

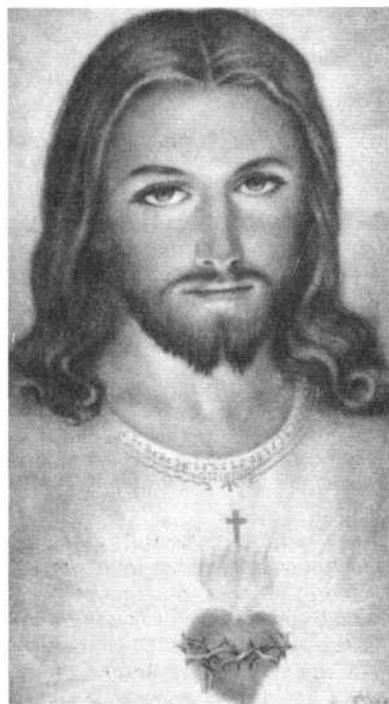


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THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



June holds a lot for us — vacation, weddings, etc., but most especially June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this month if you have forgotten along the way to say the Morning Offering, or some of the many other ejaculations to the Sacred Heart — Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like Your Heart — why not again develop this practice in your lives.

Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers!

Josie M. Becker

Excerpt from the *Cheerful Ascetic* (continuation of the thought from our April issue)

Throughout the centuries world-famous names were connected with Augsburg's past. The marauding Huns had sacked it. The Virgin, Saint Afra, had surrendered her life there in the fourth century rather than deny the Christian creed. Saint Ulrich had come in the tenth century to organize schools and raise the standard of Sacerdotal discipline; Augsburg always remembered him with grateful affection for his aid in repelling the Hungarian invaders at Lechfeld. Augsburg bankers, the Fuggers and the Welshers, made the city a commercial rival of Florence in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

Welser money was being the organization of the Spanish caravan that Columbus led to the New World in 1492 and Fugger gold enabled the financially hard-pressed Emperor Charles V to carry on the government of his empire a half century later.

Augsburg won religious distinction during and after the revolts of Martin Luther. Melanchthon, the Protestant theologian, had come here in 1530 with his well-known Augsburg Confession, the first organized profession of Protestant faith . . .

HOW MUCH GOD LOVES ME!!! (Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue for June: Purity of Heart

Patron Saint: St. James, the less, Apostle

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

God created me for Himself, to be happy with Him forever. The devil wants my soul for his kingdom of hell for all eternity. My life is a warfare between these two powers, God and the devil. Father Seelos meditated daily on the question: Who is winning my soul? Where do I stand? That should be our meditation daily. Am I ready to die today?

See what God has done and is doing now for my soul! See the picture of the Christmas cards and the crucifix. They prove God's great love for me.

He gave me the Sacrament of Baptism to cleanse my soul of original sin and to open the gates of heaven. Receiving a sacrament means receiving sanctifying grace and that means sharing the divine life of God. At Baptism I become a member of the Catholic Church which entitles me to receiving the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, feasting on the Body and Blood of Christ daily if I so desire; if I have strong Faith, perfect love of God and appreciate sanctifying grace. When I go to confession I receive sanctifying grace. How God loves me and wants me! Again, He is present in the Blessed Sacrament to be my neighbor.

God protects my every second of life, giving me a Guardian Angel and a patron saint to go down the years with me.

My good parents are a gift from God. They taught me how to pray. They gave me a great understanding love of the Mass. I don't go to Mass on Sundays just because it is a church law. I love it. My home has always been a miniature church with all its religious appointments, including holy water to keep the devil away.

God gave me the Blessed Mother of Jesus Christ, the Queen of Heaven, as my Mother. She loves me as a mother loves her child. Nothing is too good for me, her child. I love the Rosary.

The ceremony of Baptism ended with the Priest commanding: Go in Peace and love and serve God.

