

Put Your Mark on the Seelos Welcome Center

Seelos Meditation Garden Engraved Brick Fundraiser

In Thanksgiving to
Bl. Francis Seelos
Smith Family

To Sponsor A Brick:
Send us your name, address, and
the quantity of forms you would like
to receive. \$125.00 Donation



All bricks are 4x8" clay pavers engraved with your choice of text and filled with Black EcoFlex for durability and legibility.

Your Commemorative Brick will be set as a paver on top of the concrete slab under the Pergola behind the Seelos Welcome Center. The bricks will become an elegant display in our quiet retreat area for meditation. You or the recipient of the brick will receive a commemorative certificate suitable for framing, bricks may be ordered for oneself, a loved one, or a business!

All proceeds will be used toward the ongoing Capital Campaign of renovating the Meditation Garden areas around the Seelos Welcome Center and Shrine.

Brick Engraving: Maximum text is **three lines with 18 characters per line**. More information will be provided on the form or by request.

A Friendly Reminder
If you would like to continue to receive the Newsletter and have not submitted your renewal, please do so. Your contribution of \$12 will help defray printing and mailing costs. - Thank You

We offer a complimentary
monthly electronic version
of the newsletter produced
in full color. It arrives soon-
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With the latest postal rate increase, please allow us to update your information and preferences. If you would like to remove a family member or have a change of address, please use the form at the bottom of the page.

A Seelos Vigil Candle will burn near his sacred resting place at the Seelos Shrine in New Orleans, for an offering of \$3.

2nd & 3rd Class Relics from Bl. Seelos: 3rd Class Relics are available in either laminated prayer cards or as a crocheted memento, an offering of \$2.50 each is requested to cover the materials and p/h. *1st Class relics are currently unavailable.

Seelos Pamphlets & Prayer Cards, also in Spanish & Vietnamese. Call (504) 525-2495 for more information on our Relics, Pamphlets & Prayer Cards.

More items are listed on our website.

Please allow up to
2 weeks for delivery.



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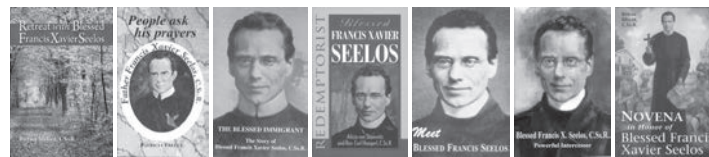
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is a member of the
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PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO PROCESS YOUR REQUEST(S).

Dear Director: In my own way, I want to support the cause of Blessed Francis Seelos in gratitude for Graces Received & Prayers Answered. \$_____ to be used for:

- the ministry & maintenance at the National Seelos Shrine.
- my 1-year newsletter subscription renewal (\$12)
- I can't contribute this time, but please keep me on the list
- Engraved Brick (\$125 each), my address is listed below
- other item(s) designated below:



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Allow a minimum of 30 days to process your address change request.

these prayer intentions at the Shrine & at weekly Mass for Seelos Benefactors:

Please make donations payable to "National Shrine of Blessed Francis Seelos". Contributions to the Seelos Shrine are income tax deductible, less items purchased.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS
IN THE REDEMPTORIST CHURCH OF SAINT MARY'S ASSUMPTION



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Happy Feast Day St. Alphonsus Liguori

Dear Friends of Father Seelos,

It seems at times that life is a series of "hellos" and "goodbyes". So it happens that this is my time for goodbye. We Redemptorists are on a four-year cycle of assignments. Recently we had new assignments throughout our Redemptorist Denver Province. I received a new assignment to our Redemptorist community at Sacred Heart in Seattle, Washington. So on September 1st I will take up a new assignment as superior of our Redemptorist community in Seattle.

The last four years have truly been a blessing for me as Director of the Seelos Shrine here in New Orleans. I've witnessed the faith of so many people who come to the Seelos Shrine seeking healing, health and other favors. I've heard many stories of healing and renewed faith and hope. We still wait for the big miracle and that might actually be in the works. But the many small miracles continue every day as people come and pray at the shrine. It has truly been an inspiration to me and deepened my devotion to Blessed Seelos.

I want to thank all the many volunteers who make the shrine such a vibrant place. Without them we could not do the ministry we do. Thanks to the many blessers in the New Orleans area and beyond who bring the blessings of Blessed Seelos to so many sick and in-need people. A big thanks to all who support the shrine in so many ways. Your efforts have blessed so many people.

Thanks to our loyal staff here at the shrine. Day-in and day-out they serve the cause: taking care of the gift shop, answering the phone, entering the donations, and serving all who come or contact the shrine in various ways. Without them we could not carry on the ministry.

So, with great gratitude I say goodbye. You will be in my prayers and I ask that you remember me in your prayers, especially to Blessed Seelos.

Blessed Seelos, prayer for us.

Fr. Harry Grile, C.Ss.R.

Director, Seelos Shrine

Be Refreshed at a Sanctuary of Hope, Healing and Miracles

BE AT PEACE

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather look to them with full hope as they arise. God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them. He has kept you hitherto, and He will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in his arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and everyday. He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you un-failing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination. Amen

- St. Francis de Sales

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SAVE THE DATE
Embrace History
Reserve a Pew for the Night
A Blessed Seelos Benefit
Concert

Join us at St. Mary's
Assumption Church on
Sunday, November 3, 2019
Guest Artist

Laura Bretan



www.laurabretanmusic.com

BLESSED SEELOS
HEALING MASS

Sunday, October 6, 2019
1:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Assumption
Church

Intercessory prayer at
12:00 noon



REFLECTIONS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

Is it August already? As I age and I am sure it's the same with all of you, time seems to just zip by. This will be my last communication to you from this monthly newsletter. As I look back, I have been in touch with all of you through this venue for 48 months. Can this be true?

