



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26 "FATHER SEELOS DAY IN NEW ORLEANS"

Sunday, April 26, is the date of the fifth annual "Father Seelos Day in New Orleans." A Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Mary's Assumption Church at 11:30 A.M. Father Reinhard Stump, C.S.S.R., former pastor, will be the principal concelebrant and homilist.



Immediately following the Mass a dinner will be held at the Jefferson-Orleans North Restaurant at 2600 Edenborn in Metairie. Patricia Treece, author of "Nothing Short of A Miracle," will be the featured speaker. The master of ceremonies will be Mr. J.C. Albarado. Mrs. Norma Albarado will lead the sing-a-long. Door prizes will be awarded. The tickets for the dinner will be \$20.00 each. Write or call the Center, (504) 525-2495.

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

A friend of mine has this motto on his desk: "Be as good as God to one another." These striking words are but the echo of our Savior's command, "Love one another as I have loved you." Indeed God so loved us that He sent His only-begotten Son to become one of us. In turn, Jesus, His Son and our Brother, loved us so much that He gave His life for us on the cross.

We are commanded by Jesus to love one another as ourselves. And while our love for one another begins at home, there is no real distinction between us. We are all creatures of the same God, we are all redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, and we are all called to be saints in heaven.

With His arms outstretched on the cross Jesus welcomes all who come to Him. While He was on earth no one was kept from seeing Him or listening to Him or even touching Him. He assured us that as long as we loved any of the 'the little ones', we were loving Him. It made no difference to Him if 'the little one' was uncouth or ungracious or ungrateful.

Our Savior lived His last three years literally surrounded by people who jostled Him, pushed Him, and even screamed at Him. People demanded attention from dawn until dusk. Jesus would break off from attention to them and go by Himself to pray.

He identified with the poor, the unwashed, the illiterate, the rough in speech. He was not disturbed when people demanded that He depart from their midst, or when they would not allow Him to enter their town.

Jesus performed miracles even for those who gave little thought to telling Him 'thanks.' He did show some emotion when He asked plaintively of the one leper, a Samaritan who returned to thank Him, "Were not ten made clean; where are the other nine?" When He was before the mob on that first Good Friday, how He must have been cut by the ingratitude of those who screamed for His blood! Yet without a word of reproach He went out and died for them.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.

SPECIAL NOTES

1. The Father Seelos Center offers the following:
 - a. "The Cheerful Ascetic," a biography of Father Seelos. Price: \$10.00.
 - b. "Seelos: A Cause to Rejoice," a TV documentary of the life of Father Seelos. VHS cassette only: \$45.00.
 - c. "Nothing Short of A Miracle," a book on the healing power of the saints, written by Patricia Treece. In it there are two chapters on Father Seelos. Price: \$8.95 plus postage.
 - d. Pamphlets, prayer-cards, mementos.
 - e. A daily spiritual message: dial (504) 586-1803.
 - f. Blessings of the sick with the mission crucifix of Father Seelos. Call: Mrs. Yvonne Sevin, 888-1250, or Mrs. Gerry Heigle, 482-4404.
 - g. Pilgrimages to St. Mary's Church, the tomb and museum of Father Seelos. For further details and appointments, call the Center: (504) 525-2495.
 - h. The 11:30 A.M. SUNDAY PARISH MASS IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH IS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE FATHER SEELOS CENTER. Veneration of the mission crucifix of Father Seelos after the Mass.
2. A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY BULLETIN IS THREE DOLLARS PER YEAR. Please let us know you want to continue receiving this bulletin. Please use the form below for changes of address, corrections, duplications and renewals. Return the lower portion of this page to us. Include your old address.

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SPECIAL LETTERS

New Iberia, LA

In October 1988 I wrote to the Father Seelos Center for prayers for my grandniece who had been diagnosed as having an incurable muscular disease. At a recent visit to the doctors her parents were told that there was no progression of the disease during the past two years. It seems the disease is in remission. It must be ten years before a definite remission is assumed.

I feel that through the prayers of many personal friends and friends of the Father Seelos Center this is a miraculous cure which will be proven in time. We are thankful to God for His mercy and Father Seelos and the other saints we invoked for their intercession. Thanks to you for making the Center available to us.

Florida

Over the Thanksgiving holidays I was visiting New Orleans. Shortly before I arrived I had foot surgery and was quite handicapped. I had to use crutches. We visited my aunt who is very devoted to Father Seelos. Her daughter touched my foot several times with a small crucifix and asked for Father Seelos' prayers. The next day around noon it suddenly dawned on me that I had not used the crutches at all. I am now back in Florida recuperating without the use of crutches.

Houston, TX

I write this in thanksgiving to Father Seelos for his prayers. I was really worried because an x-ray of my lung looked very suspicious. Thanks to his intercession there was no malignancy.

France

Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers for me. He helps me everyday. Being away from my children and my family and not speaking the French language has been very difficult for me. In the last fifteen months I have called on Father Seelos almost everyday. He is my friend when I feel all alone here. He helps me make the best of this time away from home. I call on him for special favors but I also thank him for helping me from day to day.

Gretna, LA

I had to have an angiogram of the kidneys. I was warned that I could lose my kidneys. The test showed that both kidneys were blocked but they could not do surgery because of my heart. I had open heart surgery already and the cardiologists said I could not survive the anesthesia.

The angiogram was done with no problem and even though the surgery wasn't done I seem to be feeling better everyday and my kidneys are still functioning. I firmly believe Father Seelos has intervened for me. I want to thank Angela Boudreaux for sending Jerry Heigle with the cross.

Mail, December, 1991

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