



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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LIFE OF FATHER SEELOS IS HERE !

The book is called "CHEERFUL ASCETIC," and was written by Father Michael J. Curley, C.S.S.R., of Brooklyn, N.Y., after years of research. This is the first documented and authenticated biography of Father Seelos and will be the back-bone for the advancement of his cause for beatification in Rome. Detailed as the book must necessarily be, it is surprisingly easy to read. Ordinarily a book such as this would sell for \$8.00, but we are charging only the manufacturing and handling cost of \$4.95. Not only will you want a copy but the book is wonderful for Christmas presents! All orders must have check or money order with them. Send to Father Seelos Center. All orders will receive prompt attention.



WONDERFUL ANNIVERSARY

St. Alphonsus Church was filled on Sunday, October 5, for the concelebrated Mass commemorating the 102nd anniversary of the death of Father Seelos. To us who work so closely for the cause it was a heartwarming experience.

The privilege of having Father Michael Curley with us for this occasion was indeed appreciated. For several hours after the Mass Father autographed his book the CHEERFUL ASCETIC, the authentic life of Father Seelos. Father Curley spoke inspiringly at the Mass giving brief highlights from the life of Father Seelos.

Our sincere appreciation to all who helped to add to the occasion in any way: to those who attended the Mass, those who distributed literature before and after the Mass, to the ladies who so graciously served us coffee and doughnuts after Mass, to the lector and acolytes and especially to the St. Alphonsus choir for the wonderful music which added much to the splendor of the occasion. We hope you will be with us again next year, the year after and so on, to sing the praises of our beloved Father Seelos.

To Father Curley thank you again for the wonderful book and for being with us for this first presentation of the book. We hope you will be back with us soon again.

WANT THE ROSARY AS A LITURGICAL PRAYER ?

A priest in Canada has ascertained that if enough people submit their request to the Holy Father, it is quite feasible that the Church will elevate the Rosary from a private prayer to a public liturgical prayer. It would then be for lay

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FATHER SEELOS AND PRAYER

BY FATHER GRANGELL



SPECIAL RADIO INTERVIEW WITH FATHER CURLEY ON STATION WWL SUNDAY

Father Seelos made the "Way of the Cross" daily, usually at night before he retired. When he would stand at the 11th Station and meditate on how Our Most Holy Redeemer was nailed to the Cross, he would think of how Christ could do but two things on the Cross: Suffer and Pray. Then, he would consider himself nailed to the Cross of the Religious life with the three vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience - - and that his life was one of suffering and prayer. Everybody in the world, no matter what his state, is nailed to a Cross, has trouble of some kind, and must know how to suffer and pray. There are two ways of being sick and being in pain: either complain the whole time, wonder why you must suffer, and make everybody miserable around you - - or see the Will of God in your suffering and make Acts of Love of God and resignation to His Holy Will. Sick people cannot concentrate on lengthy prayers. They use short ejaculatory prayers, like "My God I love You!" So all must develop the practice of short ejaculatory prayers when they are strong and healthy.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Founder of the Redemptorists, known in the Church as the Doctor of Prayer, wrote a wonderful book on prayer, entitled "The Great Means of Salvation." In the preface of the book he expresses the wish that he could give a copy of it to everybody. He taught: "Pray and you will be saved, neglect prayer and you will be lost." He also taught: "God gives the first grace to pray to everybody, and if he uses it, He gives another grace; and that goes on and on, and we call that perseverance in prayer."

Father Seelos lived a great Community-prayer life. He was up early in the morning and made a half hour of mental prayer, planning the day. Before noon he examined his conscience to see how he was advancing in the love of God and man. He spent a half hour before supper meditating prayerfully on the Passion of Our Lord; or in the Christmas Cycle, thinking prayerfully on the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. At night prayers, he recited the Litany of the Blessed Mother and prayed to his Patron Saints in Heaven. He was a seraph of devotion as he said Holy Mass and give Holy Communion to the people, praying, "May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul through life everlasting." He made many visits to the Blessed Sacrament. His favorite and continuous prayer was, "My God I love you." (MGILY) He was in contact with the Blessed Mother always, as his fingers touched the beads hanging at his side.

Father Seelos was a Saint because he loved prayer. If any of us hope to be saints, we must love prayer. Prayer must be the breath of our soul.

New Orleans, La.

I am enclosing a small offering for many, many favors and blessings I have received through Father Seelos.

A friend of mine had a child whom it seemed certain would die. She phoned me and I immediately prayed to Father Seelos. The child was anointed and within three days my prayers were answered. He was well enough to leave the hospital.

I also prayed for my husband to find a job in New Orleans. Within a few weeks he was interviewed and received a job in New Orleans.

Another friend of mine had a baby born with a very rare birth defect. I prayed for her recovery which seemed almost impossible. Now she is a fine happy and healthy baby.

I had undergone a series of tests and prayed that nothing serious would be found. I have been informed by my doctor that I am in perfect health.

MRS. P. S. S.

St. Louis, Mo.

Some years ago as a teenager I visited a seminary in St. Louis. As a souvenir I received a small gold paper that had a piece of cloth inside, touched to the tomb of Father Seelos. I carried the relic for about eight or nine years and never had occasion to pray to Father Seelos.

About one month ago my husband and I decided to sell our house. We had signed all the necessary papers and were waiting for our sign to go up. It seemed there were loads of postponements as the sign never went up. We were getting thoroughly disgusted. I don't know how I came to decide to pray to Father Seelos, but I did. This was Friday night, July 4. Anyway I promised a rosary every day for some kind of help. On Saturday, the 5th, my husband called the agent and he told him the sign would go up the following Tuesday.

As certain as Tuesday came so did the sign, but this isn't all. That afternoon the agent called and asked if it would be all right for him to bring some people to see the house. They were the first potential buyers to look. Before they left they signed the contract to buy the house. Wednesday we in turn signed to sell it to them. The following Saturday we signed papers on another house to buy and we just learned that our offer was accepted.

I am still saying my rosary for Father Seelos and have received several small favors besides.

The only thing I'm sorry about is that somewhere in the last two days I've lost my relic and am heartbroken. I know that in order for Father Seelos to become a canonized saint he has to perform a required number of miracles and I at least want the right people to know that he has surely answered my prayer. I will try to keep up my daily rosary as long as possible.

MRS. J. R. J.



NOV. 9TH AT 7:30 AM AND REPEAT BROADCAST TUESDAY NOV. 11TH AT 9:15 PM.

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people comparable to the Breviary for the priest. Those praying it would participate in the official Liturgy of the Church.

If you wish to make this request, sign your name to: "I approve and hope that the Rosary be raised by the Holy Father to the rank of liturgical prayer," and mail it to: Father G. H. Dugal, Les Buissonnets, 6300 Rue Saint-Denis, Montreal 10, Quebec, Canada. It only takes a 6¢ stamp. Father Seelos loved the Rosary. SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN GET TO SIGN WITH YOU.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

November recollection services in honor of Father Seelos in St. Alphonsus Church will be held on Wednesday, 26th beginning at 5:00 P.M., followed by Holy Mass at 5:30 P.M. All men, women and youth are invited to attend.

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

The 5:30 P.M. Mass is offered each Wednesday in St. Alphonsus Church for the intentions recommended to the intercession of Father Seelos. You are given a special opportunity at this time to venerate the mission cross used by Father Seelos.

Each Friday Father Grangell or a substitute continues to visit hospitals in the New Orleans area to bless the sick with the mission cross used by Father Seelos. If you want a patient to receive this blessing, phone 895-6176. Miss Addie Buhler will make the arrangements. Please call by Thursday night if at all possible.

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