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from the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.

Dear and Blessed Devotees of Blessed Seelos,

You may know that, now in my 60th year of missionary priesthood (having served God's people on three continents), I now serve as the Vice-Postulator of the Sainthood Cause of Blessed Francis Seelos. Here, at this Shrine and Welcome Center, I am now at the very locale where Blessed Seelos served his neighbors as a Redemptorist missionary priest.

With this letter, I have another opportunity (and privilege) to express my gratitude to you all. I remain ever grateful to Our Lord that so many of your lives have been touched by Blessed Seelos.

I am deeply grateful for your visits to our location here in New Orleans. Some of you travel huge distances to visit and offer your prayers at the tomb of Blessed Seelos.

*I love your personal visits. It is such a privilege to hear
and experience your faith-filled stories of healings,
reconciliations, and the finding and deepening of faith.
All from God through Father Seelos!*

My second-floor office in the Seelos Welcome Center is always open to your visits. Likewise, your "telephone visits" give witness to your faith and gratitude that Our God continues to work through Blessed Seelos in today's world.

With humble and prayerful thanks to Our God for all of you,



Fr. Gilbert Enderle, C.Ss.R.
*Vice-Postulator of Seelos' Cause,
National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.*

Fr. Gil E

SEELOS SPEAKS OF LOVE

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**“Love has united
us, love does not
mean parting,
love will always
remain, love will
unite us again
in the beyond.”**

— Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos



Celebrate Blessed Seelos' birthday with

Birthday Blessings

January 11 - March 11, 2023

To honor the birth of Blessed Seelos on January 11, 1819, we are excited to announce our "Birthday Blessings" giving campaign. When you make an \$11 offering commemorating the day of Seelos' birth, you'll be blessing the Shrine with much-needed support. You will also receive a "Blessings For You" card with blanks to fill out and send to a loved one in need of Seelos' intercession. This card blesses the recipient with enrollment in the Seelos Mass League for one year.

"Fr. Seelos was a gift to many people and he continues to comfort and intercede from above. Offering a Birthday Blessing to both the Shrine and to a loved one is a wonderful opportunity to spread his message of faith and hope to others." – Fr. Rich



To offer your blessings and receive a Seelos Mass League enrollment card, please call (504) 525-2495 or visit seelos.org/birthday-blessings.

If you wish to make an offering of an amount other than \$11 or to add the Seelos Shrine to your estate plans, please visit seelos.org/donate for more information.

Thank you for your support!

SHRINE SPOTLIGHT



Mary C. Biundo

How long have you been volunteering at the Shrine?

"15 years."

What do you do at the Shrine?

"I pack gift shop orders for shipping, assemble 2nd and 3rd class relics, answer the phone, and take prayer requests and phone orders."

What's your favorite thing about the Shrine?

"It's peaceful and beautifully arranged. The relic cases and Seelos' rosary are displayed and very interesting. The Reliquary with his remains is a wonderful place to pray and feel Fr. Seelos' presence."

Favorite Spot in the Shrine:

"The bench with the seated sculpture of Blessed Seelos."

What does volunteering at the Shrine mean to you?

"I can help those who call in asking for prayers, particularly those that had cancer as I have. It is gratifying to work with volunteers who are truly dedicated to the cause of Blessed Seelos' canonization. There is a camaraderie that is very special."

★ To learn how you can ★
volunteer from home or at
the Shrine, call (504) 525-2495.

Blessings for the Sick

*Hospital visits with a Seelos Crucifix
(Only family members may request)*

JEFFERSON / ORLEANS

EAST JEFFERSON GENERAL HOSPITAL

Gerry Heigle (504) 482-4404
Anne Batt (504) 458-0310
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OUTSIDE OF LOUISIANA

KATY, TEXAS

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Donna Johnson (713) 826-4191

GRACES RECEIVED & PRAYERS ANSWERED

NAIROBI, KENYA

I had sent a prayer request to Blessed Seelos on behalf of my son who was out of employment in the United States.

He has since been offered a job. I wish to thank Blessed Seelos for answered prayers. Thank you very, very much.

