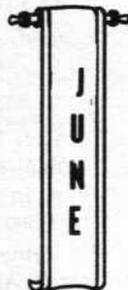




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## JOIN THE SEELOS GUILD

The only method we have of supporting ourselves at the Seelos Center is through voluntary contributions of those devoted to the saintly Servant of God. A great deal of literature must be printed; postage bills are high; clerical help is required; rather extensive facilities must be maintained; considerable expenses are involved in research about Father Seelos' life and investigation of possible miracles.

If such EXTENSIVE facilities are to be maintained a regular monthly income must be provided. For this purpose we have organized the SEELOS GUILD.

### A SEELOS GUILD MEMBER DOES THE FOLLOWING:

1. He distributes literature about Father Seelos whenever he can.
2. He tries to say the prayer for Father Seelos' canonization every day if possible.
3. Tries to pray every day for the intentions of the other members.
4. He makes a "Declaration of Intention" that he will donate a certain amount of money each month to support the cause.

### THE SEELOS GUILD MEMBER RECEIVES THE FOLLOWING:

1. He shares in one Holy Mass offered each week before the tomb of Father Seelos.
2. He shares in prayers said daily by more than 8,000 Redemptorists.
3. He shares in the prayers of all the other members.
4. He will undoubtedly be blessed by Almighty God for his efforts to further the canonization of so holy a man.

The bulk of our support for the Seelos Center comes from members of the SEELOS GUILD. Without these devoted Guild members we could not possibly have advanced the cause of Father Seelos as far as it has.

Enclosed find a special blue envelope. You may use this to enroll yourself in the SEELOS GUILD. Won't you please help us? Join the SEELOS GUILD TODAY.

FATHER VAUGHN

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## Seelos -

### Apostle of Kindness

by Luana Jambois

After he completed his theological courses at Munich, Xavier went to the diocesan seminary in Dillingen to wait for admission to the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. He remained in the house of the Redemptorists in Altoetting until February 1843. He and a few other Redemptorists were ordered to Baltimore in the United States.

Francis Xavier Seelos began the practice he was to preserve his life through. He did not like goodbyes. He decided to leave without returning home to his beloved family for the last farewells which would be so painful to all of them. Instead he wrote them a letter rich in love and understanding. "How happy," he said, "our next meeting will be in heaven. In spite of our physical separation by the miles between us, our love for each other remains. Love has bound us together for time and eternity."

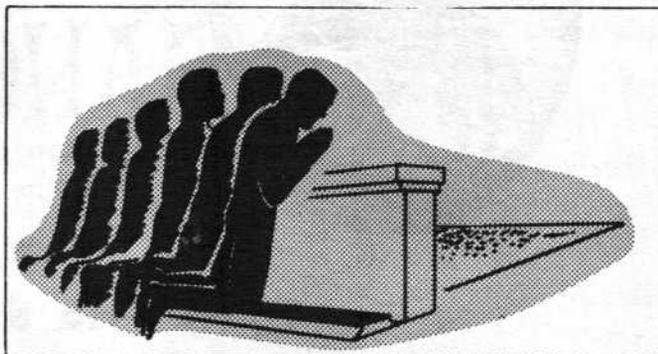
In America, Francis Xavier Seelos became Frater Seelos, the first novice of the Redemptorists to have a regular novitiate. In Baltimore God placed him under the guidance of the priest who was to be later Bishop, and then beatified, Father John Neumann. Four priests had had a novitiate of sorts before Frater Seelos, but he was to be the first to have a full novitiate. The Redemptorists lived together in peace and harmony. The poverty they suffered only made them work more joyfully together.

Frater Seelos prayed to his Lord and his beloved Virgin Mother for perseverance, obedience and chastity. He was quick to take every opportunity for the lowest tasks or the most difficult. While he schooled his keen intelligence to the humility demanded by the vows of his order, he schooled his body in the mortifications he undertook with the consent of his Superior. Every suffering he could offer up he used so gladly that his Superior was dismayed to note that there was little in the Novice Seelos to correct.

