

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. Collection

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The scope of the papers of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R., a member of the Baltimore Province of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, encompasses letters, manuscripts, books, civil and ecclesiastical documents, news clippings, memoranda, photographs and ephemera. The collection also contains nearly all of the documentation assembled and used for Seelos' cause for beatification and canonization. As of this writing, the cause for canonization is ongoing; materials in the collection date from 18 to 2009. The collection is especially important for general research on the history of the Catholic Church in the United States during the nineteenth century, but particularly for those places where Seelos preached and ministered. The entirety of the collection is open to qualified researchers. Consultation of these materials will be at the discretion of the Province Archivist.

Biography

(Many of the following details come from: <http://www.seelos.org/lifeBiography.html> and http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_20000409_beat-Seelos_en.html):

Francis Xavier Seelos was born on January 11, 1819 in Füssen, Bavaria, Germany. His parents were Mang, a cloth merchant and church sacristan, and his wife, Frances (née Schwartzentbach) Seelos. They had 12 children in all, three of whom pursued religious vocations. The children were: Elizabeth, the twins Mariana and Xaveria, Josephine, Ambrose, Francis Xavier, Antonia, Frances, Ulrich, Anna, Adam, and Kunigunda. Mariana, Xaveria, and Ulrich all died in early childhood. Francis Xavier was baptized on the same day of his birth in the parish church of St. Mang. Having expressed a desire for the priesthood since childhood, he began a traditional course of studies. He enrolled in 1834 at the Gymnasium (prep school) of St. Stephen's Institute in Augsburg and, completing the course with honors in 1839, he moved on to the Royal Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, where he took two years of philosophy and began his course of theological studies. Seelos entered the diocesan seminary of St. Jerome at Dillingen in 1842. Soon after meeting the missionaries of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), founded for the evangelization of the most abandoned, he decided to enter the Congregation and to minister to the German speaking immigrants in the United States. He was accepted by the Congregation on November 22, 1842, and sailed the following year from Le Havre, France, arriving in New York on April 20, 1843. He traveled to Baltimore where, on May 16, 1843, he was accepted into the Redemptorist community and was tonsured by Archbishop Samuel Eccleston. He made his first profession a year later. On December 22, 1844, after having completed his novitiate and theological studies, Seelos was ordained a priest by Archbishop Eccleston in the Redemptorist Church of St. James the Less in Baltimore.

After ordination, he worked at St. James, Baltimore, until August 1845. For the next nine years he was in the parish of St. Philomena in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, first as assistant pastor with Redemptorist Father John Neumann, the superior of the community and future saint, and later as superior himself. For the last three years he served as pastor. During this time, he was also the Redemptorist Novice Master. With Neumann he also dedicated himself to preaching missions. Regarding their relationship, Seelos said: "He has introduced me to the active life" and, "he has guided me as a spiritual director and

confessor.” His availability and innate kindness in understanding and responding to the needs of the faithful, quickly made him well known as an expert confessor and spiritual director, so much so that people came to him even from neighboring towns. Faithful to the Redemptorist charism, he practiced a simple lifestyle and a simple manner of expressing himself. The themes of his preaching, rich in biblical content, were always heard and understood by everyone, regardless of education, culture, or background. A constant endeavor in this pastoral activity was instructing children in the faith. He not only favored this ministry, he held it as fundamental for the growth of the Christian community in the parish. In 1854, he was transferred from Pittsburgh to Baltimore, taking on the pastorate of St. Alphonsus Church and serving as second consultor to the Provincial. In 1855, when the Provincial left for Rome for the General Chapter, Father Gabriel Rumpler, the first consultor, was left in charge of the Province. Rumpler underwent a breakdown, leaving Seelos as acting Provincial until October of that year. The way in which this matter was handled left Seelos in a poor light. In December of that year, he was reappointed as rector of St. Alphonsus, but no longer continued as a consultor to the Provincial. Seelos had other concerns. In 1956, the Know Nothings swept Maryland politics and there were numerous riots and casualties in the streets of Baltimore. In March 1957, while hearing confessions, he suffered a massive hemorrhage which kept him bed ridden for a number of days. In May of that year, he moved to Cumberland, Maryland, where he became Rector of the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, as well as Prefect of Studies, positions he held until 1862.

