



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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MEMORIAL IN ANNAPOLIS

Although it is almost 130 years since Father Seelos was pastor in St. Mary's Church in the capital of Maryland, his memory still lingers. Witness this stained-glass window in the rear of this beautiful gothic church.

FATHER SEELOS DAY IN NEW ORLEANS: APRIL 28

Sunday, April 28, is the date of the fourth annual "Father Seelos Day in New Orleans." A Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Mary's Assumption Church at 11:30 A.M. Father Monroe Perrier, the superior of the Redemptorist vice-province of New Orleans, will be the principal concelebrant and homilist at the Mass.

Immediately following the Mass a dinner will be held at the Jefferson-Orleans North Restaurant at 2600 Edenborn Avenue in Metairie. The time of the dinner is 1:30 P.M. Sister Lillian McCormick, S.S.N.D., director of St. Michael's Special School, will be the featured speaker. Mr. J. C. Albarado will be the master of ceremonies. Mrs. Norma Albarado will lead the sing-a-long. Door prizes will be awarded. The ticket for the dinner will be \$20.00 each. Write or call the Center: (504) 525-2495.

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

The command: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke, 10/27-emphasis added).

The motive: "Then the just will ask him: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison?" "The king will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.' " (Matthew, 25/27-40).

The reward: "And I promise you that whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones because he is a disciple will not want for his reward" (Matthew, 10/42).

"And who is my neighbor?", asked the lawyer of Jesus. "Jesus replied: 'There was man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell prey to robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise there a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: "Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back."

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers? The answer came, 'The one who treated him with compassion.' Jesus said, 'Then go and do the same'" (Matthew, 10/29-37).

The secret: do to others as you would have others do to you. The Samaritan had pity on the man left half-dead in the ditch. It took courage on his part to tend to the wounded man. It also took generosity to spend the time and the money to see that the man was taken care of even in his absence.

No doubt we all have experienced the good hearts of strangers who came to our aid in the time of distress. We should obey the injunction of Jesus to the lawyer, "Then go and do the same,"

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Metairie, LA

Not long ago my husband was let down by a close member of his family in a matter of business. It put him out of business and even took away some of his clients. He had no place even to work. We prayed to Father Seelos to send work, work that we promised would please God. Things did begin to happen. People began to call for my husband's service. We even sold property that was supposed never to sell. Then someone we knew asked us if we would be interested in a small office, no utilities, at a small fee we could afford. Overnight we moved the machines and the files, and now the work has begun to come. We feel that Father Seelos is a member of the firm.

Zachary, LA

This is to let you know that I love THE FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY bulletin. I have been a subscriber for many moons. Father Seelos has interceded for me when I had a breast cancer operation, and many other things. It is now two years since the operation and I have had no problems.

Granberry, TX

I need a fresh copy of the pamphlet "Meet Father Seelos." I use mine daily and it has fallen apart. Last February I had a terrible case of shingles. The strongest possible medicine would not cure them. A priest gave me the booklet and I asked for Father Seelos' intercession constantly. Finally the tormenting pain and lesions began to disappear. I know it was through Father Seelos' help.

Lafayette, LA

I am writing to notify you of a favor received. My husband was out of work for eleven months. He was interviewed by several banks and he mailed numerous resumes. As a family we prayed continually for Father Seelos' intercession. I visited his tomb in New Orleans in September, 1990. On September 26 he mailed a resume to a bank re: a job he had heard about. The following Thursday the president of the bank was at the door looking for my husband. On Friday he had his interview and two and a half weeks later he started work. The bank had interviewed 27 applicants.

Abbeville, LA

It was thought that my daughter-in-law had a chronic disease of the liver which is contagious. We were prompted to ask for a second opinion. Today we learned that she is indeed sick, but the condition is not chronic and not contagious. She will probably never have this condition again. Thanks to prayers to Father Seelos.

Mail, December, 1990

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SPECIAL NOTES

1. The Father Seelos Center offers the following:
 - a. "The Cheerful Ascetic," a biography of Father Seelos. Price: \$10.00.
 - b. "Seelos: A Cause to Rejoice," a TV documentary of the life of Father Seelos. VHS cassette only: \$45.00.
 - c. "Nothing Short of A Miracle," a book on the healing power of the saints, written by Patricia Treece. In it there are two chapters on Father Seelos. Price: \$8.95 plus postage.
 - d. "The Sanctified Body," by Patricia Treece, a study of the physical phenomena that accompany people who are close to God. Price: \$17.95 plus \$2.00 for postage.
 - e. Pamphlets, prayer-cards, mementos.
 - f. A daily spiritual message: dial (504) 586-1803.
 - g. Blessings of the sick with the mission crucifix of Father Seelos. Call: Mrs. Yvonne Sevin, 888-1250, or Mrs. Gerry Heigle, 482-4404.
 - h. Pilgrimages to St. Mary's Church, the tomb and museum of Father Seelos. For further details and appointments, call the Center: (504) 525-2495.
 - i. PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER SEELOS: every Sunday morning at 11 A.M. in St. Mary's Church. It is followed by the 11:30 parish Mass.
2. A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY IS TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR. We appreciate your letting us know you want to continue to receive the bulletin. Please use the form below for changes of address, corrections, duplications and renewals. Please return the lower portion of this page to us.

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