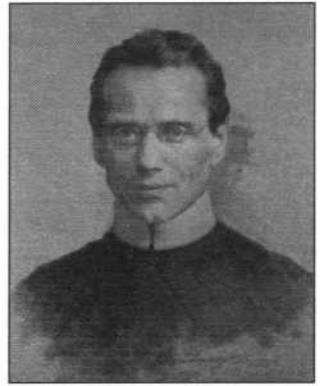


# NEWS Seelos Center



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## When the Saints go Marching in!

New Orleans Archbishop Francis B. Schulte celebrated a solemn Mass in St. Louis Cathedral-Basilica on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000. When the Archbishop proclaimed: "This Mass is ended ..." the whole church knew that according to New Orleans tradition, the festivities had just begun.

In New Orleans you don't have a celebration of this magnitude without a parade. Beforehand, the organizers asked Fr. Antonio Marrazzo, C.Ss.R., the Postulator General, if a parade or procession would be in line with such a religious celebration. His eyes widened as he replied, "Oh yes, a parade, that would be wonderful!" So,

they held one. Immediately after Mass the ornate Italian walnut reliquary bearing the remains of Blessed Francis Seelos was carried out the front door of the Cathedral into Jackson Square where it was loaded onto a horse drawn carriage. The Archbishop, clergy, religious and the entire congregation led the procession around the Square accompanied by a brass band. After circling the Square, a police escort led the cortege down Decatur Street, across Canal to Magazine Street. After the march down Magazine, they turned left at St. Andrew's and on to Constance Street. The congregation of St. Mary's was waiting, all lined up on either side of the street as the parade marched to the church to carry Blessed Francis Seelos' reliquary to its permanent place of honor in the shrine.

— FR. JIM KEENA, C.Ss.R.,  
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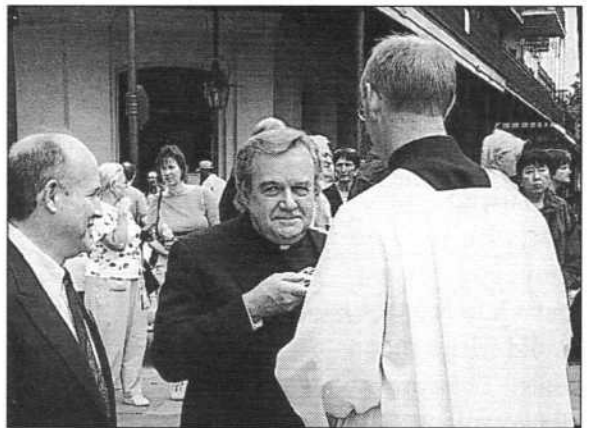


▲ Detail of Blessed F.X. Seelos Reliquary. In the main niche, Fr. Seelos is depicted; the angels are holding signs of his priestly office, the chalice and stole. (Photo by Frank Methé)

Rev. Msgr. Roger P. Morin of the Archdiocese of New Orleans in Jackson Square, October 7, 2000. He, Deacon Ron Guidry, and the Director of the Seelos Center worked closely to organize the procession. (Photo by Doris Ann Gorman)



◀ From left to right Very Rev. George Keaveney, C.Ss.R., Provincial of the Baltimore Province, Vice Postulators Byron Miller, C.Ss.R., & John Vargas, C.Ss.R. in procession outside St. Louis Cathedral-Basilica. (Photo by Doris Ann Gorman)



# October 7 & 8, 2000 Seelos Celebrations in New Orleans

*They thought to write us!*

## **COUR D'ALENE, ID**

Back home safely in Idaho after a pilgrimage that seems like a dream – it was indeed a dream come true! ... Those two days in New Orleans were an experience I will cherish forever. Every time I look at my beautiful pictures of St. Mary's and the Cathedral, I will again thank God for the time I was able to spend with you. When the chores of daily duty seem so tedious and mundane, I will quickly turn my thoughts to Blessed Seelos and my time spent there.

## **NEW ORLEANS, LA**

The procession from the Cathedral was so typical New Orleans: a jazz funeral with horse and carriage and a second line that went on for miles. I'm sure that if you had any doubts about the success of the events, they must have vanished seeing the throngs of people for two days.

## **SYRACUSE, NY**

Thank you for welcoming us to St. Mary's Assumption Church. What a beautiful place for the Fr. Seelos shrine and museum. We were both thrilled to be there and see the canvas that hung in Rome and the reliquary as well. We were so fortunate to attend the October 7<sup>th</sup> Mass at the Cathedral and to process around Jackson Square. It was a very moving Mass – a little bit of heaven on earth. We both felt so proud to be Catholic! We consider all of you such good friends, and we only spent a short time with you. As I learn and read more about Blessed F. Seelos, I imagine that is how he made everyone feel – like an old friend that he hadn't seen in a while. These memories will warm us all winter long.



Photo credit:  
Judge Dennis Waldron

## **VENICE, FL**

I am still on "cloud nine" after the inspiring celebration for the enthronement of the relics of Bl. Francis Seelos. It is little short of amazing how the laity in New Orleans love Father Seelos who spent so relatively brief a time there.

## **ABBEVILLE, LA**

Words cannot express the wonderful feeling I had last weekend. My daughter picked me up in all the rain and wind here in Abbeville to be able to go to the Fr. Seelos weekend. I could not help but cry to know that Fr. Seelos was there with us in New Orleans.

