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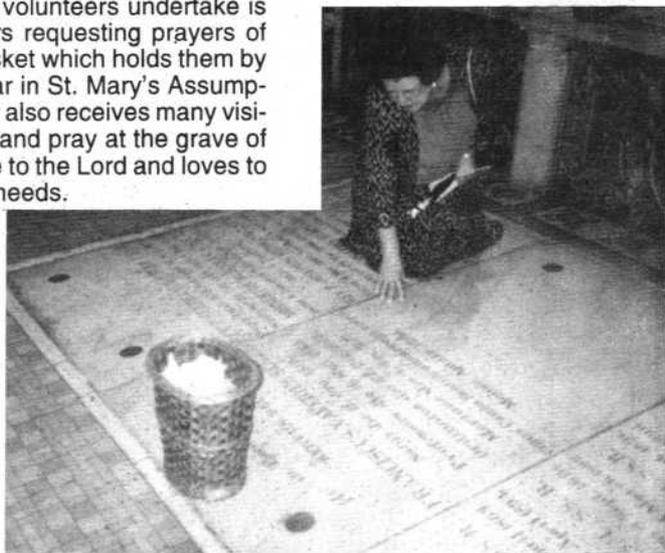
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A WORK OF JOY

The Seelos Center receives and archives the reports and favors God grants through the prayer intercession of Father Seelos. Angela Boudreaux (above center) works full-time at the Center since her miracle cure through Father Seelos. Pictured with Angela is her husband and some of the many volunteers who keep the Center humming out of their love and devotion to God and his saint.

One of the tasks the volunteers undertake is to bring the many letters requesting prayers of Father Seelos to the basket which holds them by his grave before the altar in St. Mary's Assumption Church. The Center also receives many visitors who come to kneel and pray at the grave of one they believe is close to the Lord and loves to pray for them and their needs.



FROM CALENDAR 2000...

The Father Seelos commemorative calendar for 2000 was well received. The following are excerpted monthly texts:

When professed a Redemptorist on May 16, 1844 in Baltimore, Seelos wrote home to his family: "I passed my novitiate in peace ... During its course God inspired me with an ardent desire to consecrate myself entirely to Him, from my inmost soul, a desire that with His grace, increases more and more and is accompanied with the wish ... O could I but give more!"

– January

Francis Xavier Seelos had the grace of exceptional parents. Of his father it was said by the Royal Bavarian Councilor of the Circuit court who lived with the family for five months in 1845: "Mr. Seelos was a perfect man and fervent Catholic. He was a model father ... a man of so penetrating an understanding, of so clear a conception, of such firm and pure political and religious principles that ... I never met his like before or since". Of his mother, Father Seelos told friends: "My spiritual debt to her is so great I wish I could return to Bavaria to kiss her feet".

– February

SPECIAL NOTES

- The Father Seelos Center offers the following:
 - "The Cheerful Ascetic," a biography of Father Seelos. Price \$10.00.
 - "Seelos: A Cause to Rejoice," a TV documentary of the life of Father Seelos - one half hour long. VHS cassette: \$20.00 (includes postage).
 - "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.
 - Pamphlets, prayer-cards, mementos.
 - Blessings of the sick with the mission crucifix of Father Seelos. Call: 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, Marie Callahan, 525-1775, or Elaine Freeman, 341-2213.
 - A daily spiritual message: dial (504) 586-1803.
 - Pilgrimages to St. Mary's Church, the tomb and museum of Father Seelos. For further details and appointments, call the Center (504) 525-2495.
 - Veneration of the mission crucifix every Sunday after the 11:30 A.M. Mass in St. Mary's Assumption Church.
 - Every week a Mass is celebrated for the intention of the Father Seelos Center.
- 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

Austin, TX

Last year I was told that I had prostate cancer. This came about as a surprise since my urologist kept assuring me that everything was normal. However he did not take the PSA tests to verify but assumed that his analysis was sufficient. I have prayed to Father Seelos that the cancer did not spread to other parts of my body. I am happy to report that it seems to be dormant and I have had 25 radiation treatments as well as a seed implant to effect a cure.

New Orleans

Just over four months ago, my 20 year old grandson was diagnosed with a tumor in his foot. Surgery was scheduled for the Thanksgiving holidays. My daughter and I immediately began praying to Father Seelos, asking for his intercession.

The day before surgery was scheduled, routine blood work was done and x-rays were taken. On that day also, my daughter fasted all day long and continued to pray to Father Seelos.

After reviewing the x-rays, the doctor announced in amazement that the tumor had completely disappeared. His explanation was that he had no explanation, that it could only be attributed to a "miracle."

Metairie, LA

On March 1st 1999 I had surgery for a very rare cancer. My sister called the Seelos Center and they brought the crucifix out to the hospital and blessed me with it. After 76 hours of chemo and 33 radiation treatments the doctor came up and told me I didn't have a sign of cancer.

I will always be thankful to Father Seelos and the Center. Thank God for answering our prayers.

St. Rose, LA

My daughter-in-law was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago. Even with chemotherapy and radiation her prognosis was only 25% to live 5 years without a recurrence. She needed a stem cell transplant to increase her survival chances from 25% to 75%. From the beginning of this difficult time I called a friend to have her name placed on Father Seelos' tomb for her recovery. She has had many surgeries during this past year for reconstruction and because of Father Seelos' intercession she has been healthy and cancer free.

Mail: October, 1999

Petitions: 845

Thanksgivings: 320

Others: 551

Total: 1716

Dial-A-Messages: 768

Volunteer Hours: 1062

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