The innocent growing child knows peace, joy and happiness. But when he begins to understand and realize that he can think and choose freely, the devil whom he renounced on his baptismal day begins to tempt him to sin. His most successful temptations are against the virtue of purity. He sends his emissaries in live people to work for him. Remember how he tempted St. Maria Goretti? She was 12 years old. A young man of 18 attempted to lead Maria into sin against chastity. She had told her mother previously: I would rather die a thousand times than commit one sin. She refused the young man: "God does not want it. It is a sin. You will go to hell!" He stabbed her to death. The answer to sins of impurity is NO. She could say: HOW MUCH I LOVE GOD.

Pray to be pure! Receive Holy Communion often, daily if possible, to live a pure life. Say three Hail Mary's morning and night, asking the Blessed Mother to keep you pure.

SPECIAL LETTERS

From Algiers, La.

"My brother has been having epileptic spells his whole life. They were frequent. I prayed to the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Mother and Father Seelos to help him. It is now over four months since he had a spell. I want to thank Father Seelos for his intercession and ask him to keep him well."

From New Orleans, La.

"My nephew was in an accident and his foot was almost severed from his leg. Doctors told him they might have to amputate the leg. We prayed to Father Seelos and a cloth memento was placed on his leg. I am happy to tell you that his leg was saved."

From El Dorado, Ark.

"I have had several operations, cobalt treatment, etc. to correct a medical problem. I prayed to Father Seelos for his intercession. It appears that I am on my way to complete recovery."

From Lafayette, La.

"We had been praying that we could get a loan on a house. We got the news yesterday that we got the loan. Thanks for including me in your prayers and thank Father Seelos."

From Houston, Texas

"Thanks to Father Seelos' intercession, my eye is not rejecting the disc sewed in it and also the lump removed from my arm was not cancer. I shall continue praying to Father Seelos."

Bryan, Texas

"I promised publication if a certain matter would be straightened out at work and it was. Thanks to Father Seelos. I will continue to pray to him!"

From San Antonio, Texas

"I was about to undergo an operation for the removal of one kidney. I sought the help of Father Seelos. After a consultation it was decided the operation would not be necessary. I attribute my cure to the intercession of Father Seelos."

From Kenner, La.

"Through the prayers of Father Seelos my sister's very sick baby recovered rapidly. He was six weeks premature and had something wrong with his lungs. I prayed very hard to Father Seelos and the baby began to get well. He is at home now!"

Lafitte, La.

"My brother had cancer. After praying to Father Seelos he is doing fine and is back at work. Hope he can keep on feeling better."

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SPECIAL NOTES

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Every pray-er grows discouraged at times. They wonder if it is all worthwhile. No one enjoys getting their hopes up and seeing them dashed to the ground.

At these moments it helps to honor God as God. There is a dignity that belongs to our Heavenly Father. He cannot look upon our helplessness, our pain, our frustration, without experiencing the same emotion a mother has for her sick child. These are moments when God's helplessness bring greater anguish to Him than to us. There is a mystery here. I employ the language of humans to give an insight to God's response to our pain. He cannot be indifferent. He would cease being God. Our Father cares.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. He promised to bless the home that has a big picture of His Sacred Heart on the wall. To be sure, He loves the heart that is opened to Him for daily Holy Communion.

Ask people to be members of the Guild of Father Seelos! There are no obligations, just pray for Father Seelos' canonization and join with people of the world in a perpetual daily private novena for his canonization. Recite the little prayer on the picture card of Father Seelos. Write to us for three or four of the picture cards to give to your friends. You may say this prayer in any place, at any time. Just recently a lady in Paraguay wrote to tell us about a possible miracle through prayers to Father Seelos. You, too, must write and tell us of a favor (mention the kind) received.

Don't send us names of people who wish to join the Guild without telling them about it. We may have their names already. Be sure you give us the right zip code of your personal mail or of new people. It's essential. Do you receive more than one copy of our paper. We wish to correct this mistake. If you miss any one month, let us know about it.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

For blessings of your sick with the Mission Crucifix of Father Seelos, please call Miss Addie Buhler. 895-6167

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