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### Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R.

O my God, I truly BELIEVE You are present with me. I ADORE Your limitless Perfections. I THANK You for the graces and gifts You gave to Father Seelos. If it is Your holy will, please let him be DECLARED A SAINT of the Church so that others may know and imitate his holy life. Through his prayers please give me THIS FAVOR.

(here mention your special intentions)

We dedicate this issue to the 114th anniversary of the death of Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R..

We ask that as you attend the anniversary Mass on October 4, or offer prayers in your own parish church or at home for his cause, that you pray that if it be the will of God that the cause will progress and that at some time soon we will be able to tell you that we are closer to our goal, that is the canonization of Father Seelos.

The many letters we receive at the Center are testimonials to the fact that you have confidence when praying that he will intercede with God to obtain for you the favors you ask.

Continue your prayers and may I ask a special prayer for good Father Grangell who works untiringly for the cause, and for the volunteer workers, whose efforts bring this message into your homes each month.

God love you!

Josie M. Becker

Father Grangell will be happy to greet his friends in the auditorium after Mass.

## SEE GOD EVERYWHERE, TALK WITH HIM ALWAYS *(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)*

The Virtue for October: Recollection and Silence

Patron Saint: St. Simon, Apostle

Text: And having dismissed the multitude, He went into a mountain alone to pray. (Matt. 14/23)

Look at the picture of Father Seelos. Notice! He has a book in one hand, and in the other, the Crucifix. The book is the Redemptorist Rule. He probably knew the entire Rule by heart. Being faithful to it made him a saint. One Rule was: "The life of the members of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.S.S.R.) should be one of continuous recollection." He must keep himself continually under the eyes of God. Incidentally, the eye of God is in the coat of arms of the Redemptorists. It is painted over the high altar in St. Mary's Assumption Church.

Everybody who loves God lives a life of RECOLLECTION. They are in close touch with God by little prayers all day long. A good pious person has a favorite short prayer in his heart and on his lips for every emergency during the day. He says it without count. Some like MY GOD I LOVE YOU.

Father Seelos was in touch with God ceaselessly. It did not make him glum or gloomy. Just the opposite. He was cheerful, happy, always approachable. Look at his picture again. He is ready to smile.

Father Seelos had reminders all around him to talk to God ceaselessly – the holy pictures on the walls, the crucifix was everywhere. The word SILENCE was everywhere to remind him that his house was a house of perpetual prayer.

Keep your house a holy house with pictures and the crucifix in every room. They will keep the atmosphere clean, no bad language. Children fall in love with God when they know Him. Remember the story of the little boy Jimmie? He dropped in Church every time he passed it. His prayer was "Hello Jesus, this is Jimmie." That was all. Jimmie was hit by a car. His pastor rushed to bring him Holy Communion. He, the priest, heard Jesus in the Host say: "Hello Jimmie, this is Jesus" and he died. Where did Jimmie get this love of Jesus? From his mother, maybe daddy, too.

The sick can't say long prayers. Teach them to say MY GOD, I LOVE YOU and the Rosary.

The old people love to sit for hours with the Blessed Sacrament. They are recollecting indeed. We must be recollected in Church.

When we enter the Church we are in the BODILY PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST. Here's a time, certainly, when we must be recollected. Watch your genuflection. It's an act of adoration. Either touch the floor with your knee or just stand erect and bow your head reverently. Bless yourself as you were taught in your childhood days or skip it entirely, before the Blessed Sacrament.

Nobody in all the history of the world was ever so devout as was the Blessed Mother.

DEAR BLESSED MOTHER, PRAY FOR ME THAT I HAVE A PERFECT LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST.

## SPECIAL LETTERS

LaPlace, La.

"After praying the Father Seelos prayer for several months, seeking a change in our lives, my husband and I were blessed with a beautiful apartment for senior citizens, which proved to be a turning point in our lives. I received much more than I prayed for."

C.L.G.

New Orleans, La.

"My mother, 98 years old, passed away on her birthday. She had a very peaceful death. Two weeks before her death she knew no one. I felt very bad and said the Father Seelos prayer over and over, asking him to give me some sign that she knew I was there. I went to her and asked her in her ear "Mama can you hear me" and to my surprise she answered "Yes". I repeated the question and she shook her head and whispered "Yes". She passed away the next day. Thank you Father Seelos."

H.T.

White Castle, La.

"I prayed to Father Seelos for help for my brother whose blood pressure was real high all the time. I prayed that it would go down and it did. Thanks to Father Seelos."

C.F.

Morgan City, La.

"I had been very ill with viral pneumonia. I felt very weak and dizzy. I prayed to Father Seelos and soon I began to feel better."

M.L.G.

San Antonio, Texas

"I promised Father Seelos that I would have this favor published if my mother survived major surgery. With Father Seelos' intercession my mother's health has improved."

K.J.

Pump Road (Lafitte), La.

"My daughter-in-law had a tumor on her leg and the doctor thought she would have to amputate her leg. I immediately prayed to Father Seelos and through his intercession it was not necessary to have her leg removed."

A.S.

Breaux Bridge, La.

"Two years ago my daughter-in-law was pregnant and I prayed that she would have a perfect normal healthy baby, which she did. Last year this baby was very sick and was hospitalized. I prayed again and he got well. Now she is pregnant again and I am praying for another normal healthy baby. I know Father Seelos will intercede for an answer to my prayers."

P.F.

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## SPECIAL NOTES

We call Father Grangell's message in Father Seelos and Sanctity a CONFERENCE. You belong to a Spiritual Society in the guild of Father Seelos and should get a conference, a sermonette. This conference is on the monthly virtue. Father Seelos practiced the asceticism of the twelve monthly virtues. The patron saints of the months are the twelve apostles. The mere fact that we have your name in our files, you are a member of the Guild of Father Seelos. Thanks.

Father Seelos has friends and promoters of his cause of canonization all over the world. I'm sure you never heard of some of these cities. Here's an example of one day's mail: Chickasha, Okla., Bondville, Vermont, Hoosick Falls, N.Y., Jacksonville, Ore., Delray Beach, Fla. - hold your breath, Saudi Arabia, Costa Rica, Central America! Send us some surprises.

If the doctor told you that your cure, or that of a member of your family was a most remarkable, miraculous cure, send the Center a typed description of the case. We will send you a form for the Doctor to fill out, which we will then send to Rome to advance the cause of canonization of Father Seelos.

Every block in any city has two or three teenage boys and girls in it. They should plan together to get those who miss Holy Mass on Sunday to get regular in their duties to God. Make converts for the love of God. Be Apostles.

Do not save pictures and mementoes of Father Seelos. Give them to your neighbors, your family, the sick.

Thanks for using the gold envelopes every month to help the Center pay the bills. God bless you for your generosity.

October is the month of the HOLY ROSARY. Let all the family get together at least one night in this month and say the Rosary together. Carry a Rosary with you always.

Join us in the perpetual novena in honor of Father Seelos. Say the prayer on the picture prayer card any time of the day.

It's never too late for a high school student or college man to think about the priesthood.

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