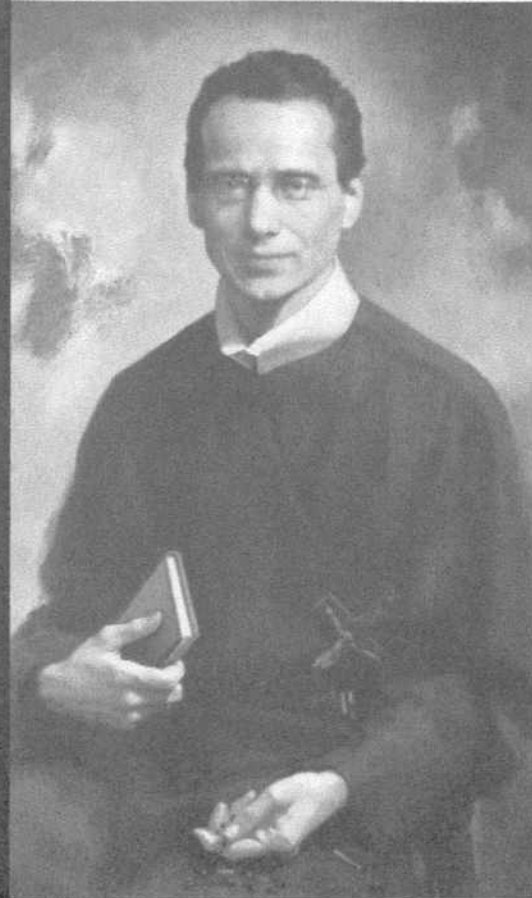




The Seelos Center

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.

*"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
- Luke 6:38*



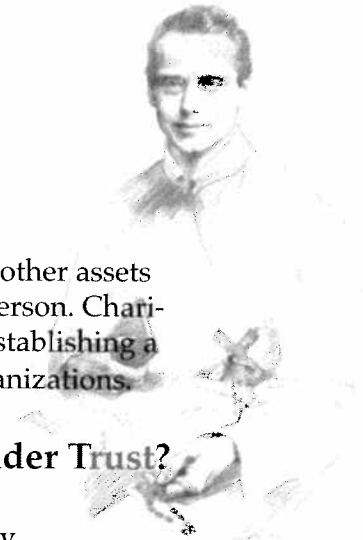
National Shrine of
Blessed
Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R.

Charitable Trusts

The purpose of a trust is to set aside money or other assets to provide an income for yourself or another person. Charitable trusts have the additional advantage of establishing a tax-deductible gift for qualified non-profit organizations.

Why Establish a Charitable Remainder Trust?

- To create a cash return to you and your family.
- To benefit one or more of your favorite charities.
- To receive a charitable deduction.
- To reduce or omit capital gains taxes.
- To remove this portion from estate taxes.
- To give it away and remain a trustee.
- To provide a unique and orderly arrangement for the management of donated assets.



Differences Between Unitrusts and Annuity Trusts

Unitrust

Irrevocable trust where once a year the trust's assets are valued at fair market.

One or more individuals annually receive an amount determined on any of these choices:

- a. an amount equal to a fixed percentage of the value of the trust (trust valued annually).
- b. An amount equal to a fixed percentage, or the trust's net income, whichever is less.
- c. The same as "b" but with a "make up" provision. If in any year there is a shortfall of insufficient income earned, this shortfall will be made up.
- d. Additional gifts may be added to the unitrust in the future.

NOTE: With the 1997 Tax Relief Act, no one charity can receive less than 10%.

Annuity Trust

Irrevocable trust that provides for one or more individuals to receive a specified dollar amount annually from the trust.

The amount is fixed and does not change throughout the term of the trust.

The annual payment (which can be paid more than once a year) must equal or exceed five percent of the initial value of the trust assets.

The trust must pay the specified dollar amount annually, whether or not there is sufficient income, i.e., it would withdraw funds from the principal if necessary.

Payment of the annual amount may be paid in installments but at least once a year.

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Please consult your attorney when considering legal matters.

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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www.seelos.org

Please Report Favors Received.

Yes, I would like you to contact me on making a gift of a Charitable Remainder Trust.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

I/we are interested in information on the following:

- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Living Trust – Wills
- Life Insurance
- Memorial Gifts

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