

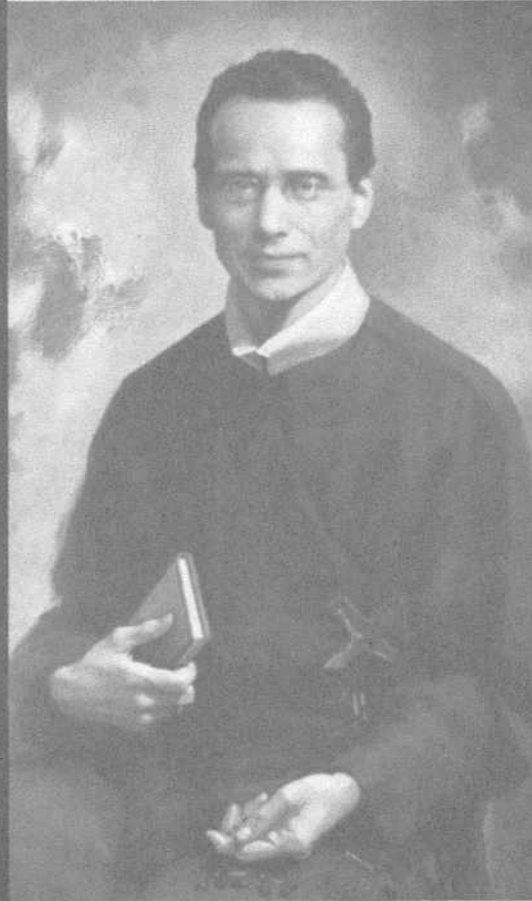


## The Seelos Center

*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.*

*"Give, and it will be given to you ...  
for the measure you give will be the  
measure you get back."*

*- Luke 6:38*



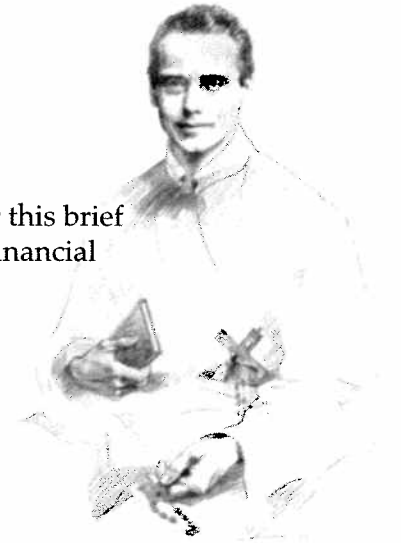
National Shrine of  
Blessed  
Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R.

## What Is a Living Trust?

Perhaps the best answer to this question is to offer this brief description ... A Living Trust is the most flexible financial document available.

### You are the trustee.

- It is private.
- It can be changed at any time by you.
- It is revocable and amendable.
- You add or withdraw any or all assets.
- You are the beneficiary for life.
- Your designated successor manages your financial affairs according to your instruction if you become incapacitated.
- Your successor may act immediately without court approval.
- You avoid the potentially time-consuming and costly public Probate Court process, so long as you have actually transferred your assets to the trust during your lifetime.



## Will

### Do I need a Will if I have a Living Trust?

Yes. A will is necessary to manage simple affairs so that your assets are not probated or contested.

### Do Wills need to be reviewed and updated?

The answer is a common-sense response. Yes. Like most things, the will should be revised on a regular basis. Here is a list that should alert you to consider seeking your attorney's advice and counsel.

- Several years since your last will
- Change in marital status
- Births, a new child or grandchild
- Deaths, a person named in your will
- Divorce
- Needs change

## Key Factors to Consider when setting up a Living Trust

- Design your Trust to minimize estate taxes.
- Distribute your assets immediately.
- Control your assets during the periods of disability.

### A Living Trust provides:

- Flexibility
- Control
- Privacy

### A Living Trust may help avoid:

- Probate Court
- Costs
- Time Constraints.

## Key Factors to Consider when setting up a Will

- Call an attorney and make an appointment.
- The attorney will know what questions to ask.
- The will should be in writing.
- It should be signed.
- It should be dated.
- Persons not in the will should witness it.

This brochure is not intended as legal advice. 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:

The Seelos Center  
919 Josephine St.  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
504.525.2495 or 2499  
[www.seelos.org](http://www.seelos.org)

Please Report Favors Received.

**Yes**, I would like you to contact me on making a gift of a Living Trust or in a Will.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

I/we are interested in information on the following:

- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Memorial Gifts
- Life Insurance

Please mail this panel to:

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