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FATHER HOEGERL

On April 20 Father Carl Hoegerl, a Redemptorist of the Baltimore province, went to Rome with his manuscript on the virtues of Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R. His more than ten years of collecting documents, translating them into English, editing and compiling testimonies from diocesan processes, have borne fruit and he will give a printer 2200 pages. If the Congregation of the Causes of Saints approves his work, Father Seelos could be declared venerable.

That is the first step in the canonical process of sainthood. Our heartfelt thanks to Father Hoegerl for his most important contribution to the cause.

FATHER VARGAS

The postulator, Father Antonio Marazzo, has named Father John Vargas, C.S.S.R., a second vice-postulator of the cause of Father Seelos. His residence in Rome and ability to speak Italian will help facilitate the work. Congratulations!

ON THE INTERNET

Father Seelos can be found on the internet: www.seelos.org

ST. MARY'S RESTORATION

Almost 25 years have passed since major restoration work was done on St. Mary's Church after Hurricane Betsy brought damage to the New Orleans area. Now more restoration work has to be done but nothing so great as in the early 1970's. Yet the price is near six figures. If you are able to do so, we would appreciate your help...

"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF HEAVEN"

Mr Charles Graham has written a pamphlet with the above title. He has a limited number of copies. If any of our readers would like a copy, they can write to: Mr. Charles Graham, 1204 Campbell St., Joliet, IL 60435.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR US

Before time began we were in the mind of God. When He created the heavens and the earth, He placed our first parents in the garden of Eden and bade them increase and multiply and to have dominion over the earth. But Adam and Eve disobeyed the command of the Creator not to eat of the forbidden fruit. For this they and their progeny were punished and thus began the weary journey of the human race through the travails of grace-less existence.

They were not left without hope. A Redeemer would come. From time to time someone would come with a message from heaven to buoy the flagging spirits of the inhabitants of the earth, down through Noah and his family, to Abraham wandering through the rocky deserts of Mesopotamia, to Isaac and Jacob and Jacob's twelve sons.

God would appoint Moses to lead his people out of Egypt, through the desert for 40 years, to the land promised to Father Abraham. Here are the great names of the Old Testament, Joshua, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezechiel, the Maccabees, all of them in some way in touch with heaven.

God, to show His supreme love for us, became man and took flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He founded His Church, died on the cross for our sins, and rose triumphant from the grave. His Church has the power to loose and to bind, to make available the seven sacraments, to forgive sins, to be the source of His grace, to be our firm hope in our own resurrection and eternal union with Him.

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 - one half hour long. VHS cassette: \$20.00 (includes postage).
 - c. "Nothing Short of A Miracle," a book on the healing power of the saints, by Patricia Treece. Two of the chapters are on Father Seelos. Price: \$8.95 plus postage.
 - d. Pamphlets, prayer-cards, mementos.
 - e. Blessings of the sick with the mission crucifix of Father Seelos. Call: Yvonne Sevin, 888-1250, Gerry Heigle, 482-4404, Jack Pitkin, 524-6591, Teresa LaCour, 887-0214, Rita Kaul, 271-4520, Thad and Ethel Kuhn, 837-3957, Rosary Stoltman, 393-9423, Jim Howard, 277-7949 or Marie Callahan, 525-1775.
 - f. A daily spiritual message: dial (504) 586-1803.
 - 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. Veneration of the mission crucifix every Sunday after the 11:30 A.M. Mass in St. Mary's Assumption Church.
 - i. Every week a Mass is celebrated for the intention of the Father Seelos Center.
2. A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY BULLETIN IS FOUR 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

Henderson NV

I wish to relate a story that happened recently. My good friend aged 53 was admitted to the hospital for emergency surgery. Due to a ruptured aorta valve in the heart — she was not expected to survive surgery as she almost bled to death. I went to California to see her on Feb. 16th and pinned a memento of Father Seelos on her gown. She made an almost miraculous recovery and was released the following Sunday to go home...

By the way her husband has always claimed to be an atheist. This made a believer out of him. I thank Father Seelos. My husband needs prayers. He has an inoperable condition.

Clayton, N.M.

I want to thank you for the Father Seelos packet that you sent me. I am happy to say that a lady friend of mine has already experienced some healing by praying to Father Seelos ... so thank the good Lord and you all.

Mandeville, LA

Thank you for continuing to send me the bulletin. I have enjoyed reading the meditations and the testimonies of miracles. I find a lot of inspiration from the bulletin.

Ambridge, PA

I was sitting in the doctor's office and having some time to wait picked up a copy of the Catholic Digest. I was intrigued by the article on Father Seelos. I would like to get some information on him and also wondered if there are available any books on him. Thank you.

New Orleans, LA

I enjoy receiving the bulletin and reading of all the miracles happening. My co-worker's mother has been through many health and life-threatening obstacles, but has always pulled through. She has been diagnosed with cancer and the doctors don't give much hope. She has great faith and determination to live for her family. I have been praying to Father Seelos in her behalf.

New Roads, LA

I should have written this letter months ago. I have thanked Father Seelos often in prayer. Now, I thank him publicly. I had a friend's daughter who had been in a terrible auto accident and in a coma for many weeks. I offered a Mass in honor of Father Seelos for her speedy recovery. After several months in the hospital, thanks to Father Seelos, she recovered, regained her speech, is able to walk and is doing exceptionally well.

Louisiana

I have read about the miracles performed by Father Seelos whereby he has restored people to health. I wholeheartedly agree that he should be made a saint. I had a friend, a lady who was stricken with lung cancer, and the doctors did not give her much hope. I immediately began praying to Father Seelos for his intercession. When the woman returned to the doctors for more tests, they could not find any evidence of the cancer!

I am grateful to Father Seelos for all that he has accomplished, and especially, his intercession for my friend. I hope for his beatification soon, for Father Seelos does really respond to the prayers of the faithful.

Baton Rouge, LA

I have had a great devotion to Father Seelos for many years. Recently I have had to pray to him for my husband's serious illness — things are improving now. I promised to write to tell others about the favors received from prayer to Father Seelos. I hope his canonization comes in our lifetime.

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