

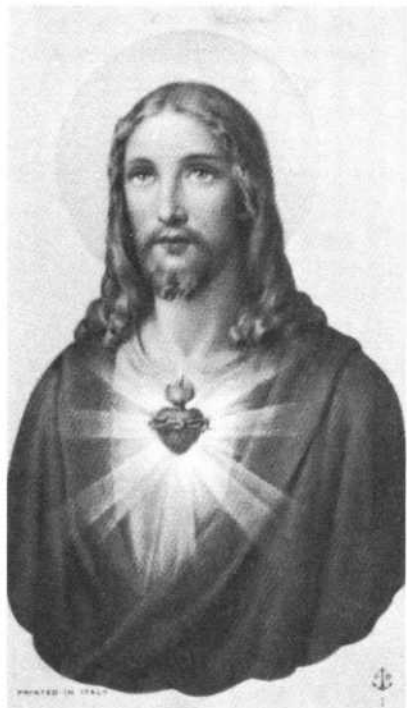


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THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS—OUR GOOD FRIEND



As the song goes JUNE IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER and a mighty nice sight it is to see. This brings us to the fact that June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our good friend, a friend we can go to in all our trials and tribulations. I am sure in his lifetime Father Seelos called on this "friend" in many of his daily needs. He is always there when you want to call on Him. Do so often and tell Him constantly MY GOD I LOVE YOU.

Special good wishes to all of you fathers, etc. Have a nice day and enjoy your children and grandchildren on Father's Day.

The thought has struck me that I have in the past forgotten to extend our good

wishes to those finishing high school, college, etc. As they embark on their chosen career we wish all of them well. We hope if you are starting work that you will be successful and if you are going on to college and further studies, we wish you every success. Call on the Sacred Heart of Jesus for help. He will not let you down.

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 Baton Rouge, La.

"I was upset about my grandson who is 11 years old. He complained of pain in his back, which the doctor thought may be a tumor. I started the Father Seelos' prayer and asked my petition be placed at the tomb of Father Seelos. Thanks to his intercession, after two different tests were made everything proved to be fine."

From Marrero, La.

"I began praying to Father Seelos to help me find a job and someone to take care of my children when they return from school. In about a week my prayers were answered. I am now working a half hour from home and I thank Father Seelos for his intercession in my obtaining this job."

From Donaldsonville, La.

"My son had a law suit against him which made us all worry very much. I gave him a prayer of Father Seelos to say and I also prayed all day for his help. Thanks to his intercession, my son has been helped."

From Metairie, La.

"Some time ago I promised a letter of thanks for favors granted. My niece had a safe delivery. She had a fine baby boy. My nephew and his family returned home safe from a stormy trip. Thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to Father Seelos for his prayers."

From New Orleans, La.:

"In January of last year my husband had major surgery on both legs for artery blockage, 100% in one leg and 40% in the other. Despite the fact that he had cardiac arrest on the operating table, he recovered and now has the use of both legs without any pain whatsoever. In May he had to return to the hospital for a malignancy behind the right eye. His eye had to be removed. The doctor told us the malignancy was localized. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Excanaba, Mi.

"Through the intercession of Father Seelos our son-in-law has a new job. They sold their house in the east and their small mature son is doing very well in their new home. Many thanks to Father Seelos."

From Westwego, La.

"We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Father Seelos for his prayers for my uncle. He was confined to the hospital with a major heart attack. I called Miss Buhler and the crucifix of Father Seelos was brought to him. He left the hospital seven days later and is doing fine."

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Please remember Father Grangell in your prayers. He is not too well these days. Remember in December he had his 90th birthday and while he tries to display the same vim, vigor and vitality that he always did, his body is weak and he has had a couple of falls. Every time you say his prayer MY GOD I LOVE YOUR (MGILY), tell God Father Grangell taught us to say that prayer and add a special remembrance for him.

We have been receiving mail at the Center which in some cases does not bear the full name of the sender as well as his or her address. Please be sure to include your full address, street number, name, city, state and zip code so we can properly acknowledge the mail.

Father Joseph Steffes spends a great deal of time visiting the local hospitals and blessing the sick with the crucifix of Father Seelos. We have received so many nice comments from those people he blessed that we just had to mention it in this letter. Thank you Father Steffes on my own behalf and on the behalf of all the sick. Keep up the great work.

We receive requests at the Center for various pamphlets and other religious articles. We do not stock these items. The only literature, etc. we can furnish is that relating to Father Seelos. You can probably get the pamphlets from any religious article store. As for other items we are unable to give you any further information.

Keep your letters of thanks coming and if you wish publication in the paper, please so mark your letter. We will try to put them all in the paper as soon as possible.

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

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