



## FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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We received the following letter from Bellflower, California. The picture was also sent to us showing their display of literature about Father Seelos which they used in connection with a "St. Joseph's Table" which they had.

Dear Father,

Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 and two photos. One is on the St. Joseph's Table itself, the other is the literature you sent on display at the religious article desk. The event was a huge success with hundreds of people attending and accepting

your literature with enthusiasm. The left over literature was taken by our Legion of Mary members and will be distributed to hospitals and convalescent homes which they visit once a week.

Be assured Father Seelos has been exposed to many who never heard of him but will now spread devotion to him and pray for his canonization. St. Dominic Savio Parish and I are very grateful for your generous reply to our request for literature. You are in our prayers and we thank you heartily.

Mr. & Mrs. C.D.

P.S. We are expecting our second child any day. Please pray with us for the safe delivery and that it will be a strong, healthy and normal baby in every way.

(We have used only one picture which was sent to us since the picture of the St. Joseph's Table was too light to photograph for our paper.)

If anyone would like to put on a similar display in connection with some special spiritual activity in their parish, write us and we will be happy to send any amount of literature you wish. We must depend on YOU for the cause of Father Seelos to move forward.

## MODESTY IS THE SAFEGUARD OF PURITY

*(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)*

Virtue for June: Purity of Heart.

Patron: The Apostle, St. James, the Lesser and St. Maria Goretti. Tell the teenagers about her.

Text: Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God. (St. Matt. 5/8)

St. Maria Goretti, a girl of twelve, said to a man of eighteen, who invited her to sin — and her words should be those of everybody tempted to sin alone or with another — "I don't do those things. They offend God, and God punishes them in hell for all eternity." She was murdered rather than offend God by abusing sex. When the Holy Father heard of her death he called her "a martyr of Chastity."

Sex is the thing that bothers everybody in thoughts, words and actions. There is never a let up in temptation.

At Baptism, whether as infants or adults, we renounced the devil and all his works and pomps. We renewed this renunciation at Confirmation and every time we say the Our Father: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION — do not allow us to be tempted beyond our strength.

At the end of the Baptismal ceremony the priest sent us from the font with these words: "Go in peace and may God be with you always." Now the spiritual life begins. There is much peace in the soul of a little child, no temptations, no worries, no anxieties, no doubts. Children love God. There are no atheists among them — only fools are atheists, so says God in Psalm 13 1/7.

Unfortunately many teenagers become atheists — at least they act like atheists, no prayers, no Holy Mass, no confession, no Holy Communion, no Blessed Mother!! Now the devil whom they renounced at Baptism begins his work for their souls. They are easy prey for the devil. The Bible (Job 7/1) says the life of man on earth is a warfare. God and the devil are fighting for every individual soul. The devil's big weapon is the abuse of sex. He wins so many young souls! The good God loses so many, apparently.

For anyone to conquer the devil and to save his (her) soul, he must: 1. Pray for help to overcome temptation; 2. The best time to pray is immediately after receiving Holy Communion, when you and God are one; 3. The best prayer you can say is the infinite sacrifice of the MASS; 4. Love the Immaculate Mother of God, say the Hail Mary like this — pray for us sinners NOW (For me that I be pure today) and at the hour of my death (that I be ready then to meet my God for the Judgment.) I may die suddenly in an accident: MARY, HELP ME TO HAVE A CLEAN SOUL AND AT LIFE'S END — ETERNITY'S BEGINNING.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

New Orleans, La.

"I asked Father Seelos' intercession that we might get a certain house that we had been wanting to buy. Well we didn't get it but a few days later we purchased another house which is much nicer. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

H.C.

Oakland, Calif.

"My son was suffering with pains in his arms and knees and I said the Father Seelos' prayer for him. He has received relief from the pains. I am 96 years old and am thankful to Father Seelos."

V.F.I.

River Ridge, La.

"I had to undergo serious surgery and it was successful. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

D.S.

Bogalusa, La.

"I became a Catholic on December 8 and have received all sacraments which I could. I attribute my conversion to my prayers asking for Father Seelos' intercession."

L.J.

New York, N.Y.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for so many favors received through his intercession."

A.O'C.

Houma, La.

"I give thanks to God for Father Seelos' intercession for the return of my son to his Catholic faith."

L.V.L.

Baton Rouge, La.

"My husband had a terrible cough, which I was afraid might be cancer. Through Father Seelos prayers everything has turned out fine."

B.M.N.

Marrero, La.

"Never have I asked a favor through Father Seelos' intercession that it has not been granted to me. I surely hope one day he will be declared a Saint of the church."

C.T.

Willowdale, Ontario, Canada

"My sister passed away with cancer. She died with Father Seelos cloth memento pinned to her gown. She did not know she had cancer and had no idea she was dying. The cancer had spread throughout her body but she did not have an ache or pain. She sat up in her chair and walked about a little. The doctor was dumbfounded and said it was our prayers which helped her so much. She was in bed only two days before she had a happy death."

J.T.D.

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## SPECIAL NOTES

### FATHER GRANGELL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL

We regret to tell you that Father Grangell has been hospitalized and underwent surgery for a broken hip. It has been necessary to postpone his celebration until the fall. We will keep you informed thru this paper. Please keep him in your prayers.

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June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Give him what He asks of you! First Friday Communion; consecrate yourself to His Sacred Heart often; have His picture in a prominent place in your home; and say ceaselessly "MY GOD, I LOVE YOU."

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Many thanks to the ladies and the High School boy who made Chenille Shamrocks and sold them on St. Patrick's Day in the New Orleans Celebration and sent the Center \$102.00. (Enthusiasm is a great virtue. If it dies down to inactivity the motive was not for love of God, but for something selfish.)

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A good Bishop told us he had the picture and relic (memento) of Father Seelos on the altar of his private chapel. God bless you, Bishop.

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The Indian ship "The Brazen Eagle" was docked at the New Orleans wharf just five blocks from St. Mary's Church in New Orleans. Some of the Catholic seamen came to visit the tomb of Father Seelos and took picture-prayer cards and mementos to India with them.

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We did not send FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY to Ireland and Africa last month because of postal difficulties. Inform your folks.

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Thanks for helping to pay our bills. GOD BLESS YOU!

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For blessings of your sick with the Mission Crucifix of Father Seelos, please call Miss Addie Buhler. 895-6176.

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