In 1860 Bishop Michael J. O'Connor was given permission to resign and enter the Jesuits, leaving the See of Pittsburgh in need of a successor. O'Connor recommended Seelos to Archbishop Francis Kenrick of Baltimore, who in turn wrote to Rome with three names. At the top was Seelos' name. Kenrick wrote again urging Seelos for Pittsburgh, but by June, after meeting with bishops of the Province of Baltimore and receiving reports against him, Kenrick was asked to withdraw Seelos' name mainly because priests of the diocese would object to his nationality. Indeed, by July, when the terna was sent to Rome, Seelos' name had been taken off. Meanwhile, having heard rumors of his possible appointment, Seelos wrote directly to Pope Pius IX asking that he be removed from consideration. Another man was appointed to Pittsburgh, to the great relief of the 40-year-old Redemptorist.

Ministry in Cumberland was interrupted by the Civil War. Though the Redemptorists had chosen Cumberland as the site of their seminary for its quiet location, the war came to their doorstep. With Confederate lines close by, the wounded were often tended by the community. In April 1862, he went to Zanesville, Ohio, to preach a mission and later that month learned of his reappointment as pastor, superior, and prefect at Cumberland. The next month, however, the Provincial and his consultors decided to move the studentate to St. Mary's, Annapolis, and the novitiate to Cumberland. Seelos went to St. Mary's with the students and became pastor there in June, 1862. By March 1863, the Conscription Act was signed ordering all able men in defense of the union and there was considerable doubt whether Redemptorists would be called up for military service. This prompted Seelos to meet with President Lincoln to gain an exemption for those in religious life and formation.

After his ten day retreat, in August 1863, he began a new ministry as head of the mission band. Although he remained the nominal superior of the Annapolis community, he never returned there again, leaving Father Helmprecht as the acting superior. From Maryland, Seelos traveled to Loretto, Pennsylvania, then to Illinois, where he preached for several months. In January 1864, he gave missions in Detroit, Toledo, and Cleveland. He journeyed to New York, Providence, and back to Chicago. His movements criss-crossed the northern tier until 1866 giving missions and preaching in English, French and German in the states of Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

After a brief period of parish ministry in Detroit, Michigan, from December 1865 through September 1866, he was assigned to the Redemptorist community in New Orleans, Louisiana. He arrived there on September 28, not knowing that his mother had died the day before. It would not be until November 6 that word would reach him. He barely had time to grieve. In New Orleans, as pastor of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, he was known as being joyously available to his faithful and singularly concerned for the poorest and the most abandoned. In God's plan, however, his ministry in New Orleans was destined to be brief. In September, 1867, exhausted from visiting and caring for the victims of yellow fever, he contracted the dreaded disease. It had been spreading within the community, too, and two of the brothers and one of the priests of the community died within days of Seelos. After several weeks of patiently enduring his illness, he passed on to eternal life on October 4, 1867, at the age of 48 years and 9 months. Father John Duffy sang the Requiem and Seelos was buried before the altar of Saint Alphonsus in the church that Seelos pastored for just over a year.

In the printed announcement of Fr. Seelos's death to his fellow Redemptorists, Father Helmpraecht, the Order's provincial superior, had this to say of their Bavarian colleague: "He was considered a saint during his life and is even more so now than before his death. ... He did wonderful work during life, and during his last illness, bore the sharpest pains with all patience. He was conspicuous for his love of poverty and mortification, for his love of his neighbor and his zeal for souls."

Devotion to Fr. Seelos mounted after his death, and many favors were attributed to his intercession. The American Redemptorists took the first steps toward his beatification in 1903. The end of the beatification process came almost a century later, when Pope John Paul II announced that the Venerable Francis Xavier Seelos would be declared "blessed" during the Great Jubilee of the year 2000.

Pope Paul VI, in canonizing St. John N. Neumann in 1977, and Pope John Paul II, in beatifying Fr. Seelos in St. Peter's Square on April 9, 2000, paid a deserved tribute to the heroic efforts of the German Redemptorist Fathers to preserve the faith of German-speaking Catholic immigrants in the U.S.A. Seelos' Feast Day is October 5.

