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FATHER ALTON CARR CELEBRATED THE MASS ON APRIL 25, 1993

FATHER SEELOS DAY IN NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 24

The annual celebration of the "Father Seelos Day in New Orleans," will take place on April 24. The Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Assumption Church at 11:30 A. M. The Mass will be followed by a dinner at 1:30 P. M. Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets for the dinner cost \$20.00.

FATHER ALPHONSE ABADIE, R. I. P.

On November 22 Father Alphonse Abadie died at the vice-provincial house in New Orleans. We all lost a great friend and loyal supporter of the cause of Father Seelos. We shall miss this great man, a humble and gentle priest.



FATHER ALPHONSE ABADIE, 1915-1993

FIRST CENTENARY FOR FATHER GRANGELL

On the last day of the year we celebrated what would have been Father Grangell's hundredth birthday. He was often called Father McGily because of the acronym he invented to say "My God, I love You." We reprint one of his conferences that appeared in the FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY bulletin many years ago.

FATHER SEELOS, A GREAT LOVER OF JESUS CHRIST

by Father Grangell

The Virtue for March: Love of God

Patron: St. James Major

Text: "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with thy whole heart, with thy whole mind and with all thy strength." Mark 12/30

If you have a picture of Father Seelos, with the big Crucifix in his cincture,

notice two distinct cords around his neck. One is holding the big mission cross and the other is holding a small crucifix which is hidden in the fold of his habit. When he began his novitiate, he was given this small crucifix which he was to wear daily. When he received it on the day of his investiture, he kissed it and said: "May I die for the love of Thy love who has been so graciously pleased to die for the love of my love." That was a challenge for life. He was to be a consecrated lover of Jesus Christ. In the novitiate he learned how to love God. He was taught the system of St. Alphonsus, the Founder of the Redemptorists — how to love God. The system has four points: 1) Really want, desire to love God. 2) Get everything contrary to the love of God out of your life. 3) Make three meditations every day. 4) Take out of your meditation, into your working day, the little prayer which is to be the breath of your life: "My God, I love You." At the end of his novitiate, as he made his vows he could say: "Burning with the desire of consecrating myself entirely to Thy Holy Love, I make these vows, etc." In this month of the Love of God, let us try to fall, heart and soul, in love with Jesus Christ.

I was visiting in the grade school some time ago. I wrote on the blackboard in big letters: MY GOD, I LOVE YOU. They could read it and recited it aloud. I erased all the letters except M G I L Y. I asked them what they meant, and the children screamed: "My God, I Love You." I told them when I meet you on the street, or in the supermarket, or on the playground, I will say to you, M G I L Y and you answer My God, I Love You. It works beautifully. They taught it to their parents and older brothers and sisters, and the neighborhood is vibrant with "My God, I Love You." Try it! Put these letters around your house, on the TV, in the kitchen, on your desk — everywhere.

MAY OUR BLESSED MOTHER OBTAIN FOR US A PERFECT LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST.

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 - one half hour long. VHS cassette: \$20.00 (includes postage).
 - c. "Nothing Short of A Miracle," a book on the healing power of the saints, by Patricia Treece. Two of the chapters are on Father Seelos. Price: \$8.95 plus postage.
 - d. Pamphlets, prayer-cards, mementos.
 - e. Blessings of the sick with the mission crucifix of Father Seelos. Call: Mrs. Yvonne Sevin, 888-1250, Mrs. Gerry Heigle, 482-4404, or Mr. Jack Pitkin, 524-6591.
 - f. A daily spiritual message: dial (504) 586-1803.
 - g. Pilgrimages to St. Mary's Church, the tomb and museum of Father Seelos. For further details and appointments, call the Center (504) 525-2495.
 - h. Veneration of the mission crucifix every Sunday after the 11:30 A.M. Mass in St. Mary's Assumption Church.
 - i. Every week a Mass is celebrated for the intention of the Father Seelos Center.
2. A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY BULLETIN IS THREE DOLLARS PER YEAR. Please let us know you want to continue receiving this bulletin. Please use the form below for changes of address, corrections, duplications and renewals. Return the lower portion of this page to us. Include your old address.

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SPECIAL LETTERS

Saltpond, Ghana

I am writing to thank Father Seelos for favors granted. Through his intercession my sister was able to get a very good job almost as soon as she moved into a new area. Also a small baby with cerebral palsy is responding very well to the therapy that they are doing. I have a picture of the child and it seems that the palsy is concentrated right now mainly in the upper arms and upper part of his legs. I have a memento of Father Seelos in these areas. I am sure that he will continue to be active in my life. Thanks for introducing me to this saintly and good priest.

Ventnor, N. J.

Last December it was discovered that I had cancer. I was 70 this past January. I had radiation therapy five days a week for five weeks. Later in March I had an implant for three days. All this time I was praying to the Holy Spirit for a cure. I also asked some favorite saints and those whose cause for sainthood has been promoted. I had an operation May 20. The cancer was gone. My prayers were answered. Friends and relatives were praying for me too. I know that in order to have a cure added to one's cause, you have to pray to only one person to intercede with God. I wanted you to know Father Seelos was included in my prayers. I'm certain that his prayers were heard by the Holy Spirit. I continue to include Father Seelos in my prayers.

Arabi, LA

Recently in the past three months I had a prosthesis put in my knee. My stay in the hospital was 18 days and was very painful. But during the whole time I prayed to Father Seelos to help me to recover. Many thanks to Father Seelos.

New Orleans, LA

I am writing this letter to thank Father Seelos and the Blessed Mother for answering my prayers. I had an eye infection that caused me lots of trouble. My doctor had me coming to his office several times. He finally gave me some drops that healed it. I know it is the intercession of Father Seelos to God that healed me. I keep a memento with me at all times.

Pittsburgh, PA

I want to thank the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Mother and Father Seelos for answering my prayers for the recovery of my daughter's health and her peace of mind. We feel that our prayers to Father Seelos were heard and answered. Thanks.

Houston, TX

I write again to make public my thanksgiving to Father Seelos for my successful examination. I have to under go three exams a year and I pray that I may continue to come out O.K.

Mail, November, 1993

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