I belong to the Redemptorist Religious Order of the Denver Province. This year during the summer, is the year of our four year scheduled appointment change which will be good for at least the next four years. Following holy obedience, I have been asked to leave the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Shrine after a wonderful four years of working here in New Orleans. It's been an awesome experience. I have been asked to work in our Redemptorist Parish, St. Alphonsus in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the pastoral staff. I left Grand Rapids in July of 1957 to enter the seminary and now have been asked to return 62 years later. During my 58 years as a Redemptorist, I have worked in many places. For a total of 27 years, I worked in Edgerton and Oconomowoc, WI. Then for 4 years, I helped open our Health Care Center at Liguori, MO. The next 17 years I was at our Mission on the Amazon River, 4 degrees below the equator. There I worked with the leper population, set up a school and worked with the youth. It was a memorable experience. Returning to the states, I spent 2 years in Oakland, CA. The next 4 years I spent in the Bronx, NY. Which brings me up to the last 4 years being here in New Orleans. I feel blest to be asked to serve in my hometown parish St. Alphonsus. I know my sister Regina is overjoyed by the news. When I left home, she was just weeks from her third birthday.

I plan to keep in touch by reading this monthly newsletter. So let us keep each other in our prayers and pray together for the CANONIZATION of Blessed Francis Seelos. It's long overdue. Blessed Seelos watch over all of us. You are so powerful.



Br. Leo Patin, C.Ss.R.

“Pray for me, as I will for thee, that we may merrily meet in heaven.”

Saint Thomas More (1478-1535)



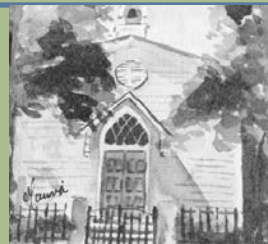
Hand Embellished Ladies Cuff Bracelet with Swarovski Crystals. Choose between a cuff adorned with a Blessed Seelos medal or a Miraculous Medal. By Heaven Sent \$64.00 incl S/H

“What can I possibly say about the Mother of God? About the Immaculate and Spotless One? She appeared to Bl. Hermann Joseph (13th-century German mystic) as a wrinkled-up old lady. When he wondered about the reason for this, he received this curt answer: ‘I have appeared to you just like your devotion is.’ Has your devotion to the most loving Mother become stale? Pray for me, also, that I may grow and increase in this love.” Fr. Francis Xavier Seelos, 1855

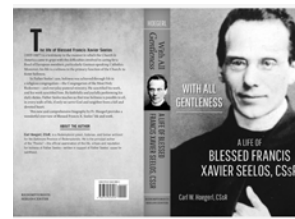
Original Watercolors by New Orleans' artist

Marina Reed

Available as a double matted print or 4"x4" canvas. Two images to choose from.



WITH ALL GENTLENESS *The Life of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (1819-1867) The comprehensive biography by Fr. Hogerl provides a wonderful overview of the life and work of Bl Seelos. He served God & man with a full heart. \$33 incl. P/H*



“For Christians, **volunteer work** is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ and a fundamental vocation to love. His grace perfects, strengthens and elevates that vocation and enables us to serve others without reward, satisfaction or any recompense.” - Pope Benedict's message to **volunteers**

St. Mary's Chapel

St. Mary's Assumption church

Double matted 5"x7" watercolor print \$19.00 incl. S/H

4"x4" Canvas \$24.00 incl. S/H

Please specify which print and or canvas you would like.

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TESTIMONIALS

Calhoun, LA

My husband was diagnosed with a form of Leukemia (CMML) in May 2018. He had a stem cell transplant at MD Anderson on October 30, 2018 which was considered somewhat risky due to his age (75). We had a Bl Seelos relic underneath his pillow and I prayed for his intercession along with a few other saints and our Blessed Mother Mary every night. He got through the transplant very successfully and was declared in remission on December 13th. Praise God and thank you Bl Seelos.

Cranford, NJ

My husband had open heart surgery on March 11th. Only through a miracle did they find his 95% blockage and Bl. Seelos answered my prayers and my husband is fully recovered. Bl. Seelos has always answered my prayers! We hope to be there next year!

Corpus Christi, TX

We thank you Blessed Seelos for listening to our prayer for my sister, brother and peace in our family.

Walhalla, SC

On November 5th, I sent a request for a relic of Bl. Seelos for my 8 year old grandson, Ambrosius. He had swelling on his brain and was not responding to medicine. The doctors could not find any reason for the excess fluid. On November 14th when his mother received the relic, she blessed Ambrosius with it. The very next day the doctor called and wanted to redo some testing because they found something abnormal. The tests revealed a protein in his blood that means his body is healing/repairing itself without the help of medicine. On November 19th, the fluid was decreasing hence lowering the pressure on Ambrosius' brain.

The doctors think all issues will be greatly improved within 6 months and completely gone within 2 years. They could not understand why he started healing. My daughter told the doctors it was prayer. The doctors have no idea or can find any medical reason what caused the swelling in the first place. We know and believe Bl. Seelos' intercession healed whatever was mysteriously hidden from the doctors.

We thank Bl. Seelos for his intercession, blessing and healing. We thank God for His gracious mercy on this child. Although Ambrosius has a recovery period, we trust God that it will be complete and he will be restored to good health. My daughter continues to bless him with the Bl. Seelos relic every night.

Left at the Shrine

Thank you Bl. Seelos for all the blessings bestowed upon me.

Please share your testimonials with us as they will be an encouragement to others in need of Bl Seelos' powerful intercession. *Thank You*

SEELOS CENTER SERVICES

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