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Our esteemed guests, left to right: Very Reverend Matthew Kerschen, C.S.S.R., superior of the vice-province of New Orleans, Hon. Lindy Boggs, member of Congress, Frau Lilly Neumaier-Aschenbrenner, of Fussen, Germany, Most Reverend Nicholas D'Antonio, O.F.M., vicar general of the archdiocese of New Orleans, Hon. Sydney Barthelemy, mayor of New Orleans, Hon. Ronnie Harris, mayor of Gretna, Louisiana, Mr. Mike Roccaforte, president of St. Mary's Assumption Church - Restoration and Preservation Fund, Inc.



Frau Lilly Neumaier-Aschenbrenner, of Fussen, Germany, great grand-niece of Father Seelos, places a bouquet at his coffin.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Sugar Land, Tx.

This is a very long overdue "THANKYOU" note promised to Father Seelos. It's four years overdue to be accurate. My promise to Father Seelos is twofold. The first part has been kept many times over and over and over again. It meant spreading his devotion to everyone that I could. The other half of the two-fold promise was that I would write a public "THANK YOU"— and acknowledgement of his goodness and faithfulness to me.

I was attracted to devotion to Father Seelos shortly after it was determined that the tumor that was removed from the roof of my mouth was malignant and I was in need of someone to help me intercede to the Father for me. A Redemptorist priest and close friend introduced me to devotion to Father Seelos.

Four years have passed, and I have had many rechecks and many prostheses made which enable me to speak as clearly and distinctly as my friends. The disease it seems was confined to the palate and I pray along with Father Seelos that I will continue to be free of the disease.

I will continue to foster devotion to Father Seelos whenever I can and I hope that this letter will serve as a declaration of my thankfulness and gratitude to him and be an inspiration to others.

New Orleans, La.

It has been two weeks since I began praying to Father Seelos. There is indeed a great change in my arthritic condition. My knees and hands are feeling much better. Praise God!

May Father Seelos continue helping me and I will continue praying to him. I am 90 years old.

Thank you and God bless you.

Mail received during August, 1986

Petitions 551 - Thanks 263 - Other 583 - Total 1397

HAPPY 93RD BIRTHDAY, FATHER GRANGELL!



On the last day of the year, God willing, Father William Grangell will be completing his 93rd year on earth. In his long and active life as missionary, parish priest, promoter of the cause of Father Seelos, and writer in these pages, Father Grangell was always foremost in recruiting young men for the priesthood and the religious life. There are many priests ministering in the priesthood today who thank him for his interest in them when they were young and his encouragement in following their vocation.

Because of his abiding interest in vocations, the Development Office of the Redemptorist vice province of New Orleans has opened a burse in his memory. Usually this is only done after

one's death. While, at this writing (September 15), he is not confined to bed, most of the time he lives in the past, only occasionally recognizing old friends. A burse is a sum of money invested, the interest from which helps to pay for a seminarian's education.

Should you, dear reader, feel moved to contribute to this burse in memory of Father Grangell for the purpose of fostering vocations, you may send your contribution to us in the gold envelope that comes with this bulletin and we shall forward it to the proper office.

The last time Father Grangell wrote of the virtue for December in 1983, he included this prayer at the end of his discussion of self-denial and love of the Cross: My God, I offer You my every breath of life as an act of love of You, and sorrow for having offended You. I wish never to cease loving You, never to cease praying. If I should become unconscious in sickness, or live to be mentally incapable of praying, I offer every breath at that time as a continuation of my present acts of love of You in this world. I hope to awake in eternity hearing You say, calling me by my name: I LOVE YOU. MARY, PRAY FOR ME.

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SPECIAL NOTES

1. All of us here at the Father Seelos Center wish all of the readers of this bulletin a very Merry Christmas, one filled with the peace that God alone can give and that alone can still the longings of our hearts.
 2. The Father Seelos Museum is opened on Sunday's from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and at other times by appointment with Center (tel: 504-525-2495).
The purpose of the Museum, besides housing the memorabilia of Father Seelos, is to provide for the comfort of pilgrims who come to visit St. Mary's Assumption Church and Father's tomb. Given advance notice, we can arrange for Mass, confessions, conferences, spiritual direction for church groups and societies.
 3. Remember the time for the special prayer service on Sundays is now at 11:00 A.M.
 4. The TV documentary of the life of Father Seelos is still available at \$45.00 a copy but only in VHS.
 5. For blessings of your sick with the mission crucifix of Father Seelos, please call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.
 6. For an inspirational message, call (504) 586-1803.
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