



# Seelos and Sanctity

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CLOSE FRIEND OF CHRIST?

That is what the saints were - close friends of Christ.

They became Christ's close friends by getting to KNOW HIM BETTER and LOVE HIM INTENSELY.

The way in which they learned to know and love Christ was by TALKING to Him OFTEN.

That is what FATHER SEELOS did - he talked often with Christ.

That is how he became such a holy man.

If you wish to imitate the holy life of Father Seelos, YOU TOO MUST TALK OFTEN WITH CHRIST.

We are attempting to help you imitate the holy life of Father Seelos by giving you an opportunity to talk with Christ.

Therefore, we are attempting to organize a program whereby you will have a ONE HOUR PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH CHRIST EACH MONTH.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If so FILL IN THE ADORATION REQUEST found on the back page and mail it to us. We will send you further information.

FATHER VAUGHN, Vice-Postulator

## TWO or THREE?

Each week we receive quite a number of letters from clients of Father Seelos telling us of favors received through his intercession. This is most gratifying. It provides incentive for us to continue and certainly inspires us to pray even harder that our own petitions may be granted through the intercession of our beloved Father Seelos.

The devotion has spread rapidly in our own area and is gradually spreading over more and more of the United States. Each month we add quite a few new names of out of town persons to our mailing list. We have received many requests, unsolicited, for literature, prayer cards, etc. for distribution to various groups. Every one who has received a favor through the intercession of Father

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## TWO OR THREE?

Seelos has been most anxious to let others know about Father Seelos.

Father Vaughn has stressed so much that we must pray, that we should have a set pattern for our prayer life. Surely many of you must have heeded his words. We feel that you have prayed for our success. Our progress to date has been largely due to prayers offered for this intention.

We would particularly like to commend a devoted group in our parish, who meet every Wednesday evening to recite the rosary, recommending to Father Seelos their own intentions and including in their prayers the speedy canonization of Father Seelos. This group rosary was begun about two years ago by Mrs. Joseph Foss and now numbers about 25. It would be wonderful if we could have many such groups united in prayer keeping always in mind our special intention - IF IT IS THY HOLY WILL, LET HIM BE DECLARED A SAINT OF THE CHURCH.

Christ said: "For where there are TWO OR THREE gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them!"

Would you like to be one of the "TWO OR THREE"? If you wish information on how to start a SEELOS ROSARY, write us. We'll be delighted to help.

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On behalf of all of us at the Seelos Center may I wish each and every one of you a blessed Easter. May the risen Saviour bring joy to your homes and families.

Josie M. Becker, Editor

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We are unable to acknowledge individually all of the petitions received at the Seelos Center, but you may be assured they are remembered in our Mass each Sunday morning. Continue to send them in.

We wish to thank all of you who have been sending us names of those whom you feel might be interested in knowing more

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## For Seelos Guild Members

Again we say THANK YOU for all the help you have given and are still giving us. Your continued support is appreciated.

We also want to thank you for the notes you send each month, telling us you are praying for the intentions of all other members of the Guild and for the nice comments about our paper SEELOS AND SANCTITY. We are glad you are enjoying it and hope you are passing it on to your friends.

This month we would ask a special remembrance in your prayers for the repose of the souls of BERNARD ABADIE, SR., brother of Miss Pauline Abadie, one of our most ardent workers for the cause of Father Seelos and Father Alphonse Abadie, C.S.S.R. of St. Alphonsus Parish here in New Orleans; and JOSEPH FRITZ, SR., father of Frater Joseph Fritz, C.S.S.R., both of whom died during the past month.

## Meet Our Volunteers

We salute this month our very capable mimeograph operator, MRS. RUTH THOMAS. Not the least of her titles to fame is the fact that she was the first printer of the little paper you are receiving - SEELOS AND SANCTITY. As some of our "old timers" will recall, it began as a mimeographed sheet.

We do have a tremendous amount of mimeograph work done at the Seelos Center and Ruth has been most gracious about literally dropping everything at a moment's notice to come to our aid. She finds it necessary sometime to even be a "mechanic", but she never becomes discouraged even when the machine is "acting up". There is still plenty of work to be done and we know we can always count on Ruth to be on hand when needed. God bless you Ruth! You are a real asset to us.

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In conformity with the decree of Pope Urban VIII all statements contained herein are unreservedly submitted to the judgment of the Holy See and to the decision of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

# THANKS!

I want to thank you for your kind answers to my letter. I also want to tell you how happy I am to be a promoter. I am already one. Do you know that I live in Kenner and I go to St. Mary's every Sunday to kneel at the tomb of Father Seelos, to pray as many times I did when I was young. My mother was born and reared in the parish. We never knew of Father Seelos. We are overcome with joy to know we have such a holy person right close where we can beg his intercession in times of trial. I read the letter that was sent me from the Seelos Center, written by a priest that knew and loved Father Seelos when he was on earth. It made my heart ache. Only a saint could go through so much agony and smile. The part that told of the priests singing his favorite hymns to the Blessed Virgin when Father Seelos was going to meet his God, is exactly the way the priests sang when St. Francis of Assisi died. They too cried when St. Francis died. I will never forget the pain in my throat during that scene of the picture. I don't know whether you saw the picture, but I am sure you read the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

Every night the family says the prayer for Father Seelos' canonization. The more I read about him the more I love him. I often say dear Father Seelos I love you very much, please ask God to make me lead a holy life as you did. I am trying to sell my house and asking Father Seelos to intercede for me to get the price I am asking in order to have enough to break even on the one I am buying, as I don't want to go in more debt. Won't you please pray for me.

Father Vaughn, God bless you in your good work toward the canonization of Father Seelos and I will do all I can to help you.



about Father Seelos. We take care of sending them literature, however, we do not always have time to write a letter of thanks. They are nonetheless appreciated. We need EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU if we are to SUCCEED.

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## Former Parishioner Writes

"Several weeks ago my blood pressure was up to 190 and I was really frightened, as was the doctor. So he told me later. I was sick for a few days and now my pressure is down again.

"My sister writes me that my brother can see again with his right eye. He had contracted a rare eye disease and the doctor thought he would lose his sight completely. Thanks again to Father Seelos.

"I would like to see another Redemptorist a saint, especially from the Redemptorist Parish on Constance Street. I was baptized, confirmed and married there and also attended St. Mary's School."

# PLEASE!

"Enclosed is offering for Masses to be said begging Father Seelos to intercede with our dear Lord for my brother's to find a way out of his desperate financial difficulties."

"I am praying to Father Seelos for my brother. He is never without pain in his leg, unless he takes painkillers. The doctor told us that it is becoming gangrenous and I am very worried about him."

"A very dear friend of mine is on the verge of entering a very undesirable marriage. Please pray that this will be avoided - that he will find peace of mind - steady employment and be converted."

"Please pray that I will be able to sublet my house or be released from the lease I am presently under without unpleasantness."

For your own intentions, the intentions mentioned above, and all the petitions placed before the tomb of Father Seelos, let us pause and say - 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. . .

## ADORATION REQUEST

Dear Father Vaughn,

I am interested in devoting ONE HOUR A MONTH in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, in imitation of FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS C.S.S.R., who frequently prayed to Christ in St. Mary's Assumption Church.

Please send me more information.

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