



VOLUME 101

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

Dear Devotees of Blessed Seelos,

Recently I received a 1999 issue of a publication called “Father Seelos and Sanctity” (volume 38, number 11) from a longtime devotee of Blessed Seelos. Many of our “old timers” will remember this publication – I remember it too, being a part of that esteemed group. I bring this up because it shows a photo of Father Monroe Perrier, C.Ss.R. taking over as Director of the Father Seelos Center.

We uphold a long history of Shrine directors moving on to new apostolates. In keeping with that process, I have received word that I will be moving along to our Redemptorist community in Tucson, Arizona.

It’s hard to leave the folks who have been part of the ongoing growth of our beloved Shrine and Center. It is also a pain to have to pack! I’m glad I don’t have to transport any furniture – that is all part of the property of the New Orleans community and will remain in place for Shrine directors to come.

Appointed to the position of Interim Director is Father Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R. The intercession of Blessed Seelos and the promotion of his cause for canonization will continue as usual. Pilgrims will be blessed and prayed with, tours will be received, and our wonderful staff will continue to serve your needs as best we can.

May you all be greatly blessed.



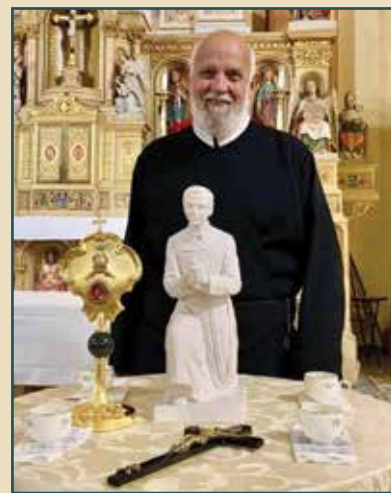
Fr. Richard Boever, C.Ss.R.
Director, National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.

THANK YOU FR. RICH!



A heartfelt thanks from everyone at the Shrine goes out to Father Rich Boever for his dedication to the mission of Blessed Seelos and the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.

May God bless your future endeavors!



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the Shrine, call (504) 525-2495.



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REJOICE CROSS – \$10
7" standing wood cross with flower design mounted on teal box, says "Rejoice"



KEYS TO FAITH ORNAMENT – \$7.25
1½" x 4½" silver-toned with tiny gold cross lock charm, comes in gift box with inspirational words



ANGELS FROM ABOVE ORNAMENT – \$9
Silver-toned with pressed flowers, says "Angels from above watch over those I love"



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2½" clear glass heart with butterfly design, says "I said a prayer for you"



BRACELET – \$13
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Silver-toned Seelos medal with choice of initial: B, D, F, G, H, L, M, N, P, R, S or W



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NOTECARD SET – \$9
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Blessings for the Sick

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

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GRACES RECEIVED & PRAYERS ANSWERED

MARRERO, LA

In 2000, I was diagnosed with CHF and Viral Cardiomyopathy and was given a pacemaker and placed on the transplant list. In 2014, I received an LVad which pumped blood for my heart. Four years later, the pump was failing. A prayer partner came to the hospital with a Father Seelos relic and prayed over me. On August 21, 2018 I received a heart

transplant. Things did not look good and I fell into a coma. A prayer partner visited me again with Father Seelos' relic and I received my miracle. I believe that by the Grace of God, my donor and Father Seelos, I am able to live my life celebrating with my family and friends. I will always be thankful for my ultimate gift of life.

MECHANICSBURG, OH

My doctor could not believe what he had witnessed. He cleaned up an area on my pituitary where a tumor had been. The doctor told my family that he did not understand what had happened but that he considered me cured. My mother was completely convinced that Father Seelos

healed me. There is no other explanation. My mother passed away in 2015 and I now have all her Father Seelos relics, holy cards, etc. I cherish them and still pray to Father Seelos for healing of myself, family and friends. Thank you Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

MESA, AZ

My brother was diagnosed with B cell lymphoma. I studied up on the amazing Blessed Seelos and sent my brother holy oil. He used it faithfully and prayed. After

a year in treatment, he is in remission and continues to use his oil daily. Thank you Jesus!!!

NEW ORLEANS, LA

My 4 year old granddaughter had gastroenteritis and we couldn't get her to stop vomiting. She couldn't eat or drink at all, and was getting very thin. I visited the Blessed Seelos Shrine, I prayed holding

his cross, and asked for prayers. Two days later my daughter called and said my granddaughter was getting well! She is fine now. I am so grateful. Thank you Blessed Seelos.

CARENCRO, LA

I had a stem cell transplant in October 2020. I visited the Shrine for prayer with the relic in my hands. The pastor prayed with me and my husband. Praise God!

I'm cancer free and my health is great! Thanks be to God! God is faithful! Thank you Blessed Seelos.

Prayer Partner Available By Phone

Can't make it to the Shrine? Volunteer **Gerry Heigle (504) 482-4404** is available to pray with you by phone 7 days a week, any time day or night.



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

Congratulations Fr. Rich on 50 years of priesthood! June 21, 2023



Baby Rich, 1949



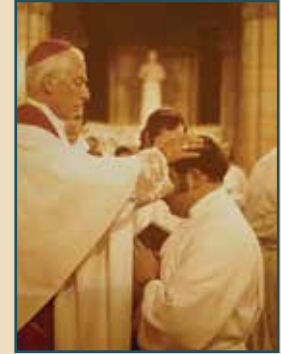
Rich (bottom left) with his mother, sister, and three brothers, 1953



Seminarist Rich and his parents, Clara and Andrew Boever, 1968



Ordination, June 21, 1973



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