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## FRANCIS SEELOS 2001 CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE

It gives us great delight to announce to you the printing of a commemorative calendar for the year 2001, due to the popular appeal of the first Fr. Seelos calendar in 2000. The 13-month calendar features informative details about Blessed Francis Seelos and highlights of his Beatification.

The limited edition calendar again sells for \$10 (+\$2 for p/h) to support the Seelos cause for canonization, and it reminds us daily of our universal call to holiness throughout this new year. Supplies are now limited, so please reserve your calendar by mailing your request and payment to:

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*Lincoln's Birthday*

*February 12*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Perhaps it wasn't a "Kodak Moment" like the popular photo of President Richard Nixon with Elvis Presley, but Father Seelos did in fact meet with President Abraham Lincoln. In 1863, President Lincoln received Father Seelos and another Redemptorist companion to hear their concerns about the possible draft for seminarians in the Civil War. "I liked President Lincoln very much when I went to see him," wrote Seelos. "He spoke to us in a sincere, free, and friendly manner."

## "With Him is Plentiful Redemption" (Psalm 130:7)

### The Seelos Center offers the following services:

- Pilgrimages to St. Mary's Assumption Church, the Shrine and Museum of Blessed F. Seelos in New Orleans. For details and appointments, call the Center at 504-525-2495.
- A Daily Spiritual Message. Call 504-586-1803.
- Blessings of the Sick with a Mission Crucifix of Blessed F. Seelos in the Greater New Orleans area, please call:  
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- Veneration of Blessed F. Seelos' Mission Crucifix every Sunday after the 11:30 am Mass in the historic St. Mary's Assumption Church (Josephine and Constance Streets).
- Weekly Mass celebrated for the intentions of the Seelos Center. If you have Special Intentions, please list them in the space provided on the enclosed envelope.

### The Seelos Center / Seelos Foundation Office offers the following devotionals:

(Please allow up to 2 weeks for delivery of item(s) requested):

- "Seelos: A Cause to Rejoice," an informative documentary on the life of Blessed F. Seelos; 30-minute VHS cassette. (Suggested donation: \$20 - includes postage.)
- "A Life of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos," a new 108-page paperback biography by Carl Hoegerl, C.Ss.R. & Alicia von Stamwitz. (Suggested donation: \$8.50 - includes postage.)
- Nothing Short of a Miracle*, a 207-page paperback book by Patricia Treece on the healing power of the saints; two of the chapters feature Father Seelos. (Suggested donation: \$12.50 - includes postage.)
- Messengers: After-Death Appearances of Saints & Mystics*, a 343-page hardbound book on the authentic appearances of the holy dead sent as God's messengers. Chapters on Fr. Seelos; photos included. Autographed by author, P. Treece. (Suggested donation: \$22.50 - includes postage.)
- Pamphlets and prayer cards of Blessed F. Seelos, available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.
- Audio cassette of a spiritual conference talk on God as Father and Blessed F. Seelos, given by Father Charles Mallen, C.Ss.R. (Suggested donation: \$6 - includes postage.)
- A Blessed F. Seelos vigil candle will burn near his tomb or in the Seelos Museum at St. Mary's Assumption Church, New Orleans for an offering of \$3.00.
- First, Second and Third-Class relics of Blessed F. Seelos. Please contact the Seelos Center, 504-525-2495

# Testimonials

## **NEW ORLEANS, LA**

A few months ago our daughter was diagnosed with a cataract, which we planned to have removed. Before the surgery however, we went to St. Mary's Church where the pastor placed the crucifix of Fr. Seelos on her head and prayed fervently for her cataract to be healed.

The next day we went to see two experts at the L.S.U. Eye Center for a second opinion. They found nothing wrong with her eye. Later we saw a fourth ophthalmologist who noticed faint tissue in parts of the eye, which does *not* affect her vision at all. He suspects it has been that way since birth. She sees perfectly through that eye.

Our original eye doctor insists on his first diagnosis of cataract but we are thankful to the Lord through the intercession of Fr. Seelos that she has been spared the trauma of unnecessary surgery.

## **PORT BARRE, LA**

I went to the Seelos Center in July to ask Fr. Seelos' intercession for my son. He was heavily in credit-card debt and it would take years to clear these debts. He was very depressed and didn't see any way out. I prayed to Fr. Seelos and through his intercession, my son has been able to make a bank loan and should be out of debt in a year. He now has hope and sees a future in his life. This couldn't have been possible without Fr. Seelos' help, and I have been spreading devotion to Fr. Seelos to everyone in need that I know.

## **WEST NEWTON, MA**

I am writing to report favors received through Blessed Francis Seelos' intercession. I have never done this before. My wife and I were fortunate enough to receive a first-class relic of Bl. Francis as a gift. Since then we have prayed to him for several graces, which were indeed received.

First, my wife's aunt fell on some hard times and asked us for a large loan. I knew that I have difficulty in giving monetary charity, so I prayed to Bl. Francis, "the cheerful ascetic," to make me more cheerful in my lending and in my giving. While my feelings of reluctance have not disappeared entirely, I was able to loan a substantial sum of money to my wife's aunt with a "cheerful disposition."

Second, my wife is in medical school and had a very tough microbiology test, which she was in danger of failing. She prayed to Bl. Francis and she passed the test ... Thank you for your work to spread the "good news" of Blessed Francis and his life.

*Please remember  
our recently  
deceased friends  
of Blessed  
Francis Seelos*

Marie Hayward Roussel  
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