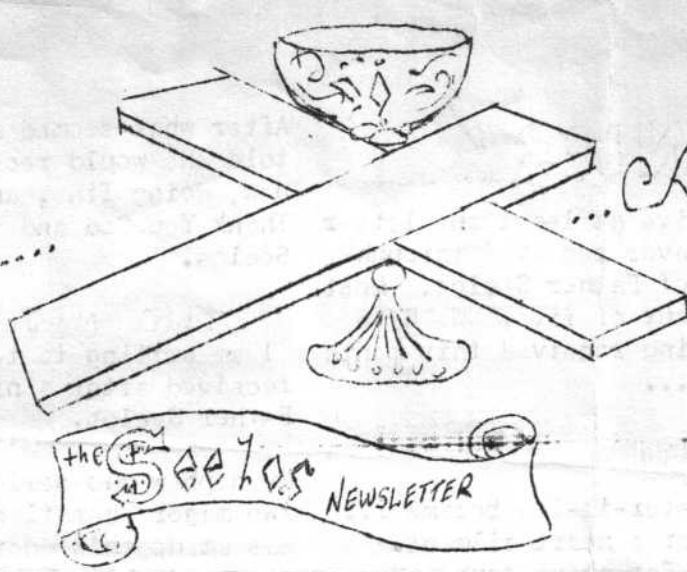


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... A Saint!

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July already! Time is flying. But as soon as one NEWSLETTER is written there seems to be something else we could have gotten in.

We hope you received your cards for the televised Solemn High Mass on June 24 and that you either attended or watched on T.V. Incidentally, many of our listeners became so interested in the brief description of St. Mary's Church given by Monsignor Screen on May 27, we thought it well to bring into the sermon a description of the magnificent altar of St. Mary's, in whose sanctuary rests the remains of Father Seelos. We have mimeographed copies of this description which we will be happy to send you on request. Maybe some of the "old timers" who have a soft spot for St. Mary's might like to have one.

Your intentions continue to be remembered in the weekly Mass before the tomb of Father Seelos. We have changed the time so that more of you will be able to attend. In the future the Mass will be read on Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. You need not mail in a card for your intentions to be included, however, it is nice to know what you wish us to pray for.

We have been working hard at the SEELOS' CENTER for about 18 months now. All help has been from volunteers. In the next few issues we would like to share with you through our NEWSLETTER a bit of the activity at the CENTER and let you know something about those who are responsible for the work being done. You know you play a big part in our work. It is you who provide incentive for us to continue.

We have a small office on the second floor of the "tower room" in St. Mary's. We are quite crowded, but in spite of this we are still able to accomplish quite a bit.

AS OF JUNE 23, 1962, WE HAVE MADE 115,036 RELICS. THESE WERE MADE BY VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MISS ODILE LEGENDRE.



First, we would like you to meet SISTER HILDEGARD of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. For over two years she has spent many hours translating documents and other material relating to

Father Seelos, which is necessary for us to send to Rome in presenting the cause. Sister Hildegard has handwritten several thousand pages of translation. She has not been well enough to teach and has occupied her time with this work. She has been a tremendous help and we will be ever grateful to her.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE POSTULATOR:

GIVE ME NAMES!

I AM ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE AS MANY NAMES AS POSSIBLE - NAMES OF YOUR FRIENDS OR RELATIVES WHOM YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT FATHER SEELOS.

I will send them an introductory packet of literature concerning Father Seelos. Then I will place their names on my permanent mailing list so that they will receive a copy of this NEWSLETTER each month FREE OF CHARGE.

If Father Seelos has been a source of blessing to you in your life, he will also help your relatives and friends. Therefore YOU WILL BE DOING THEM A FAVOR by sending us their names.

I am particularly anxious to receive names of interested people living outside New Orleans area. We have a fair amount of names from the New Orleans area but not many from other areas of the country. But whether you live in New Orleans or not, SEND US NAMES.

Father Seelos will certainly appreciate your help and will certainly pray for those whose names you send.

FATHER VAUGHN

THANKS!

Every day we receive at least one letter of thanks for a favor received through the intercession of Father Seelos. Most days we receive four or five. We have chosen the following received this month to share with you...

IN A COMA

In May 1961 my sister-in-law became ill and was treated for a heart ailment. She was in a coma for about four days and a member of the family had to be with her day and night. I took the time between midnight and 6:30 A.M. She needed little attention so I had 6½ hours to pray.

During this time my son-in-law's mother had an operation at Mercy Hospital, where he obtained a prayer to Father Seelos. I started praying to Father Seelos for a miracle and almost immediately my prayer was answered.

About the third night a house doctor examined the patient and said he thought a brain doctor should be called in. He was, and after tapping her spine, he released the fluid (from the liver), which was causing the coma. She regained consciousness and spoke as if she had just been sleeping. She may never be completely cured, but at least she is alive to raise her two young daughters 12 and 10 years of age.

I neglected writing this letter, but now I have another answer to my prayers to tell you about.

Last Wednesday my six day old grandchild while drinking her milk, inhaled some of it into her windpipe. She was choking to death. She was all but dead when a policeman rushed us to the hospital where oxygen and treatment were given. As the doctor on duty held little hope for her recovery, I began pacing the floor and called upon Father Seelos to perform, or should I say obtain, another miracle.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED READING THIS SEND IT TO A FRIEND

After what seemed an eternity we were told she would recover. She is home now, doing fine, and I must again say Thank You God and thank you Father Seelos.

TWO MAJOR OPERATIONS...

I am writing to tell you of a favor I received after a nine day novena to Father Seelos.

My nephew was seriously ill, having had two major operations in ten days. He was at death's door when I started my novena, asking Father Seelos' intercession in my nephew's behalf.

I thank God and Father Seelos - he is home now and doing fine.....

PLEASE!

We recommend to your prayers all the petitions placed before the tomb of Father Seelos and ask a special remembrance for the following:

MY SISTER HAS CANCER.....

I reopened this letter to ask you to offer a Mass for my sister, whom I have just learned has cancer. I am going to have the family pray to Father Seelos for the special favor of her recovery.

I promise to spread devotion to him and pray for his canonization.

Please pause a moment to say the following prayer for your own intentions and for all the intentions recommended to our prayers:

O MY GOD, I TRULY BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT WITH ME. I ADORE YOUR LIMITLESS PERFECTIONS. I THANK YOU FOR THE GRACES AND GIFTS YOU GAVE TO FATHER SEELOS. IF IT IS YOUR HOLY WILL, PLEASE LET HIM BE DECLARED A SAINT OF THE CHURCH SO THAT OTHERS MAY KNOW AND IMITATE HIS HOLY LIFE. THROUGH HIS PRAYERS PLEASE GIVE ME THIS FAVOR.....

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