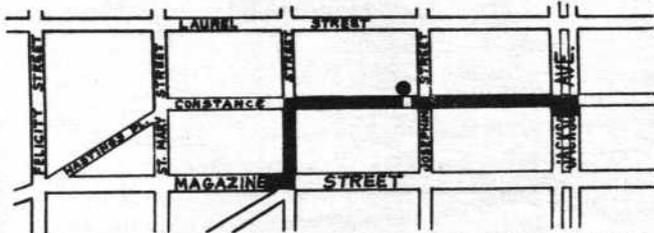
On May 16, 1844, Novice Seelos took his

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# JOIN THE SEELOS GUILD TODAY



## Visitors to the Tomb Pray Daily for the Intentions of All Guild Members



ROUTE TO SEELOS TOMB FROM TWO BUS LINES

## To Know and Imitate His Holy Life . . . .

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father Seelos had such a deep love for God, his every action was prompted by this love and his entire life was spent in complete submission to His holy will. Each day of this month whisper ejaculations of love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ask Him through Father Seelos for your special spiritual and temporal needs, but always tell Him that you accept His holy Will.

JOSIE BECKER

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Seelos - Apostle of Kindness

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vows to formally enter the Redemptorist Congregation. On December 22, 1844, he became Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C. SS. R. Shortly after his ordination, he was made assistant to the Novice Master. Here he was to stay only a short time. In August, 1845, he was sent to St. Philomena's Church in Pittsburgh.

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### WHY DO I PRAY TO FATHER SEELOS?

We have had quite a few letters in response to our request that you write and tell us why YOU pray to Father Seelos. Below are just a few of these.

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"In response to your request in SEELOS AND SANCTITY, I can assure you that I most certainly would love to help inspire others to pray to Father Seelos.

"My reasons for praying to Father Seelos are manifold. In the first place, I am convinced that he is a real saint, deserving of canonization, and has enormous intercessory power with Almighty God. He has proved this to me on numerous occasions.

"He has already inspired me to pray with greater fervor and to look forward to my Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament each month. In fact, were it not for illness, it would be a joy to me to spend much more time with Jesus in this Sacrament of His great love.

"Further, I deeply admire Father Seelos' sincere humility and he may well be likened to the great St. Anthony in this regard.

"I have already interested a few people in making a Holy Hour once a month - persons outside of this parish - and shall continue to do all in my power to promote this magnificent cause for which you have worked so diligently.

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"I pray to Father Seelos because I had a friend who knew him while she was with the Sisters in St. Mary's Parish. She had told me he was a 'Saint;' she was among those praying while he was dying of yellow fever."

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"I pray to Father Seelos because I was impressed with the first sentence of the prayer to him.

"I have so much to be thankful for - my husband, my four children, a son-in-law - all of us living.

"I have never really asked Father Seelos for a favor. I get 'goose pimples' when I think of how many times he has helped me without my even asking! My petitions pass through my mind and I try to push them aside and pray, but somehow he answers them."

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"I pray to Father Seelos because I feel if he was such a kind, understanding, loving man while here on earth - how much more so is he in heaven with our Lord and His Blessed Mother, both of whom Father Seelos loved so dearly. He has been such a comfort to me and my family, granting many favors - spiritual and material."

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### MAKE A SEELOS HOLY HOUR

We are trying to get 1,000 people to make a holy hour ONCE A MONTH in St. Mary's Assumption Church -- the very same church in which Father Seelos himself prayed. If you are interested in learning more about this holy hour program write or phone the Seelos Center.

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# PLEASE!!!

"Please place my petitions at the tomb of Father Seelos. I lost my husband about a year ago and just can't adjust myself to living alone. I try very hard. So I am asking Father Seelos to intercede for me that a change will come into my life, that he will send someone to me that I will not have to be alone. I pray also that my brother and his family will come closer to me. It has been very hard to lose the one person I had to confide in."

"I would appreciate your continued prayers for my ten year old daughter who has an incurable kidney disease. I say the prayer to Father Seelos daily for her and she wears the cloth memento. Since I have been praying to Father Seelos she has shown some improvement."

"A friend of mine is very upset and nervous, for no reason at all. Please pray that she will have confidence in herself and accept life as it is."

"My sister will enter the hospital for surgery during this month. I do not anticipate any difficulties, however, would appreciate your prayers in her behalf."

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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## WE HAVE "GROWING PAINS"!

We have a wonderful group of volunteers working diligently at the Seelos Center. However, we need more help as we expand. If you have a little time you could devote to assisting us, kindly contact Mrs. Bourg at the Seelos Center.

Even though we are taxed to capacity with the volume of work we now have, we again ask you to send us names of persons whom you think would be interested in helping us promote the cause of Father Seelos. He MUST become widely known and his intercession must be sought by MILLIONS if his cause is to continue to progress.