



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

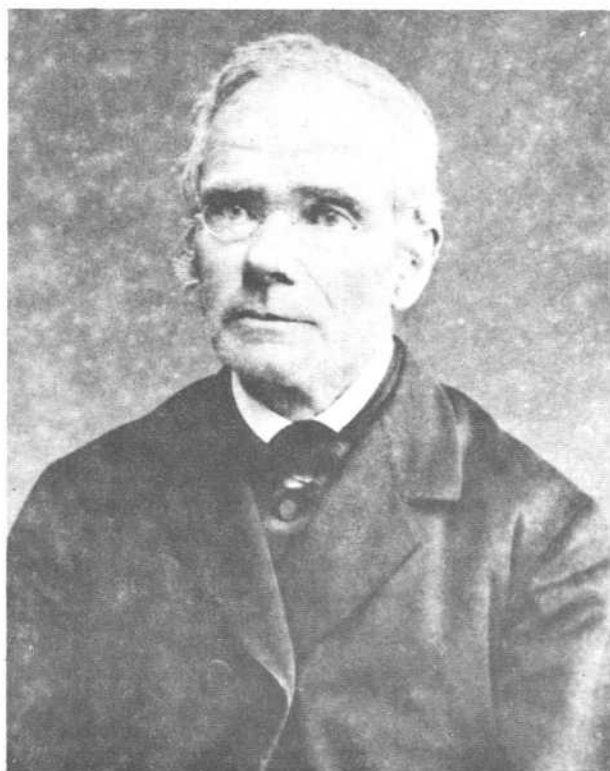
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WE ARE PILGRIMS

As the old year passes into history, and we enter the year of our Lord, 1975, thoughts come to us of the journey we make in this life. The constant cycle of birth and death which goes on around us can only serve to remind us that we are all pilgrims and the end of our journey is eternity. Reading the lives of the holy men and women of God whom we call saints, we are impressed with the directness with which they marched to this goal. Who better than the saints worked harder to make this world a better place to live in, and who were more conscious than they of the words of the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews who wrote that "here we do not have an eternal city?"

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



This is Ambrose Seelos, the brother of Father Seelos. Two years older than his priest brother, he died at the age of 74.

Happy New Year To You!

My Dear Friend and Friend of Father Seelos:

My New Year wish for you is that it will be very happy and holy and healthy, filled with God's best graces, our Blessed Mother's love and Father Seelos' miracles. To make this a reality, I will share my every daily mass of 1975 with you. God love you! Pray for me.

In our study of the Virtues, we begin the year with Faith. Good, solid, practicing Faith makes us happy and contented always. Our text is Our Divine Savior saying to us: I am the Light of the world. (John 8/12). If your life is Christ-centered, you live in His eternal sunshine. Our Patrons are Saints Peter and Paul, the first Pope and history's greatest Missionary, both martyrs, because their Faith was more precious to them than life.

Hear Father Seelos saying to you: Make 1975 a Eucharistic year! Love the Blessed Sacrament, kneel before the Tabernacle often and tell Our Lord all about yourself and your dear ones, and pray for the conversion of the world. Go to daily Mass, if possible, and offer the Holy Sacrifice to Almighty God to pay your creature debts of adoration, thanksgiving, atonement and petition in an infinite way through Christ and with Christ and in Christ. Always receive Holy Communion. If that is your Faith, Father Seelos will love you and pray for you at the Heavenly Throne of the Most High God.

Treasure your Faith as your best possession. Lose anything, everything, even your life, rather than lose your Faith.

A great resolution for the New Year should be to see Christ in the sick and the old and the physically handicapped—in the spirit of Faith. Father Seelos loved the sick. He saw Christ in them. Without Faith, a sick person in bed sees only a ceiling and passes the time with moaning and complaints. With Faith, the sick person looks beyond the ceiling to Heaven and sees God and speaks to Him ceaselessly: His favorite prayer is: My God, I love You! If I had my way, I would have "My God, I love You" on the walls of every sick room.

