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## JOY TO THE WORLD!



What a happy day! At Christmas there is so much loving and giving and lots of times as the day ends we are apt to say 'this is the best Christmas we've ever had'. Oh if we could keep this spirit alive from Christmas to Christmas.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if as Christmas dawns there would truly be PEACE ON EARTH? As leaders of our country and the world strive for peace, we should constantly keep them in our prayers.

The workers of the Father Seelos Center wish you all the joys and happiness of Christmas. A MERRY CHRISTMAS! A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Josie Becker

We are proud and happy to announce a healing service directed to our Blessed Lord and aided by the prayers and intercession of Father Seelos. This service began November 15th at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Services are held each Sunday - same time and place. The power of Father Seelos' prayer is attested daily by favors and signs. St. Mary's Church will always have a special attraction for father because there his remains lie buried in the sanctuary.

It can be truthfully said that father's heart is here. This is the neighborhood where he labored and died. Your forebearers are the people he loved and served and for whom he gave his life. No less does he love their children.

You are invited to take your wounds, problems, illnesses to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, assisted by the prayers of Father Seelos, Jesus' servant and friend.

## SAINT MONICA'S CROSSES MADE HER A SAINT (Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue for December: Self Denial and Love of the Cross

Patron: St. Matthias

Text: If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.  
(Matt. 16/21)

Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, was born in 332. After a girlhood of singular innocence, and piety, she married Patricius, a pagan, a man of violent temper. He was a cross for her. However, she prayed ceaselessly for his conversion and she won his reverence and love by the holiness of her life and her affectionate forbearing. She was rewarded by seeing him baptized a year before his death. She had one son, Augustine. When she saw him go astray in faith and morals her prayers were incessant. A learned Bishop bade her to be of good courage, for it might not be that the child of those tears should perish. Her years of persevering prayer brought Augustine to God. A heavy cross, he became one of the GREAT SAINTS OF THE CHURCH.

You ask why this story of Monica and her two heavy crosses! Because this is the month of SELF DENIAL and love of the cross. Monica is a perfect example of the virtue and a lesson in courage to accept any cross God sends into your life.

You probably think we should have a Christmas monthly virtue in December, something happy.

Remember there is no such a thing as the virtue of HAPPINESS. Happiness is a by-product, the result of doing good things, holy things for the love of God. If you do not go to Holy Mass on Sunday and never to Holy Communion, you make your wife (your husband), your mother, very sad as was St. Monica. If you return to the practice of your religion, you make all very happy. Your mother is praying for that Christmas gift from her family. Live her cross and become saints, as Augustine did.

Here's a Christmas quiz for you: What does JOY mean? J is for Jesus - Y is for you - O is for nothing. Let (nothing) stand between Jesus and you and you have JOY.

God loves the prayer of DESIRE:

"My God, I ask for no greater joy than your LOVE and the privilege of bringing it to others."

Let's desire to win all souls, everybody in the world for God. There are three billion people on earth, counting new born babes. "My God I offer you all the thoughts, words and actions of everybody living now and of all who will live til the end of time as so many acts of love of You and sorrow for having offended You." Let's be missionaries of prayer.

DEAR BLESSED MOTHER, OBTAIN FOR ME A PERFECT LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

## SPECIAL LETTERS

A friend of Father Seelos from Jefferson, La. writes:

"My daughter had to have corrective surgery on her nose, in which cartilage from a cartilage bank had to be used. After surgery her body began to reject the tissue and I began to pray to Father Seelos. Thank God she is now well and no further surgery will be needed."

She also writes:

"A friend had surgery for cancer of the prostate last July and has been having difficulties since that time, although the biopsy proved negative. I began to pray to Father Seelos and there is some improvement. However he is plagued with periods of depression. I ask that you pray that he may be relieved of this awful cross."

From Grosse Iles, Mich.

"Dear Father Seelos - My thanks, my son sold his house and I am grateful."

From Lafayette, La.,

"While in New Orleans recently I lost my evening bag with valuable jewelry. Through Father Seelos intercession I was fortunate enough to find it."

From St. Louis, Missouri:

"We asked Father Seelos in our prayers that we might receive a material request. Immediately starting prayers to him we received a call informing us that the matter for which we were praying was successfully completed."

From Pecos, Texas:

"Father Seelos' prayers for us have been answered. One of my brothers who was in a car accident was paralyzed. Now he is walking and doing just great. Thanks to Father Seelos."

And from Crowley, La.

"In June my husband broke his foot. It got very bad. I started reading Father Seelos prayer and he wore the cloth memento. Thanks to Father Seelos intercession he is able to walk some on his foot. I know my prayers were answered."

A lady from New Orleans writes:

"My granddaughter had to undergo tests to determine if heart surgery was necessary. The results were negative. I want to thank Father Seelos for his intercession. My friends were also praying to him."

From Baton Rouge, La.

"For the past four months I have been recovering from heart surgery (my second) and I found that I was plagued with family problems during this convalescence. One of the Eucharistic ministers in our parish left me one of your Father Seelos and Sanctity pamphlets and I began saying the prayer. My prayers all seem to have been heard as the intentions asked for have been answered in my physical improvement and in improvement in all our family problems."

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## SPECIAL NOTES

Merry Christmas to all the lovers of Father Seelos. I want my Christmas Joy to stay with you every day of the New Year! I want to share all the Infinite Power of God which is mine in my every daily Holy Mass, with you who read this, personally, and with all the members of your family, the young and the old, those who live with you and elsewhere. I hope the good God will keep you well and happy with His grace on every day of 1982. PRAY FOR ME!

Continue to pray to Father Seelos for favors, even miracles. Pray for his canonization and spread devotion to him in your family and among your friends. Keep the Blessed Mother in your Christmas - make it a MARY CHRISTMAS.

Please use the same name when writing to us. Make it Mrs. John Smith or Mary Smith or Mrs. Mary Smith. If you change your address, send us the new address with the old one.

We have Spanish and Portuguese prayer cards.

Thanks for using the gold envelopes. Father Seelos needs your gifts to do a heavy office job. If ever we receive a big gift, we will begin an endowment fund to become independent. Remember the Center in your will.

Write a letter to:

Rev. Father Nicholas Ferrante, C.S.S.R.  
Via Merulano, 31-CP 2458  
00100 Roma, Italia

He is the Postulator General for the causes of canonization. Tell him how the thousands of people are so anxious about the canonization of Father Seelos. What can we do to hasten it?

A lady in Pittsburg was encouraged to undergo surgery for the cure of glaucoma, reading of such a case on page 4 of Father Seelos and Sanctity.

Merry Christmas - God love and bless our volunteer, most faithful worker for Father Seelos. God reward Miss Addie Buhler for keeping the Crucifix of Father Seelos moving among the sick. God reward all!

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

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