



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## Saints Peter And Paul

Wherever the Gospel is preached in the world, the names of Saints Peter and Paul are held in veneration. St. Peter was the first Pope, St. Paul preached the Gospel to the nations. They both were martyrs for their faith in Jesus. We strive to follow their example. We pray to them and all their fellow martyrs for perseverance in the way of life taught us by Christ.

*Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.*



*A street scene in Fuessen, the birthplace of Father Seelos.*

# Father Seelos Was An Angelic Person

*by Father Grangell*

The Virtue for June: Purity of heart

Patron: The Apostle St. James the Younger.

The Text: Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God. (This is one of the Beatitudes from the sermon on the mount) St. Matt. 5/8

I want you to notice that the virtue for our special meditation in the month of June is Purity of Heart. If the heart, the desires, the wishes, the imagination, the will are clean, then we live in the presence of God always - we walk through the day with Him and we rest peaceful at night - we see God. If our heart is clean, our conscience is happy, our actions are holy.

Father Seelos was blessed by God with holy, God-fearing parents. They taught him what was good and what was bad. They taught him that God saw his every thought and action. They taught him to pray and to visit the Blessed Sacrament in the parish Church. They did not give him lessons in sex. They told him what was modest and pure and decent and his love of God did the rest.

Father Seelos had the vocation to the religious life - he made the vow of Chastity, he chose not to marry and never to indulge in any sex pleasures. When he began his Redemptorist novitiate he received the habit of the order which he wore always. He received a small crucifix which he carried close to his heart daily. When he received it, he said to his crucified Savior, which became the breath of his life, "May I die for the love of Thy love who has been so graciously pleased to die for the love of my love." That prayer kept his heart pure and holy. He wore at his side the fifteen decade rosary and as he moved from place to place his fingers were on his beads and he begged the Blessed Mother over and over again, "Pray for us sinners now!" He put his heart in her keeping. She kept him pure. Don't worry about sins of impurity. You never commit a sin accidentally. You must plan it, want it. Forget about the past.

I cannot suggest to you and to the young a better way of being holy, pure, modest than to recite the above prayer to your crucified God and to say the Rosary of our Blessed Mother. Father Seelos had a beautiful practice in his personal life and which he preached on all his missions - three Hail Marys morning and night for purity and to persevere in the love of God until death. "MY GOD I LOVE YOU" means MY GOD I AM SORRY FOR HAVING EVER OFFENDED YOU.

# Special Letters

Hondo, Texas

"I received an answer to my prayers through the intercession of Father Seelos very quickly. My grandmother was very sick in the hospital with very bad pains in her stomach. I prayed to Father Seelos and asked him to pray that my grandmother would be cured. The next day the doctors took X-rays and they did not find anything wrong. I was very relieved and quickly thanked Father Seelos for his powerful intercession...Please pray for my husband that he gets a good job."

Houma, La.

"I was hoarse for several months due to a throat condition. I prayed to our Lady of Prompt Succor and asked Father Seelos intercession day and night. Finally I made the novena to Father Seelos. One week after the novena my voice was cleared. I had made two visits to the doctor's office. Before going to the doctor's I begged Father Seelos that my throat condition would not be serious. So please publish in the bulletin that this favor was granted to me through Father Seelos intercession."

Mrs. J. F.

New Orleans, La.

"I have been granted the following favors through the intercession of Father Seelos, the Blessed Mother and the Infant Jesus of Prague. A broken marriage reconciled. What doctors believed to be cancer proved negative and surgery was very successful. For these favors I am most grateful. Please publish them."

M.G.

New Orleans, La.

"This letter is long over due in thanksgiving to Father Seelos intercession. Please have this letter printed. The favor was for eye surgery done last July, which I feel sure was successful, however, I do have a problem with my eyes and I always will, but I am very grateful for what has been granted me and for all my blessings."

H.D.

Church Point, La.

"This letter is to acknowledge favors granted and is long overdue. My father was very ill and told he had cancer, as far as the doctors could see. This news came on Wednesday and I wrote to the Father Seelos Center and asked for prayers that this diagnosis would be mistaken. On Friday some uncertainty developed in some of the tests that were taken. By Sunday my petition must have been placed on the tomb of Father Seelos. That day my father had an infection and ran high temperature. The doctor said he could not live, but he responded well to the medication and pulled through. By that Monday they

finished analyzing the tests and as far as they could see there was no cancer. So I feel Father Seelos' prayers were answered for me and I believe that as bad as things might get, there is a reason for it."

B.O.

## SPECIAL NOTES

Don't forget June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Love Him. Make the First Fridays of every month as a life practice. Have the picture of His Sacred Heart on the wall of your home.

We welcome the hundreds of new subscribers of Father Seelos & Sanctity. We call it a newsletter, because we inform you of cures, favors of all kinds received through prayers to Father Seelos.

If you want pictures and literature of Father Seelos, write to us for all you can use. Spread devotion to him in your neighborhood and parish - even in foreign countries.

Let's pray for one another.

For blessings with the Mission crucifix of Father Seelos call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176

For literature and all other information etc. regarding the cause of Father Seelos call Mrs. Bourg at the Father Seelos Center, 525-2495

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