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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

On behalf of the Volunteers of the Father Seelos Center, I wish you a blessed and Happy New Year.

As the song goes Happiness is — different things to different people. To me Happiness is starting the day with Mass and Holy Communion. I resolve for the New Year to renew my efforts to do so.

Why not put daily Mass and Holy Communion on your list of New Year's resolutions. I am sure you will feel a great satisfaction with yourself, a day started off with an inner peace.

Another resolution might be to work harder and harder to spread devotion to Father Seelos so that more people will seek his intercession with God, thereby furthering his cause.

By the way, January 11 is Father Seelos' birthday. On that day and every day pray with us for the furtherance of his cause.

God bless you!

Josie M. Becker

THE GREATEST ACT OF FAITH —

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

The Virtue for January — Faith

The Patron Saints — Sts. Peter and Paul

The Text — I am the Light of the world: He that followeth Me walketh not but hath the Light of Life. (St. John 8/12).

Two traveling salesmen were awakened early on Sunday morning by the ringing of Church bells. One asked what's the meaning of that? The bells are calling the faithful to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And what does that mean — the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? You are a Catholic, tell me? It's the greatest thing on earth, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, man's Savior and Redeemer, come to the Catholic Altar bodily, alive under the form of bread and wine, as the Priest and Victim of our Sacrifice. There is no such thing as Religion without sacrifice. Study all the old pagan religions and the Jewish Religion. They all had a Priesthood and work was to offer sacrifice. Man has debts, obligations to God. He owes God adoration, thanksgiving, atonement for sin and petition for help in body and soul. In history he satisfied these debts by offering the blood of animals, always on an altar. God accepted these creature, finite acts, as types and figures of the bloody personal sacrifice that the Son of God would offer of Himself on the cross. Before Christ died, He gathered His Apostles around the supper table — it was the last supper with them. He showed them how to continue offering His Sacrifice with Bread and Wine. He ordained them Priests and Bishops and commissioned them to do this in remembrance of Him. He was to be remembered till the end of time. They were to ordain younger men as Priests, and this last supper, which is Calvary, became the Holy Mass, the one true acceptable sacrifice of the centuries. Finite man goes to Mass to meet Christ as his Priest and Victim at the Consecration. The merits of Christ become his merits, and he prays through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, and hence pays his debts of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Petition, in an Infinite way. If you are interested, I would suggest that you sit down with a Catholic Priest and ask questions about the Mass. "Introduce me to a Priest and I shall become a Catholic, a possessor of the riches of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. "Are you going to Mass today?" "Yes, on Sundays I go to the evening Mass in my parish with my wife and children. That's a must in my Catholic family."

This is the story of edification.

If the Catholic man had answered that he never went to Mass on Sunday, he would have scandalized his friend and would have lost a convert.

The worst enemies of the Catholic Church, those who do the most harm to the church, are bad Catholics, people who never go to Sunday Mass.

Are there any such in your family? Ask the Blessed Mother to pray for them. IT'S THE MASS THAT COUNTS.

SPECIAL LETTERS

New Orleans, La.

"My son has had epilepsy for many years and I have prayed very hard for him. I feel it is through the intercession of Father Seelos that my favor has been granted. The doctor has changed his medicine many times, but now there is a new medicine on the market and since taking it he has had no seizures."

W.E.R.

Bellflower, Calif.

"May our daughters Christine and Melissa have long healthy lives. At such a time of happiness we are so scared of 'crib death' that strikes children, I can barely sleep. Such beautiful children, please put them under Father Seelos' care for us."

C.DeR.

Baton Rouge, La.

"I have been praying for a long time for a special favor. In fact it was for a promotion in my job. It looked very doubtful for a long time and when I least expected it, I was informed that my promotion had been approved. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

J.B.

Bloingbrook, Ill.

"My granddaughter had a terrible infection in her bloodstream due to a strep germ, after oral surgery. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers — it has cleared up."

A.P.

Jefferson, La.

"A member of our family was going through a deep mental depression and through our prayers to Father Seelos she has recovered."

H.J.H.

Metairie, La.

"After my grandmother found a lump in her side we prayed devoutly, asking Father Seelos' intercession for a successful operation. The lump was actually a hernia and she made a speedy recovery for a woman of her age. She is doing fine."

K.V.D.

Harahan, La.

"I have received several great favors through Father Seelos' intercession. An operation for arthritis in my hand — the date, papers, etc., were handled and overnight it was found that the operation was not necessary. I fervently prayed and now over a year later my condition has not returned. — My daughter, poor, unhappy, divorced after 25 years of marriage and having borne six children (having been abused physically and mentally by her husband) is now living an almost normal life. She sold her home and bought a farm."

F.B.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to you!

May 1980 be your happiest, healthiest, holiest ever!

May the good God bless you and your family ceaselessly, day after day with His best graces. You shall be in my every daily Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Pray for me! Thanks for all you are doing toward the canonization of Father Seelos. May he help you in all your needs of body and soul.

Make some resolutions for 1980!

1. Get at least one fallen-away Catholic to go to Sunday Mass again.
2. Get at least one new member for the Guild of Father Seelos — at least.
3. Be patient and kind and considerate toward the sick and the old and teen-agers in your home. See Christ in them.

Month of Faith! Let's work for the Church. 26% of all baptized U. S. Catholics are no longer active in the Church. Save them.

Many teen-agers have given up God and Religion, and find nothing to take God's place. 60,000 youths committed suicide last year. Save them.

The Guild is a spiritual Sodality. The members should meet every month for a conference. That is impossible so we send the Conference to you in print each month. Read it, it takes 5 minutes.

Many thanks from the Center for all your gifts to help us pay our debts, especially postage and printing and the general upkeep of the office. God reward you.

If you see copies of the Father Seelos and Sanctity in the Church, maybe old issues, take them home with you and give them to your neighbors.

Make your every breath "My God I love you." Pray for the conversion of the world.

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

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