Acquisition and Processing Information:

The Seelos Papers were given as a permanent legacy to the Baltimore Province Archives, where they are maintained. Owing to his duties for the Redemptorists, Seelos himself saved materials for the historical record, but by far the bulk of materials on him are related by others. Many items have been assembled through the diligent investigations of Father Michael Curley, C.Ss.R., and Father Carl Hoegerl, C.Ss.R., Province Archivists, and respectively, the unofficial biographer and external assistant in the writing of the *positio*. Not catalogued here are the thousands of note cards assembled by Father Curley which now occupy several drawers in cabinet 104 (Corridor Wall C). The collection includes copies and original items found in several public and ecclesiastical archives and private collections in Europe and the United States and constitutes the most important accumulation of data on Seelos in the world. Decades in the making, it is still unfinished. Even when the canonization of Blessed Seelos occurs, the potential for future miracles and previously unearthed information will be added.

The collection was re-organized beginning in September 2009 by Patrick Hayes, Ph.D. The cabinet materials are organized under ten broad headings, each of which has numerous sub-headings. The sub-headings are thematic and cover what is more specifically listed in the content of each folder. Citation would therefore read, for example: Redemptorist Archives of the Baltimore Province [RABP], Francis

Xavier Seelos Collection, I Biographical Material, Year: 1832. This finding aid was begun by Dr. Hayes in October 2009 in Microsoft Word.

Languages:

Materials are in English, German, Italian, French and Latin.

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See also the St. John Neumann, C.Ss.R. Collection and the papers of Father Michael Curley, C.Ss.R. Additionally, information may be found in the diaries of Father Joseph Wissel, C.Ss.R., provincial files and house chronicles.

Scope and Contents:

The Seelos Papers comprise several file cabinets and shelves (51 C – 53 C, 55 A & B), presently housed in the vault. The largest portion of the collection is the run of biographical materials. These are divided up by year—giving a chronological picture of Seelos' movements from one year to the next—and then by place, acquaintance, and biographer. With respect to place, researchers will find information on each of the locations that were formative for Seelos. These files were arranged according to provenance. With respect to Seelos' acquaintances, researchers will find information provided by his own contemporaries. Typically, these folders contain notes on where Seelos is mentioned within the contemporary's own *oeuvre*, or there is information on the individual himself. Lastly, Seelos has had a number of biographers, each of whom has tried to synthesize the available information on his life, with each building on the work of the others. The most extensive examination of his life, however, is to be found in the volumes of the *Positio*.

Several of the files of the *Copia Publica* and *Summaria* contain references to the electronic files used by Father Carl Hoegerl, C.Ss.R., in assembling the *Positio*. These are contained on three and a half inch floppy disks, as well as on Father Hoegerl's hard drive. There are also numerous indexes found in section X, "Notes on the Organization of the Files," which detail the contents of the computer files, together with a "Resume of Computer Filenames" found on Shelf 51 C.

There are a number of books and other printed matter on Seelos or his cause or were used in the stages of information gathering of various researchers. These are contained throughout the archives, but especially on Shelf 54 C.

Outline of the Collection: Cabinet Drawers 50 D, 51 A – D, and 52 A & B

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 - By Biographer
- II Manuscripts
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- V Canonization Cause
- VI Biographies and Articles about Seelos
- VII Spirituality
- VIII Research notes
- IX Ephemera
- X Notes on organization of the files

Detailed Finding Aid

Cabinet Drawer 50 D

- I Biographical data**
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Folder 1: outline and off print of the article "Biographical Data of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R." by Fr.Carl Hoegerl, C.Ss.R.; Binder of Key Biographical Dates (Varia)
 - Folder 2: Portraits/Photographs
 - Folder 2 a/b: Portraits/Photographs (the 2B file contains several back issues of "Seelos and Sanctity")
 - Family tree
 - Folder 3: Family Tree
 - Folder 4: Family Tree Notes
 - Folder 5: Family Tree Notes/Correspondence
 - Folder 6: Family Tree Notes/Letters
 - Folder 7: Research on Schwartzbach/Germania, PA
 - Biographical data by Year
 - Folder 8: 1819: Baptismal records