If the sick feels neglected and abandoned and is in great pain, he must embrace the Crucifix and offer his sufferings for the conversion of the world.

The well and the healthy must see Christ in the sick and the old and the incapacitated and help Christ who is suffering in them. That's what Father Seelos did.

Call up the Center—525-2495—and get some crocheted mementoes for the sick.

Again, Happy New Year!

Father Grangell, C.S.S.R.

SPECIAL LETTERS

New Orleans, La.

"Our daughter underwent surgery and is now recuperating. The enclosed check is in thanksgiving to Father Seelos for his intercession for a successful operation. The doctor said now our daughter should be able to become pregnant. Please continue to pray for our daughter."

Mrs. H. L. B.

New Orleans, La.

"This letter is to inform you of a favor I recently received. My two and one half month old little girl was put into the hospital with a build-up of mucus in her lungs. I prayed very hard asking Father Seelos to pray for her speedy recovery. She did recover nicely, though she still has some mucus. I will continue to pray for this mucus to leave her, and I feel certain through Father Seelos' intercession this will happen. I have heard of many favors granted through Father Seelos' intercession and I know devotion to him is spreading. I feel certain that he will be declared a Saint. I feel so comforted when I say the Father Seelos prayer. Thank you for your work in behalf of Father Seelos."

E. J. P.

Chalmette, La.

"Many thanks to Father Seelos for favor granted through his intercession. I wanted my son to pass his exam for school and prayed to Father Seelos. We received the results recently and he passed. Thanks again."

M.

"We would like to acknowledge a favor received through the intercession of Father Seelos, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mother of Perpetual Help. Our good friend has undergone a major operation and was very sick. We promised a donation if the operation was a success. Thanks to above mentioned. Sight is improving every day. She will have to take shots for a while. Please pray for her full recovery."

A. B. and A. D.

"I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for a great favor granted through the intercession of Father Seelos. I felt that my problem was truly insoluble but I prayed for help anyway. My prayers were answered in what I consider a truly miraculous way. This happened one year ago and all is still well. My faith has also been strengthened and my happiness great."

J. A.

Bourg, La.

"Last December my six year old son ran across the highway and was hit by a truck, thrown up, and hit again when he came down. The doctors reported a lead skull fracture with possible brain damage and internal bleeding.

Having had our prayers answered countless times, we again turned to Father Seelos. Just six hours later, he showed great improvement. All tests of bleeding and brain damage were negative. Today, just six weeks later, he is back in school and as healthy as ever. The doctors cannot understand his recovering so quickly and without suffering side effects. Thank you Father Seelos for your prayers for this most precious favor."

A. G.

SPECIAL NOTES

Father Seelos became a Saint, using the Asceticism of the 12 monthly Virtues. He was a perfect imitation of Jesus Christ and systematized this imitation by studying the virtues of our Lord, one for each month of the year. He had a favorite Scripture text for each virtue and the 12 Apostles as monthly patrons. All this accounts for the Captions of our short monthly meditations. Christ, as God, did not practice the virtue of Faith — only humans practice it. We need it as the root of our Religion.

Thanks for your grand interest in Father Seelos in the past year. God reward you. Make a New Year's resolution to spend a few hours every month at the Center. Call the Secretary, Miss Regina Beck, for an appointment — 525-2495.

For blessings with Father Seelos' Crucifix, call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.

Send us names and addresses of people who would like to receive FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY.

Thanks to the anonymous client of Father Seelos in Anakonda, Alaska, who sent a gift to the Center, expressing gratitude for a favor received.

Please, everybody, always sign your name and address when writing to the Center. We want to tell you "thanks" personally.

Another good New Year resolution: Make the Tuesday novena in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help faithfully in 1975. This might be your last year on earth. Services in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, at 6:30, 7:45 and 10:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.

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