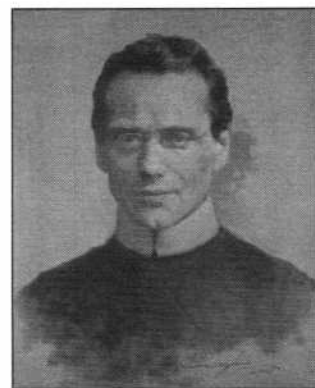


# NEWS Seelos Center



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## Dear Friend of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,

*“Jesus went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities ... and many others who provided for them out of their means”*

*(LUKE 8:1-3).*

Please permit me to use this space to make a personal appeal to you during this holiday season. In the above passage from Luke we are told of the people who helped fund Jesus' preaching journeys. Could you please help us continue “preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God” in the name of Blessed Francis Seelos?

The Seelos Center is at an opportune moment in its history. We now have more favorable conditions for our growth and development than ever before, with so much recently coming to fruition. As we near the end of another year, we can all glory in the crowning achievement of many decades of prayerful persistence, the Beatification of Father Seelos!

With the creation of a national shrine in New Orleans that bears the Seelos name, may we please count on you to help us proceed to the next phase of our evolution as a sanctuary of prayer, hope and healing? We are committed to a mission that will include objectives and attainable action steps to get us from where we are to where we want to be. Our venerable Blessed Francis Seelos deserves nothing less.

In the enclosed envelope, please consider how you can be a part of this exciting development. I thank you in advance for kindly remembering us during this holy season of God's redeeming grace.

Happy Holidays!

Fr. Byron Miller, C.Ss.R., Executive Director, National Shrine of Blessed Francis Seelos



### Hark! The Herald Angels ...

St. Mary's Assumption Church,  
New Orleans

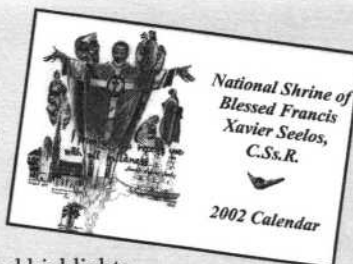
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## BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS 2002 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Blessed Francis Seelos took great delight in the Christmas season. The birth of our Redeemer gave the ever-cheerful Fr. Seelos even more cause for joy, and his “Christmas spirit” was widespread. A commemorative 13-month calendar for the year 2002 features informative details about Blessed Francis Seelos and highlights of his National Shrine in New Orleans.

The limited edition calendar sells for \$10 (+\$1 for p/h) to support the Seelos cause for canonization, and it reminds us daily of our universal call to holiness throughout the upcoming year. Supplies are limited, so please reserve your calendar by mailing your request and payment to:

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## Special Offer!

CHERUB CARDS AND BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS 2002 CALENDARS Gift-boxed set of 20 “Cherub” cards and envelopes along with a 13-month calendar for the year 2002 for the special price of \$20 (includes p/h). Please reserve your gift set by mailing your request and payment to:

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# Testimonial



*"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus & Father Seelos can sneak out of heaven!"*

From the [www.seelos.org](http://www.seelos.org) website:

My ten-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a rare and deadly form of leukemia two days after Easter this year. A friend of ours blessed her with a first-class relic and gave her a second-class relic and a medal. Then our priest anointed her and blessed her with his first-class relic.

After she came home from the hospital, a strange thing happened. She couldn't sleep. I told her to get into bed and I would read her a story or sing to her. She climbed into bed and I went into the next room to turn off the lights. About two or three seconds after she got into bed, I heard her say, "um, excuse me, but didn't you die?" I couldn't imagine whom she was talking to. The TV was off and she wasn't in bed long enough to have gone to sleep. I was walking to her room when she came into the next room very upset. She said, "Mommy, I don't think I was asleep, but I must have been dreaming." I asked her what happened. She said, "That priest came to see me in my room." What priest, I asked. She said, "The one whose picture is hanging in the back of our church." I knew immediately that it was Blessed Seelos. She said I could get my medal; his picture is on there too. I asked what he did. She said he blessed her just like Fr. Fisher (our parish priest did) with oil. I asked why that frightened her. She looked at me and said, "Mom, he's dead isn't he? I don't want to be visited by anybody dead, not even a priest." I told her that if it was a dream, it was a good dream. "Any time a priest blesses you, it's a good thing." I said if it wasn't a dream, you don't think that he was able to sneak out of heaven, do you? God had to send him or give him permission to come so that's a good thing too. She thought about that for a minute and went back to bed and right to sleep.



*"With Him is Plentiful Redemption"* (Psalm 130:7)

## The Seelos Center offers the following services:

- Pilgrimages to St. Mary's Assumption Church, the Shrine and Museum of Blessed F. Seelos in New Orleans. For details and appointments, call the Center at 504-525-2495.
- A Daily Spiritual Message. Call 504-586-1803.
- Veneration of Blessed F. Seelos' Mission Crucifix every Sunday after the 11:30 am Mass in the historic St. Mary's Assumption Church (Josephine and Constance Streets).
- Weekly Mass celebrated for the intentions of the Seelos Center. If you have Special Intentions, please list them in the space provided on the enclosed envelope.

## The Seelos Center / Seelos Foundation Office offers the following devotionals:

(Please allow up to 2 weeks for delivery of item(s) requested):

- "Seelos: A Cause to Rejoice," an informative documentary on the life of Blessed F. Seelos; 30-minute VHS cassette. (Suggested donation: \$15 - includes postage.)
- "A Life of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos," a new 108-page paperback biography by Carl Hoegerl, C.Ss.R. & Alicia von Stamwitz. (Suggested donation: \$8.50 - includes postage.)
- Nothing Short of a Miracle*, a 207-page paperback book by Patricia Treece on the healing power of the saints; two of the chapters feature Father Seelos. (Suggested donation: \$12.50 - includes postage.)
- Messengers: After-Death Appearances of Saints & Mystics*, a 343-page hardbound book on the authentic appearances of the holy dead sent as God's messengers. Chapters on Fr. Seelos; photos included. Autographed by author, P. Treece. (Suggested donation: \$21.50 - includes postage.)



## Cherub Cards



AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

*Detail, high altar, St. Mary's Assumption Church, New Orleans; mid-nineteenth-century bas-relief, wooden polychrome. Photo by Bill Coskrey*

Gift-boxed sets of 20 "Cherub" cards and envelopes. Each card measures 5-1/2" x 4-1/4"; blank on inside; scripture verse on back reads: "From the angel's hand the smoke of the incense went up before God, and with it the prayers of God's people (Rev. 8:4)." Donation of \$10 (plus \$2 p/h) supports the Blessed F. Seelos cause.

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