



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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*Melvin Boudreaux, Danny Coco, Tami Steitle explain the plans for the renovation of the museum.*

## MUSEUM RESTORED

On February 16, a meeting was held in the Father Seelos Center to raise funds for the restoration of the Father Seelos Museum. The museum is now ten years old and has lost

its original luster. The work has begun and will be finished in a few weeks. There are some memorials still open for sponsorship. If anyone is interested in supporting this renovation, please write or phone for further particulars.

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*Mrs. Lindy Boggs converses with the decorators.*

## CHASTITY

Young helpless girls have been known to die in defense of their virtue. Young and old, men and women, have been known to resist temptations of the flesh repeatedly and to endure the battle to the day of their death. Chastity regulates the sex instinct. Chastity is a word held in benediction by God-fearing people and often deplored by those who eschew anything supernatural.

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Chastity is a virtue for all the baptized. All are called to practice it according to their state in life: the married must observe conjugal chastity, all others practice chastity in continence, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The Catechism goes on to say: *"Those who are engaged to marry are called to live chastely in continence. They should reserve for marriage the expressions of affection that belong to married life. They will help each other grow in chastity."*

The commitment that spouses have freely made before the altar calls for faithful love. It places on them the duty of keeping their marriage indissoluble. Offspring, fecundity is a good, a gift and an end of marriage. By bringing children into the world, parents share in the fatherhood and creative power of God (Catechism of the Catholic Church).

The means to preserve the virtue of chastity are prayer, frequenting the sacraments, and avoiding the occasions of sin. Chastity can only be acquired by using the supernatural means to preserve it.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



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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 - 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: Yvonne Sevin, 888-1250, Gerry Heigle, 482-4404, Jack Pitkin, 524-6591, Teresa LaCour, 887-0214, Rita Kaul, 271-4520, or Thad and Ethel Kuhn, 837-3957.
  - 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 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

Houston, TX

In October, 1996, I had a chest x-ray which showed I had pulmonary fibrosis. During the Christmas holidays I developed a severe cold. I went to the doctor and after taking another x-ray I was told my lungs had drastically deteriorated. I immediately prayed to Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and especially to Father Seelos for help.

My doctor recommended I consult with a pulmonary specialist. After comparing x-rays taken in 1995-96-97 the doctor has said the x-rays he took today show just a small difference in the 1995 x-rays and that the shadows on the x-rays taken on Christmas were probably showing a case of pneumonia.

Although I will never be cured of the pulmonary fibrosis, I feel much better and want to say thanks to Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and Father Seelos.

New Orleans, LA

This letter is a testimonial to the power of Father Seelos. A few days after Thanksgiving this year (1996), my niece was stricken with a ruptured aneurysm on her brain. She was operated on immediately, and this proved to be life-saving.

Her chances of survival were very slim as doctors found more problems with her condition. Following this second surgery we provided her husband with a crucifix that had been touched to the mission crucifix of Father Seelos. He pinned a memento of Father Seelos to her hospital gown. We all prayed for the intercession of Father Seelos. Today she is doing well and is slowly regaining her health. All of us and the hospital staff are amazed at her recovery. There is no doubt in our minds that Father Seelos responded to us.

Metairie, LA

Three and a half months ago my husband had a PSA test run and it came back high. Last month he had another one and it was still high. So then he had an ultrasound and biopsy taken. The doctor told us that he was almost certain that the prostate was malignant, but we would not know definitely until the report on the biopsy came back and that would be on a Wednesday, five days after we saw him on a Friday. My husband and I left his office very quiet, both too upset to say anything. When I got home I told my husband we would start to pray to Father Seelos to intercede with God our Father on my husband's behalf. My husband and I prayed to Father Seelos as often as we could for the next five days asking God to let the doctor be wrong and not let my husband have cancer. We also said the rosary as often as we could, asking our Blessed Lady to help us.

That Wednesday we called the doctor's office and he was extremely surprised that my husband's test came back and there was no malignancy. We feel our prayers were answered through the intercession of Father Seelos and we wanted to write this letter of thanksgiving. We are eternally grateful to God our Father through the intercession of Father Seelos.

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