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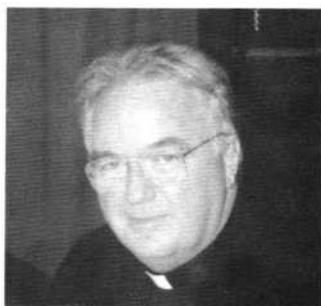
OCTOBER, 1995

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FATHER SEELOS OCTOBER 1

The annual memorial Mass for Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R., will be celebrated on Sunday, October 1, at 11:30 A.M., in St. Mary's Assumption Church (on the corner of Josephine and Constance Streets in the Irish Channel of New Orleans). The principal celebrant of the Mass will be Father Monroe Perrier, C.S.S.R.. The homily will be given by Father John Hensgen, C.S.S.R. The mission crucifix of Father Seelos will be venerated at the end of Mass. Immediately after the ceremonies in church a reception will be held in St. Mary's garden.

Father Perrier, a native son of St. Alphonsus parish, is the superior of the Redemptorists of the vice-province of New Orleans. Father Hensgen is a former associate of the parish and a longtime missionary in mid-America.

Father Seelos died of yellow fever while serving as acting pastor of St. Mary's Church on October 4, 1867. His cause for canonization is proceeding well both here and in Rome. His remains lie in the sanctuary of St. Mary's.



Father Monroe Perrier, C.S.S.R.

SILENCE & RECOLLECTION

Not too long ago I heard an astronomer on the radio giving his audience an idea of the immensity of space. He said, if you would place the sun, the moon, and the earth, in proportion, within the confines of an ordinary-size living-room in San Francisco, the nearest star would be in Chicago. Isn't that amazing!

The repaired Hubbel telescope traveling now through space has brought us some magnificent pictures of the always evolving matter of the universe. It will continue to arouse our interest in the stars. People have always looked to the heavens. The poet wrote, "*the night has a thousand eyes, the day but one.*"

No wonder the Psalmist could cry centuries ago. "*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork*" (Ps. 18: 10). Not all of us have the chance to look at the sky away from the "*light pollution*" of our centers of population. But the vision that comes to us in the desert, from the mountain top or the depths

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of the jungle will lead us to see, as did St. Francis of Assisi, the reflection of God in the sun, moon, and stars, and indeed in all creation.

We remember Job of the Old Testament, how he was blessed by God with prosperity and then to test his patience and fidelity, allowed to suffer. In his subsequent debates with his friends he maintained his innocence while they claimed he must have done something to deserve punishment. Job wanted to hear from God, and God spoke to him in eloquent terms of His infinite power.

"Then the Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: . . . 'I will question you, and you tell Me the answers! Where were you when I founded the earth? . . . Who determined its size; do you know? Who stretched out the measuring line for it? Into what were its pedestals sunk, and who laid the cornerstone, while the morning stars sang in chorus and the sons of God shouted for joy? And who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bars of its door, And said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!'" (Job 38: 1-12).

Two thoughts come to mind: vast as is the universe, vaster still is the omnipotence of God who created it; insignificant as we are in comparison with the heavens, still with our God-given intelligence, we can whisk ourselves to the end of the world faster than light, in the blink of an eye!



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 - 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 SANCITY BULLETIN IS FOUR 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

Naperville, IL

Less than 24 hours ago I wrote you requesting special prayers for the sale of our home. It had been on the market for four-plus months. As a result of this, my husband and I were forced to be separated for almost a year. I was here in Illinois to sell the house, while he left for Texas to build our retirement home.

Yesterday morning as I prayed my daily prayers, one of which is for Father Seelos' canonization, I felt an urge to write you asking for help. I put the envelope in the mail around 8:00 A.M.; it was picked up around noon, and at 1:00 P.M. I heard from my realtor that we had a contract to be presented at 6:30 last night. After five hours of negotiating with buyers and their realtor, we reached a "final" sale on the home.

Now I know that this is such a small favor coming from prayers especially when I read the letters sent to you with people who are suffering with diseases, injuries, etc. But I can't help but write and let you know how my mom, God rest her, introduced me and our entire family to Father Seelos. In so many little ways he has shown us the power of prayer.

I will never forget how much I needed God and him these last four months; and once I turned to them to allow them to help me, I overcame all doubts of God's will, His love and blessings to enrich my life in every way.

Thanks again for such miracles. I will never forget your center. Please pray for my deceased mom, and my dad who just turned 84 years young and still attends Father Seelos' anniversary Mass each year.

Latham, N.Y.

Some time ago I applied a badge of Father Seelos to a sick friend every night, faithfully for a month or longer. Today she is well and strong, thanks to the intercession of Father Seelos.

Houston, TX

Please remember our intentions during Mass. We enjoy your newsletter.

Pittsburgh, PA

I am requesting my intentions be added to the prayers of those praying before the tomb of Father Seelos. I attend a parish (St. Joseph's on Dorseyville Road) where Father Seelos was pastor and said Mass as he made his rounds on horseback. May God bless you and thank you for your kindness.

Metairie, LA

My brother had open-heart surgery and is on the road to recovery, thanks to prayers to Father Seelos.

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Petitions: 569

Thanksgivings: 275

Others: 355

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