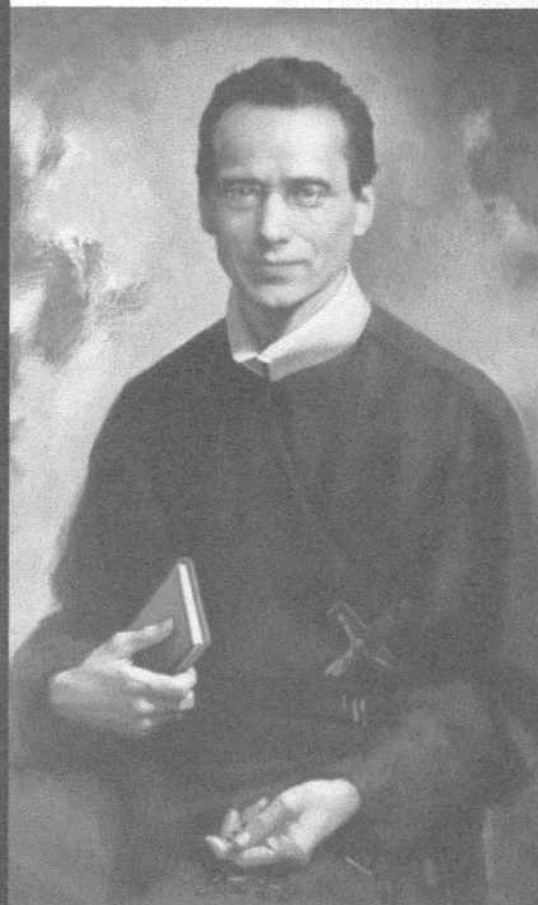




The Seelos Center

The Seelos Center was established by the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers in 1959 as a practical result of renewed interest in the cause of Father Seelos in Rome. The mission and goal of the Seelos Center at the National Shrine is to promote the canonization cause of Blessed Francis X. Seelos through vital ministry carried on in his name.

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required ..." - Luke 12:48



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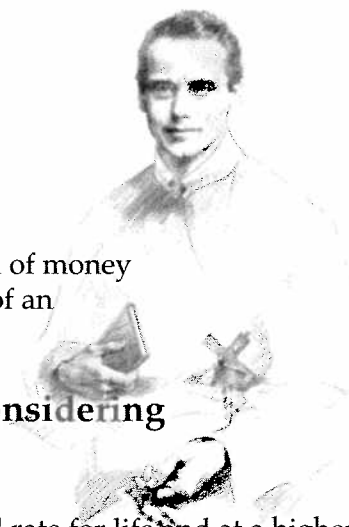
Charitable Gift Annuity

An annuity is a guaranteed transfer of a fixed sum of money each year for a fixed number of years or a period of an individual's life.

What questions should I ask if I am considering an annuity?

- Do I want a guaranteed income at a fixed rate for life and at a higher rate of interest than I am now receiving from my CD?
- Do I want to make a gift and receive an income for myself and/or my spouse as long as either of us lives, regardless of our health?
- Do I want to save on current income tax, on tax on interest, capital gains, avoid tax on the estate and have a tax deduction for the year?

If you answered "yes" to each, then let us hear from you.



CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity:

- A guaranteed fixed income on one or two lives.
- Part of your annuity payment is tax free.
- A tax deduction in the year the annuity is funded.
- A higher rate than you receive from a for-profit corporation.
- An annuity will not result in estate tax at your death.
- You are helping the National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos.
- There are no legal fees and no administrative costs to you.
- Only a one-page agreement creates a life-long contract.
- A Charitable Gift Annuity is a combination of a gift and an investment.
- If you are younger, consider a deferred payment annuity.

Example

A couple, one who is 66 years old, and the other who is 63 years old, wish to create a Charitable Annuity. They are going to fund it with \$10,000 of appreciated assets and want a 7% annual return.

- Rate is 7% guaranteed for life.
- Return is \$700 each year.
- They are taxed only about 50%.
- Their charitable deductions estimated on life expectancy.

This brochure is not intended as legal advice. Please consult your attorney when considering legal matters.

Blessed Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R. arrived in America in 1843. Having studied for the priesthood in Germany, he asked to be admitted to the Redemptorists with a view to future work in America. He was ordained in 1844. Three years after ordination he was appointed Master of Novices and spent one-third of his priestly life training future priests. In 1860 the Bishop of Pittsburgh wanted Fr. Seelos to be his successor. Fr. Seelos asked to remain a humble priest and his request was granted.

He was stationed in Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Annapolis, Cumberland (MD), Detroit, and New Orleans. He preached missions and retreats throughout most of what was then the United States. Transferred to New Orleans in 1866, he contracted yellow fever and died October 4, 1867. Many miracles are attributed to his intercession both during his life and after his death.

His kindness and zeal attracted many people to the sacraments. He was a man of joy and deep prayer, and extraordinary devotion to fulfilling the will of God.

His life and virtues have been approved by the church as heroic and he has been declared Blessed, the final step before sainthood. You are kindly urged to pray for his canonization.

IF YOU WISH YOUR INTENTIONS RECOMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS AT THE SHRINE OF BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS, CONTACT:

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Please Report Favors Received.

Yes, I would like you to contact me about a Charitable Gift Annuity.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

I/we are interested in information on the following:

- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Living Trust – Wills
- Life Insurance
- Memorial Gifts

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