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MARY -- MOTHER -- OUR MOTHER



The beautiful month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. I have been thinking quite a lot about Mary and the line from the poem *Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue* - WHEN FOR OUR VERY OWN MOTHER, MARY HE GAVE US YOU - keeps coming back to me.

Jesus gave us His Mother to be our mother. What a gift! How generous of Jesus to so endow us. Do we properly appreciate Mary as our mother? As children, and even in our later lives, when we have or had a problem we always run to our mother. She consoles us and somehow we feel much better after talking to her. Just think how wonderful it is to have a mother in heaven to whom we can go with all our problems - joys and sorrows - and she will carry them directly to her dear Son. Call on her often. Tell her you love her. Tell her to ask her Son to give you the graces necessary to live a good life and one day meet Jesus and Mary in heaven.

Father Seelos had great devotion to Mary and I am sure he rushed to her altar often in church to pray "when the going got rough". As we strive to imitate his holy life, let us imitate him in his devotion to Mary, our mother.

Mother's Day is this month. Happy Mother's Day to all of you mothers, grandmothers, etc. We ask God's blessings on all of you.

Josie M. Becker.

WHAT WILL I TAKE IN EXCHANGE FOR MY SOUL

(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

The Virtue for May: POVERTY (I am attached to God alone)

Patron: St. Thomas, Apostle

Text: What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul. (Matt 16/20) Christ asked this question.

Father Seelos became a holy man of God because he was faithful to the system of asceticism of the twelve monthly virtues. It was the inspiration of St. Alphonsus for his Redemptorist mission. It is the asceticism order of the saints of Christ which is the formation of the virtues in the church years ago – two hundred and fifty years ago.

The system of the monthly virtue is the imitation of our Most Holy Redeemer. It is a beautiful system. It begins with the fundamental devotion – January, February, March and April. If we meditate in a very serious way on these virtues we live the foundation of all holiness. In the month of FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY we lay the foundation of true sanctity. If our Faith is good, we live Eucharistic lives, we put ourselves in every tabernacle of the church, we invite the people of the world to join with us daily in the prayer MY GOD, I LOVE YOU. Our bodies become great cathedrals and our hearts become tabernacles and we welcome our Lord to be our priest and victim at every Holy Mass. We pray in Christ, with Christ, through Christ.

This is the month of FAITH. How rich we are in possessing it. Just pause and linger for a long time as we think of the Blessed Saints and it is ours for the asking. The second virtue of the second month is HOPE. We rely on God's infinite goodness and promises, we hope for forgiveness of our sins, for grace. (God's help to be healthy, keep you well and be happy.)

St. Alphonsus teaches that we all have a vocation to be saints. So our wish, our hope, our desire is to be saints. DESIRE is the first step. Forget about our lives in the past and tell the world, I WILL BE A SAINT.

That leaves us to the third virtue in the system of the twelve virtues of the month. But all the piety, zeal, praying and the true holiness and real sanctity, along with the virtue of the month were practiced by Father Seelos.

All virtue, holiness and prayer are destroyed by three vices: 1. money; 2. impurity; 3. disobedience.

It's an intention system of asceticism. Stay with us! As a Catholic with the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Mass and Holy Communion, we are the richest people in the world. All the money in the world cannot buy our FAITH. It's a gift of God to you. Don't lose it.

Pray for the conversion of sinners, have someone in mind. Go to Holy Mass on Sunday and to Holy Communion often – you are saving a soul for a happy eternity – you are saving your own soul. Pray to Father Seelos for many conversions.

MY DEAR BLESSED MOTHER, YOU KNOW WHAT POVERTY IS!
PRAY FOR ME.

SPECIAL LETTERS

From Metairie, La.

"My mother who is 80 years old, had to go through a very serious back operation. I prayed to Father Seelos. The operation was successful but she went into a deep depression. I kept up my prayers. She is now doing very well. I want to thank Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Chalmette, La.

"I wish to say thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession for what could have been a very serious problem. A spot on my brain was not a tumor, merely a small spot and the day after the brain scan test my sight was restored."

From Baton Rouge, La.

"After surgery on one eye I got so I couldn't read, so I prayed hard and did penance. I then had surgery on the other eye and everything came out alright. Now my vision is clear. Thanks to Good Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Marrero, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession during my son's heart surgery. Two doctors would not operate because he was such a high risk. A doctor in Texas decided to operate in order to save his life. the operation was successful and on the ninth day after surgery he is going home and feeling great."

From Pilot Knob, Mo.

Thanks to Father Seelos for relieving the pains in my legs and my right foot. I feared my right foot had been broken or severely sprained. I prayed to Father Seelos and applied the cloth memento. After twelve hours it was back to normal. A car door had slammed on my foot."

From New Orleans, La.

"I would like to thank Father Seelos for helping a dear friend find a steady job."

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If there is a small child, four or five years old, and an older person in the same home, the older person should teach the child to say MGILY often

The way we build up our Sanctity is to practice virtues.

The new month is now begun, the new saints are ready and meaningful in saying MY GOD I LOVE YOU – I really do dear God – accept the many acts of my love for you.

Blessed Mother help me to become a saint. Make the Tuesday novena in honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Thanks for your support of the cause of Father Seelos. Don't lose interest in Father Seelos.

All Letters of petition which come to the Center are put on the tomb of Father Seelos.

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

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