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PRAYERS FOR ROCHELLE

Rochelle Freeman is just two years old and is facing a severe health problem that not one of us would care to face even at a more mature age nor wish on our most entrenched enemy. She has an inoperable tumor on her liver. Already she has a round or two of radiation and/or chemo-therapy. Many relatives and friends have been imploring the intercession of Father Seelos. So far, Rochelle has been smiling through her difficulties and holding her own. We ask you to pray, too.



SPECIAL LETTER

Eunice, LA

I am writing you to inform you about a healing my 13-year old boy received after asking Father Seelos to intercede in prayer for us. My little boy had to have open heart surgery. His aortic valve was defective since birth. The end of the valve was about the size of an ink-pen point, when he had the surgery. They opened the valve up as much as they could without doing any damage to the heart. Mrs. Jerry Heigle came twice to the hospital when we arrived in New Orleans and brought Father Seelos' cross and said a prayer with the little

boy. My son Brian almost died because we did not know that he had a blood disorder. He began to hemorrhage. They had to reopen his chest and pour scalding hot water inside him to make the bleeding stop.

While he was in ICU a priest went in to see him. No one knew this priest. My son and a 14-year old boy were playing Nintendo when the priest went into ICU. He went straight to Brian and placed a cross on his heart and said a prayer and then left. After we had returned home, Brian saw a picture of Father Seelos and told us that this is what the priest looked like who prayed over him in ICU.

When we went back for Brian's six-week check-up, the doctor said they were going to have to replace the entire valve because his had closed up again. This was in December of '92. He wanted to do surgery in January, '93. I asked him to wait until February, if there was no harm to Brian, of course. He agreed. We came back home and I told my family that I was tired of trusting the doctors, that I was putting my trust in God.

I had heard and seen on TV this preacher who had healing crusades. I also heard he was going to be in Houston in January. So I told Brian that we were going to build our faith. So every night I read the Bible to my family. I read all about Jesus' healing us if we just had faith and ask in His name that He would heal us. We continued to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints and Father Seelos to pray for us.

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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I had a friend who came to visit me one day and she mentioned a book that someone had loaned her, called "Nothing Short of A Miracle." I asked her to bring the book over, because the minute she mentioned the book to me, I could feel the Holy Spirit's anointing all over me, so I knew the Lord wanted me to see something in this book. She brought it to me the day before the crusade. The minute she arrived I felt the Holy Spirit again. So I told my children to all come into the living room, so we could see what the Lord wanted us to see. I flipped through the pages and I came to this page which said, "Lord, I need a miracle." I began to read the story when all of a sudden Father Seelos appeared in front of me and then disappeared. I was a little in shock, of course. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very strong in the living room, even my son could feel his presence. I looked back down at the story and continued to read when I realized that the story was about Father Seelos.

Later on that night I was awakened around midnight and again Father Seelos appeared. He didn't say anything; he just looked at me with a gentle smile and then disappeared again. I knew the Lord was trying to let me know that Father Seelos was praying for us.

The next day we went to Houston. While we were singing the Our Father, I had my arm around my son with my hand resting on his chest. His heart started beating very rapidly; it felt as though it were going to jump out of his chest. All of a sudden the valve of his heart popped open. I felt it hit against my hand and Brian felt it open up in his chest. When we came home I told everybody that we were going to the hospital but only for three days with no surgery. They all thought I had lost it.

We went to the hospital and the doctor ran the tube up Brian's leg into his valve to check it. Then he came out white as a ghost. He kept telling us he was sorry that he must have misread Brian's x-rays, that the valve was open now. On the third day we came home with no surgery. Everyone was in shock. No one believes in miracles any more.

Months went by and I had forgotten all about Father Seelos. Then one day out of the blue Father Seelos appeared to me again, still not saying anything, and then disappearing. I knew then that I had to inform the Center about Brian's healing. When I asked the Lord to allow Father Seelos to intercede for us, I told the Lord that if Brian received a healing I would write a letter to the Center to help Father Seelos to be canonized a saint.

So here it is. I thank you for your time. I hope this helps Father Seelos. He has truly helped us.

Mail, January, 1994

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