



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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“THE HALE AND LINDY BOGGS ATRIUM”

When Archbishop Francis B. Schulte, of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, blessed the “Redemptorist Apartments” complex on January 27 of this year, he also dedicated the atrium in what was once the parish hall to two former parishioners, Hale and Lindy Boggs. Hale Boggs was a congressman from the state of Louisiana when he was lost in an airplane accident in Alaska over fifteen years ago. His wife, Lindy, took his place in Congress until her retirement just this last year.



LINDY BOGGS



“THE HALE & LINDY BOGGS
ATRIUM”



ARCHBISHOP SCHULTE

MARY AND PURITY

Mary is the virgin Mother of God, a mother and yet a virgin. Because God did choose His own Mother, He could fashion her in such a way that the archangel, on his historic mission to Nazareth to the virgin whose name was Mary, could address her, “Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women” (Luke, 1/28). By the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, she conceived the child Jesus. Thus she became the virgin Mother of God.

The Second Vatican Council hails the blessed Virgin Mary “as a pre-eminent and altogether singular member of the Church, and as the Church’s model and excellent exemplar in faith and charity. Taught by the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church honors her with filial affection and piety as a most beloved mother.”

Mary was singularly pure, as befitted her vocation to be the Mother of God and her intense cooperation with God’s grace. Through the merits of her Son Jesus Christ, she was preserved free from sin from the first moment of life in her mother’s womb. And when her time on earth came to a close she

was taken into heaven body and soul where she now enjoys the vision of God and "is exalted by the Lord as Queen of all."

In her years on earth Mary was not a lifeless statue, cold and unfeeling. She was a warm human being, full of life and love. She knew people, she lived among them. She responded to people in need; witness her long journey to her aging cousin Elizabeth to be of use and comfort to her. She knew the trials and troubles that could beset a family. She knew fear and hunger and thirst. The weather could beat down on her in a relentless way just as it can do to us. She knew very well the mysterious depths of the human heart and the sorrows and temptations that could afflict it.

The Church urges us to pray to Mary as her Son's closest human friend. We pray to the sinless Mary and ask her to join her powerful prayers to ours for the grace to be pure in thought, word and deed according to our state in life. It has long been a custom of devout people to say three Hail Marys morning and evening for this favor. Mary's prayers in return can encourage us, strengthen us and inspire us. Virgin most chaste, pray for us.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.

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. THE PARISH MASS AT 11:30 A.M. IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY IS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE FATHER SEELOS CENTER. Veneration of the mission crucifix of Father Seelos after Mass.
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SPECIAL LETTERS

Philadelphia, PA

For many years I have been visiting St. Peter's Church in this city. I am very devoted to our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. John Neumann. In the upper church on the Gospel side there is a side chapel in honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help. Every time I pay a visit to this chapel. In it there is a stained-glass window of Father Seelos. Today I was at St. Peter's and visited the gift shop. There I found a little booklet about Father Seelos written by Father Artz. I was much impressed by what I read of him. Please send me more information about Father Seelos. I would like to interest others in him.

New Orleans, LA

Thanks to Father Seelos after a brief illness I'm doing much better and off medication. I visited the Father Seelos Museum for Mass one day during my illness and received a blessing and prayed at the tomb to be cured of shingles. Thanks to the good Father, I am now well.

Baton Rouge, LA

I have been a devotee of Father Seelos since 1964. I am writing this note to thank Father Seelos for answering my prayers. I had a lump in my jaw that was getting so painful. As I prayed I placed the cloth memento to my jaw. The lump is disappearing and most of the pain is gone. I am so grateful for all the times he has come to my aid in my life.

Odessa, FL

Last October my son started a new job, one that he wanted and enjoyed. Unfortunately in January he was laid off because of expense reductions. He and his wife and new son had moved to a new and more expensive apartment. They were at a loss. I prayed to Father Seelos that he find a new job and promised that if he did I would write this note of thanks.

He did find a new job, one with a chance of more advancement than the first. Thank God for Father Seelos. He has helped us many times.

N. Columbia, S.C.

I look forward to the monthly bulletin, FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY. It is a great comfort to me. Thank you for always remembering me.

Mail, February, 1991

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