SPOKANE, WA

About 10 years ago, I became extremely sick for two years. Doctors could not determine what was causing my illness. I'm not sure where I learned about Blessed Seelos, but I began to pray for his intercession. During this time, my mom gave me a book about him! She had no

idea I was praying to him and we had never spoken to each other about him. I was speechless. I knew this was a message from God that Blessed Seelos was going to be my special friend and help me on my journey. He has always helped me and I pray that he will be made a saint.

DIME BOX, TX

My request for a special teacher friend is showing favor. The cancer is reacting

well to treatment and things are very positive. Thank you Fr. Seelos!

METAIRIE, LA

I asked Blessed Seelos to pray for me. I am a breast cancer patient and during a recent scan, the doctors discovered two spots on my liver. I saw a liver specialist and was told to be prepared that these spots could be a recurrence.

radiologists. I asked Blessed Seelos for a miracle that the spots would not be cancerous. The doctors determined they were benign.

A test was done and all looked good. The results appeared to be benign. My case was presented to a board of oncology

I believe Blessed Seelos' intercession was integral in receiving this good news. I pray that I will be completely healed from cancer and I trust God will hear Blessed Seelos' prayers of intercession for me.



Submit Your Testimonial Online!

Your words offer encouragement to others in need of Seelos' intercession.

www.SEELOS.org/submit-a-healing-or-favor

New! Prayer Partner Available By Phone

Shrine volunteer **Jack Guidry (504) 554-3078** is available to pray with you by phone, 7 days a week from 10am to 7pm CST. Thank you, Jack!



SHRINE, MUSEUM & WELCOME CENTER HOURS
Monday-Saturday 10am-2pm | Please see SEELOS.org for visiting guidelines.

A Moment of Reflection with Blessed Seelos



"If I had to depend only on my own strength, I would lose all confidence and courage in such an undertaking. But when I think of the help of God, when I consider His promises, when I take into account His power and His goodness, everything within me comes alive again, and I feel strong and powerful enough to work in the vineyard of the Lord."

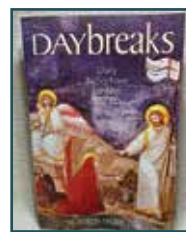
— Blessed Seelos

HOT IN THE SHOP



MAGNESIA VINTAGE MOTHER MARY BUST – \$76

This 7½" tall antique painted bust of the Virgin Mary is perfect for a mantle or home altar.



"DAYBREAKS" BOOK – \$7

Written by Fr. Byron Miller, this book offers prayers and reflections for each day of Lent through the Easter Octave.



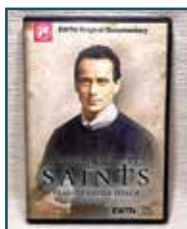
"HEAVEN SENT" MOTHER MARY EARRINGS – \$25

These 18kt gold-filled earrings feature crystals and Mother Mary medals.



OLPS & ST. URSULA NOTE CARDS – \$16

Made in New Orleans, these cards feature Our Lady of Prompt Succor and St. Ursula. 2 of each design, with envelopes.



"THEY MIGHT BE SAINTS" DVD – \$20

This DVD features the "Miracle Hunters" story of Blessed Seelos which aired on EWTN.



"JESUS LOVES ME" PUPPET BOOK – \$23

This soft storybook features the lyrics of "Jesus Loves Me" and a soft plush puppet.

*Quantities are limited. Prices listed above **include** shipping / handling.
Prices online and in the Welcome Center Gift Shop may vary.*

SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE SHRINE



LIGHT A CANDLE: A vigil candle will burn near Seelos' sacred resting place for an offering of \$3-\$4. Please visit SEELOS.org/light-a-votive-candle.



REQUEST A RELIC: 3rd Class Relics are available in either laminated prayer cards or as a crocheted memento for an offering of \$2.50 each. 2nd Class Relics are available in small envelopes for an offering of \$2.50 each.



SHOP ONLINE: Items in the Gift Shop are available at SEELOS.org/gift-shop.

VISIT SEELOS.ORG OR CALL (504) 525-2495 TO ORDER



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DONATION & CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

I would like to support the Seelos cause by donating \$_____ to be used for:

☐ The ministry and maintenance of the Shrine ☐ My 1-year newsletter subscription renewal (\$12)

☐ Other: _____

Make checks payable to "National Shrine of Blessed Francis Seelos".

Please ☐ remove ☐ change my name and address as follows:

Name: _____

Address: _____
