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"The Little Lamp Lighter"

Nicholas Daniel Boudreaux, grandson of Angela and Melvin Boudreaux, lights up the Year 2000 and the New Millennium. He represents the new generation who will lead us in the Great Jubilee which Pope John Paul sees as a renewal in the church linked with a "new evangelization" of the world.

Y2K, MILLENNIUM AND SEELOS

Preparing this bulletin for the printer in mid-October for the January issue takes some mental gymnastics, especially this January of 2000 with all its hype of Y2K and *The Millennium*. What can we say of the dread and fear, the dire predictions of a market crash, computer failures, power outages ... the world in turmoil? Was it all valid, or just hype and useless fretting? We may not be

competent to say much at all about that. But we can say a word or two about Father Seelos and what his thinking and attitude might be.

One of the most appealing aspects of Francis Xavier Seelos was his endearing, charming personality which he developed from his parents and family life and which he used all his life for the service of God and the good of people. His faith and trust in God were unquestioning and they became the source of an unflinching joy and peace even in the face of suffering and difficulties that stymied most of his contemporaries. He was indeed *The Cheerful Ascetic* as Redemptorist Michael Curley describes him and entitles his biography.

So what would Father Seelos do about this year 2000 and the new Millennium? He would embrace them with great joy and expectation and look upon them as a challenge and opportunity to reach out in new ways to proclaim the good news of God's unconditional love, especially to those who have not heard it or have not heard it "as good news".

We at Father Seelos Center wish you a very Happy Year 2000 and New Millennium, and invite you to join us in continuing the mission of Father Seelos.

FATHER SEELOS CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2000

The Father Seelos commemorative calendar for the year 2000 is now available. It features Father Seelos and the places he touched in his life and persons who have reported cures through his intercession. Since it is a limited edition of 1000, please order your calendar by writing us immediately. The price per calendar is \$10.00.

**Please note: The Seelos Center has a new
FAX number: (504) 581-9181.**

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: Gerry Heigle, 482-4404, Jack Pitkin, 524-6591, Teresa LaCour, 887-0214, Rita Kaul, 271-4520, Thad and Ethel Kuhn, 837-3957, Rosary Stoltman, 393-9423, Jim Howard, 277-7949, Marie Callahan, 525-1775, or Elaine Freeman, 341-2213.
 - 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

Florida

The precious relics of Father Seelos arrived at a crucial time when needed by two very ill friends. Doctor Bill Mallette in St. Petersburg, Florida "awoke" from a delirium endured since at least February 8th. That was a welcome moment.

A dear friend and fellow-parishioner at St. Eugene's was diagnosed with ovarian cancer on April 26th. Patsy Warner then had one chemotherapy treatment, but later felt the need to consult other medical experts at Duke Medical Center. She left here May 25th to return to Duke and on May 26th had surgery to remove the malignancy. The tumor itself has been removed but I understand there are still malignant "tracings" which will be treated either by radiation or chemo.

Thank you so much for responding to my need for relics.

My knee still gives me problems, still clicks, creates pain and frustration because of my inability to walk either up or down stairs. The knee doesn't want to accept the body weight. Of course, I cannot kneel or create other stress, so that bothers me.

New Orleans, LA

I want to thank God and Father Seelos for helping my daughter when she was car jacked on Sunday before Labor Day. She went to the grocery at 9 pm and was getting in her car when a man came up to the car and pulled the door open and demanded money. She said she had none. And he pushed her over into the passenger's seat and took off with her in the car. He kept hitting her in the head with a hammer and tried to push her out at a high speed, then he stopped, pushed her out of the car, got out and continued to hit her on the head with the hammer, and then took off. But he came back, got out and hit her some more saying, "I'll fix you that you won't ever recognize me". Then he left. Her feet were in the canal and she was hanging onto the bank.

By the grace of God and Father Seelos she was able to get up and walk about a half mile where some little children were playing; they saw her and one said, "I know where there is a policeman" and ran and got him. The officer took her to West Jefferson Hospital where she was treated for a broken arm, two fractured cheek bones in her face and a slight concussion, with 15 lacerations on her scalp. Catscan showed there is not brain damage and not skull fracture. But I say God and Father Seelos carried her that night and the little children were angels sent by God to help her.

Virginia Beach, VA

...Mike..., a friend of mine in New Orleans was telling us about this pain in his teeth, which went on for months. He went to every specialist dental-wise and no one could help him. One night in his dreams his mother and father, who have passed, appeared to him, and his mother said to him, "Son, you have suffered long enough; it's time for the pain to stop". Mike saw a person with a large white collar, with a cleft in his chin and dark black hair, who threw a lot of water on him, and he awoke, and the pain was gone. He had suffered terribly. As I look at Father Seelos' holy picture it is the description of this person I described.

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