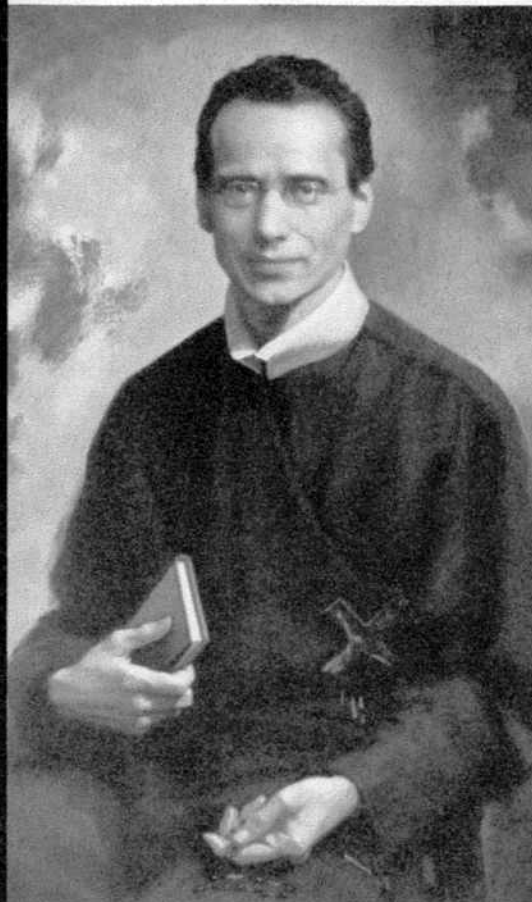


"Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake." - Deuteronomy 15:10



The Seelos Center

The Seelos Center was established by the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers in 1959 as a practical result of renewed interest in the cause of Father Seelos in Rome. The mission and goal of the Seelos Center at the National Shrine is to promote the canonization cause of Blessed Francis X. Seelos through vital ministry carried on in his name.

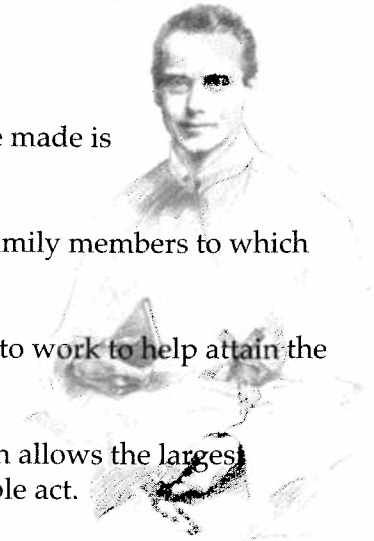


National Shrine of
Blessed
Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R.

Types of Memorial Gifts

Cash

- The most common way that memorial gifts are made is in the form of cash.
- Many times it is a memorial fund created by family members to which many can donate.
- A donation to a charity is immediate and goes to work to help attain the mission of the organization.
- It is the simplest gift you can make, and it often allows the largest number of people to participate in the charitable act.



Memorials Through a Bequest

- A memorial bequest offers you two opportunities:
 1. to create a new gift or continue an important ministry through the works of the National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos.
 2. to honor a loved one with a permanent memorial.
- To make a bequest in your will, you may leave a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.
- Your bequest could create a fund in memory of you, your loved one, or a specific cause in your name.

Gifts of Property

- A gift of stock, real estate, jewelry, antiques, art, life insurance or other property offers an excellent way to memorialize a loved one.
- You may deduct up to 30% of your adjusted gross income for gifts of securities or real estate. No capital gain is recognized of appreciated securities or property even though you obtain a deduction for the full amount.

Ways to Make Memorial Gifts

Donor Advised Funds:

The donor establishes funds (usually named in their honor) and retains the right to advise the National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R., on the distribution of the funds and their earnings on an annual basis.

Designated Beneficiary Funds:

The donor establishes a memorial fund for the ongoing support of the National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R.

Field of Interest Funds:

The donor establishes funds designated for specific areas of concern. Guidelines may be mutually established between the donor and the National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R. to direct the use of these funds.

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Blessed Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R. arrived in America in 1843. Having studied for the priesthood in Germany, he asked to be admitted to the Redemptorists with a view to future work in America. He was ordained in 1844. Three years after ordination he was appointed Master of Novices and spent one-third of his priestly life training future priests. In 1860 the Bishop of Pittsburgh wanted Fr. Seelos to be his successor. Fr. Seelos asked to remain a humble priest and his request was granted.

He was stationed in Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Annapolis, Cumberland (MD), Detroit, and New Orleans. He preached missions and retreats throughout most of what was then the United States. Transferred to New Orleans in 1866, he contracted yellow fever and died October 4, 1867. Many miracles are attributed to his intercession both during his life and after his death.

His kindness and zeal attracted many people to the sacraments. He was a man of joy and deep prayer, and extraordinary devotion to fulfilling the will of God.

His life and virtues have been approved by the church as heroic and he has been declared Blessed, the final step before sainthood. You are kindly urged to pray for his canonization.

IF YOU WISH YOUR INTENTIONS RECOMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS AT THE SHRINE OF BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS, CONTACT:

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Please Report Favors Received.

Yes, I would like you to contact me on making a Memorial Gift.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

I/we are interested in information on the following:

- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Living Trust – Will
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Gift of Life Insurance

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