cloth memento taped to my gown. The thyroid problem was totally benign and safely removed. The doctor discovered a blood clot in my jugular vein, which was also safely removed. Many thanks to Father Seelos."

From Houston, Texas

"Since November I have been in bed with a bad back. I could not get up. I am 83 years old. I was given a relic of Father Seelos and placed it on my back and two days later I was up and walking."

From Bay St., Louis, Miss.

"Recently I requested your prayers that I might find two rings of value, one was my engagement ring of 45 years, the other an aunt gave to me some time ago. I also began praying to Father Seelos and promised I would contribute the value of one of the rings if I found them. Within a second after looking days for them I found them in the pocket of a dress. I know Father Seelos helped me find them."

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NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70130

SPECIAL NOTES

Is your family — all its members — father, mother, teenagers — all people of strong Faith — devoted to Father Seelos. Spread devotion to Father Seelos, send the Center new names for the Guild of Father Seelos. Tell them you are doing so.

Come to the healing service in St. Mary's Church on Sundays at 3:30 and receive all the blessings. Mass follows at 4 o'clock.

Thank you for your gifts to the Center to support the cause of Father Seelos.

Bring the sick, the crippled, those in wheel chairs, all the sick you know. Pray for miracles.

Kneel at Father Seelos' tomb for a few minutes. Pray for each other. Pray for me.

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

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