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ONE GOOD DEED A DAY

All of you are acquainted, I am sure, with the slogan of the Boy Scouts "DO ONE GOOD DEED A DAY."

I have often thought that this would be a good slogan for those who are devoted to Father Seelos. He was a man of extraordinary kindness. His entire life was spent in performing acts of consideration and thoughtfulness.

The motivating force of this spirit of kindness was love of God. He continually saw the image of Christ in everyone he met and treated him accordingly.

Father Seelos knew well the meaning of the words of Christ "Whatsoever you do to the least of these My brethren, you do unto Me."

He knew well that God loves every human creature and wishes us to treat all of our fellow human beings as his personal friends.

Such should be the motivating force behind our contact with our fellow men. Since God is the Father of all of us, every human being is our brother.

Therefore, we should consciously strive for ways and means to demonstrate our kindness for others. We should deliberately look for ways through which we can do nice things for people. Let us strive to imitate the saintly life of this holy man. Resolve immediately that from this day forward you are going to make a deliberate effort to PERFORM AT LEAST ONE GOOD DEED A DAY OUT OF LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST AND IN IMITATION OF FATHER SEELOS.

FATHER VAUGHN

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE.

We have changed our method with regard to the printing of the paper covering for our cloth mementoes and it will now be handled in a more efficient manner. The ladies have been eagerly waiting for word that the material was ready for them to work on. We now have an adequate supply and will endeavor to fill back orders for these cloth mementoes. If, however, you do not receive the ones you requested in a reasonable time, please write us again and we will take care of your order.

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.

IMPRIMATUR † Archbishop John P. Cody, Jan. 22, 1965, New Orleans, Louisiana

The Seelos Center 'Family'

We have been blessed with countless volunteers at the Seelos Center, who work under the guidance and direction of Father Vaughn and Mrs. Agnes Bourg, our very capable office secretary. We thought you would be interested in hearing a few words about our "SEELOS CENTER FAMILY."

At the top of the list are hundreds of nameless people who have been distributing literature and talking about Father Seelos to their friends. Without them the devotion to Father Seelos could never have grown as rapidly as it has.

Next comes FATHER MICHAEL CURLEY, C. SS. R., who has been working night and day searching through thousands of documents in preparation for writing a definitive life of the Servant of God. SISTER HILDEGARD has translated several thousands of these documents from the original German.

Besides these people quite a number have been active in volunteering their time to the Seelos Center.

MRS. MARY SHEPPARD, MRS. ANNA LEGENDRE and MRS. ALICE MIRANTI prepare and mail literature about Father Seelos to those who request it.

HELEN REINERTH maintains pamphlet racks in various churches.

ODILE LEGENDRE supervises a group of ladies who have made several hundred thousand cloth mementoes.

RITA LAPARA, assisted by THERESA DRAGO and JOSIE FONTANA, has supervised our Adoration Program for the past several months.

PAULINE ABADIE, MARY DUCEY and ELLEN GURTNER post contributions made to the Seelos Fund. (The amounts of your contributions are available to you on request, incidentally, for income tax purposes.)

RUTH THOMAS and JIM BOURG operate our mimeograph machine.

MIKE SPICUZZA handles the bookkeeping department.

MAI. ELIZABETH BIZJAC takes care of our routine correspondence.

For Seelos Guild Members ONLY

In your prayers we ask that you especially remember the happy repose of the soul of MRS. ALPHONSE McNAMARA, who passed away recently. She was an active Seelos worker and spent an hour of adoration in St. Mary's Church each month.

Very soon you will be receiving your copy of a report on contributions for the year of 1964. The ladies are compiling the final figures now and they should be ready in about two weeks.

GOD BLESS YOU!

LUANA JAMBOIS is writing a booklet on the life of Father Seelos.

The following prepare this publication for mailing - PAULINE ABADIE, JOSIE BECKER, THELMA CROTTY, HELEN DELATTE, MARY DUCEY, MAGGIE FORD, ELLEN GURTNER, CLARE HEIN, MARY PINTADO, ROSARY PINTADO and LINDA RICORD. Since the Center began ROSE PEELER has typed thousands of plates for our addressing machine.

JOE PURSELL, a Junior at Redemptorist High School, is our "man Friday," who is always on hand for whatever we need.

A great big "thanks" to all our workers! Each and every person is important in carrying out our program. We are glad to have this opportunity to "show them off" to you.

Since the Seelos Center was opened in 1960, there have been quite a few others who have helped, however, we mentioned only the volunteer workers who are still active.

