



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## WELCOME BACK FATHER ELWORTHY!



Father Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R. will rejoin the staff of the Father Seelos Center as of August 1. He left New Orleans six years ago after spending several years working for the cause of Father Seelos.

Father Elworthy will work hard to promote the devotion to Father Seelos and to promote visitations to St. Mary's Assumption Church and the tomb of Father Seelos.

We welcome him back and his expertise will be very helpful in furthering the cause of Father Seelos. Regina Beck, the secretary at the Center, and all of our volunteers are happy that he has been sent back to us. God bless you Father Elworthy in your work.

Please continue to pray with us that the cause will show great progress very soon.

Josie M. Becker

## FATHER SEELOS – MEEK AND HUMBLE AND KIND TOWARD ALL

Virtue for August: Meekness and Humility of Heart

Patron: St Bartholomew, Apostle

Text: Learn of Me for I am meek and humble of heart (Matt. 11/29).

**LESSON FROM SCRIPTURE.** If you read the Bible you will quickly learn that God has no use for proud people. Pride was the sin of the fallen angels and pride was the sin of Adam and Eve. Pride, really, is the root cause of most sins. Jesus, being most holy, gave us the example of perfect humility. He scolded the Pharisees for their proudful hypocrisy. He said: "Unless you become as little children you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 18/3). St. Paul remind us: "What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it, why do you glory as if you had not received it?" (1 Cor. 4/7)

**EXAMPLE OF FR. SEELOS.** People observed in Fr. Seelos an example of the Lord's meekness and humility. One teacher in school where he went three times a week to catechize the children remarked: "His explanations were so simple that all the children could unstand them, and at the same time they penetrated the heart". She stressed the point that he had great patience with rude children. He was always patient with everbody. One day after he spent a lot of time consoling a poor old eccentric woman, he was accused of wasting time. He said: "I do nothing wrong in receiving all kindly, without distinction. I would be wrong to receive some kindly, and some rudely".

**THE GENTLE CONFESSOR.** As a gentle confessor Fr. Seelos had the gift of consoling people. One woman remarked: "Whatever affliction you might have, if you went to Fr. Seelos your affliction would be gone before you came away". All the Fathers remarked that whoever came to him once would never afterward go the any other director.

**GOD'S FAVOR.** St. Peter writes: "God resists the proud and gives his grace to the humble". (I Peter 5/5) Because of his Christlike meekness and humility, God has worked wonders through his saintly servant, Fr. Seelos. Let us imitate him as he imitated Jesus, and pray to him to deliver us from pride and from all false feelings of superiority over others.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

From Metairie, La.

"My mother underwent surgery for the removal of a tumor on her eye. We asked Father Seelos to intercede that the operation would be a success and that the tumor would not be malignant. Praise the Lord! Our prayers were answered and my mother is recovering."

From River Ridge, La.

"I had a problem with palpitation of the heart. After a couple of tests they associated my problem with my nerves, my job and a problem at home. I quit the job and my problem at home has improved. I was unable to sleep at night because of my nerves. I asked Father Seelos' prayers and now I am getting a good night's sleep. I have no job but I know Father Seelos will help me find one. Thanks to Father Seelos."

From Iowa City, Iowa

"My son was laid off work for 12 months. It was difficult to support five children without a job. I prayed to Father Seelos for 12 months. Yesterday my son found a job. I am so grateful and thankful for Father Seelos' intercession."

From New Orleans, La.

"My son was in deep trouble because he had faith in a man who lied about him. I prayed to Father Seelos to make the truth come out. All charges against my son have been dropped. Please print this letter. I want to acknowledge publicly the wonderful power of prayer and to thank Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Metairie, La.

"My brother-in-law had a violent cough and had to have cataract surgery. He was told if he could lay flat on his back for one hour and a half and not move or cough the surgery could be performed. Otherwise it could not be done. He agreed to try it and the operation was successful. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

From Nederland, Texas

"I was an alcoholic (a drunk). Through the intercession of Father Seelos I am healed. I can even drink a small bit and not crave more. He even cured my feeling of telling my husband or going for more. I feel I am cured and am happy and still close to God.

I was 30 pounds overweight and tried every diet and exercise but could not lose. I started praying to Father Seelos and found a doctor who put me on fluid pills and a salt free diet. I have lost 20 pounds in six weeks. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

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## SPECIAL NOTES

On August 1 we celebrate the feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists. He is a doctor of the church. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother. Father Seelos was a true follower of St. Alphonsus.

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On August 15 we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother into heaven. Our parish has a church which bears the name of St. Mary's Assumption Church. In this church lies the remains of Father Seelos. It seems quite fitting that this should be since he had such great devotion to her.

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During the month of May we had a visit at the Father Seelos Center from Mrs. Lily Aschenbrenner, a great niece of Father Seelos. We certainly were glad to have her visit us and she in turn was glad to see how big an operation we have and how we have spread devotion to her ancestor.

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Please continue to remember Father Grangell in your prayers. He is still in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. We understand he is still his pleasant self, but very weak.

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Thanks for your continued support of the Center. Without your help and the encouragement you give us in your correspondence, the going would be rough.

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

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