Still more help is needed. If you live in New Orleans and wish to help us, we assure you that there will be a job for you to do.

THANKS!!!

"Once again Father Seelos has helped me and Blessed John Neumann has also helped me in an emergency.

"Two weeks ago, I went to the dentist for a tooth extraction. Upon being given novacaine

I became very weak and semi-conscious. The novacaine did not affect the jaw but went into other parts of my body. I remained in the dentist's chair for four hours, being given oxygen. All I remember saying was 'Please Blessed John Neumann and Father Seelos - Please help me!' They did. I was told never to use novacaine again as it could be fatal.

"Once more the great heavenly team of Blessed Neumann and Father Seelos has kept me here for more work in their causes."

"I have so much to be thankful to Father Seelos for, that it would take reams of paper to express, but the most important are good health, success in my husband's business, peace and happiness in home, the acceptance of two sons into Catholic University and success of daughter's exams.

"But, of course, being always on the Thanksgiving side - I am always on the petitioning side too!

"Would you please, through the intercession of Father Seelos, ask dear God to grant success in my sons' mid-term exams and to give them the power to carry their knowledge into their Christmas exams, thus to enable them to take their rightful place as good Catholic laymen or whatever He has in store for them; that the older son will obtain loan necessary for continued studies, and that I'll have the health to work and help both of them and help clear some business debts; that my daughter-in-law will safely deliver her baby and my daughter will have continued success in her studies.

"Thank you and God bless your work!"

"I wish to tell you of something wonderful Father Seelos has done for me. I have a retarded son 15 years old. In August he took with spells something like mild convulsions. I called the doctor and he gave him medicine, but he continued to have the spells four to six a day. I could not get anything done in the house as I had to watch him very closely, as when the spells came he would fall down. On this particular Sunday morning, when I awoke I thought about the relic of Father Seelos that my neighbor gave to me. I put it on him as he was going to a barbeque with his aunt that day.

I asked her to watch him closely because he might have a spell and fall. When they returned home she was happy to tell me that he had not had a spell and enjoyed himself immensely. I was very happy and pleased because I know Father Seelos helped him.

"I have stopped the medicine for over a month and he has not had a spell since that Sunday I put the relic on him.

"I promised that if Father Seelos helped my boy I would spread devotion to him. I have sent picture prayer cards and cloth mementoes to friends, relatives and neighbors.

"Now I wish to ask Father Seelos to help my hearing. I wear a hearing aid and have had an operation on one ear."

A Pretty Big Request . . .

The following letter was received from a child in Texas. We have printed it in her own words and have not attempted to edit it in any way.

"I am just a seventh grader but in the eyes of God I guess I'm ten feet tall. Ha, ha! Well, anyway I have a pretty big request. You see there is this little girl she is only barely 2. And well here's how it began. Her family was over visiting these friends and the friends they have a dog. Well the dog bit her. A few months later she got this hard knot on her face (where the dog had bitten her.) They kept taking her to the doctor. One day she fell against the wall and cut the place open. She had to have 5 stitches. One night her mother called and said that the doctor said she wouldn't have her long. But the dog didn't cause it. Now they have her up in Houston. That good hospital. They said that if they stop the X-ray treatments she'll die in two months. Otherwise she'll live for 3 years. She has lugemeia. I think its spelled wrong. Any way it is a blood disease. It's incurable. Would you please pray to Father Seelos? My prayers just don't seem to be working out.

"Will you please try and cure her. Will you please write back.

"Yours truly,

"It's not very neat. I'm just so upset."

PLEASE!!

"We have just bought a new home which we are enjoying. I would like you to remember us in your prayers, that we will be able to keep this nice home. My husband works on construction projects and his work is not steady. We have a two year old child. I have been very sick lately with a nervous condition."

"Please pray for the recovery of my house-keeper's husband, who has been laid up with a heart attack and faces the possibility of never returning to work."

"My cousin's first grandchild was born two months ago with cirrhosis of the liver. After test taken at the hospital the doctor told the young parents only a miracle of God can save this baby. He is not expected to live. I told my cousin about Father Seelos and she is praying with me very hard that if it is God's will that little baby's life will be spared. Please pray with us."

"Please pray for the cure of a good friend from crippling arthritis. She has tried every treatment but is getting worse and suffering more."

"A friend of mine is bordering on a nervous breakdown. Please pray with me for her that she will soon overcome a very bad case of scruples from which she is suffering."

For your own intentions, the ones mentioned above and all those placed before the tomb of Father Seelos let us say the following prayer-

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 THAT OTHERS MAY KNOW AND IMITATE HIS HOLY LIFE..

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