- Folder 9: 1828: confirmation records
- Folder 10: 1831: Student records
- Folder 11: 1835 – 1836: Wimmer notes
- Folder 12: 1839 – 1841: Notes on Philosophy Professors, Munich
- Folder 13: 1839 – 1841: Student records, Munich
- Folder 14: 1841 – 1842: Student records, Munich
- Folder 15: 1842: Notices and documentation re: Seelos' departure from the College of St. Jerome, baptismal certificate (original); Curley correspondence
- Folder 16: 1842: Notes and records pertaining to Seelos' studies at Dillingen
- Folder 17: 1842: Notes on Redemptorists in Bavaria: Altötting, Allioli, Georgianum
- Folder 18: 1842: Information on seminary and town of Dillingen
- Folder 19: 1842: Admission to Dillingen, Attestation, Refusal of Petition to Stay at Dillingen, Admission into the C.Ss.R., Passport
- Folder 20: 1843: Attestation of Profession; Permission to go to America; Ship manifest
- Folder 21: 1844: Ordination records and articles
- Folder 22: 1845: Faculties granted to Seelos by Archbishop Eccleston; information on St. Philomena's, Pittsburgh; information on Bishop Michael O'Connor of Pittsburgh
- Folder 23: 1846: Notes, articles, and letters on ministry in Pittsburgh
- Folder 24: 1847: Moseitz letter; information on death of Franz Gehring (professed on his deathbed); letter of Stark to Neumann
- Folder 25: 1845-1854: Seelos' sermons at St. Philomena's, collected from notes on sermons entitled "Themata Sermonum, 1845-1863," a boxed set located on Shelf 77A in the archives; Seelos' weekly schedules, 1845-1854
- Folder 26: 1848: Seelos' original retreat notes with copies and translation
- Folder 27: 1848: Letters
- Folder 28: 1849: Family matters; notes
- Folder 29: 1850: notes; photocopies of Holzer journal
- Folder 30: 1851: notes; photocopies of letters and family matters
- Folder 31: 1852: notes; copies of letters
- Folder 32: 1853: copies and originals of letters (with translations/transcriptions) and a broadside and notes on "The Relief Society"
- Folder 33: 1854: Ruland appraisals; notes
- Folder 34: 1855: Ruland letters; notes
- Folder 35: 1854-1857: Sacramental ministry; sick call to house of prostitution; Coxe controversy
- Folder 36: 1855: Rumpler Affair, records of various letters
- Folder 37: 1855: Rumpler Affair, letters 1-9 with translations/notes
- Folder 38: 1855: Rumpler Affair, letters 10-18 with translations/notes
- Folder 39: 1856: Letters (original and copies); photostats
- Folder 40: 1857: Antonia Seelos to Frau Wagner letters, originals/copies/translations, House Chronicles
- Folder 41: 1858: Letters (copies), notes, House Chronicles
- Folder 42: 1859: Letters (copies), notes, House Chronicles
- Folder 43: 1860: Materials related to his possible appointment to the episcopate

- Folder 44: 1860: Materials related to his possible appointment to the episcopate
- Folder 45: 1860: Materials related to his possible appointment to the episcopate from the Propaganda Fide Archives
- Folder 46: 1860: Materials related to his possible appointment to the episcopate; Bishop O'Connor's resignation from the See of Pittsburgh
- Folder 47: 1860: Materials related to his possible appointment to the episcopate; *Acta* documents from the Propaganda Fide Archives
- Folder 48: 1860: Materials related to his possible appointment to the episcopate; United States documents from the Propaganda Fide Archives
- Folder 49: 1860: Materials related to his possible appointment to the episcopate; Schauer/Wuest; Kenrick letterbook; James O'Connor/Kenrick letters
- Folder 50: 1860: Materials related to his possible appointment to the episcopate; Varia
- Folder 51: 1860: House Chronicles; Mauron to Barnabo
- Folder 52: 1861: Two letters
- Folder 53: 1862:
- Folder 54: 1863: off prints; Mauron letter; House Chronicle; sacramental records
- Folder 55: 1863-1866: Missions and Retreats; maps; mission chronicle
- Folder 56: 1864: Dold problems; explications of preaching tours; correspondence in re: Seelos' preaching in New Jersey
- Folder 57: 1865: Notes; letters
- Folder 58: 1866: Letters (one original) and notices; Report of Father Helmprecht to Mauron; Wissel diary entries; Seelos' sacramental ministries in New Orleans, 1866-1867
- Folder 59: 1866-1867: Domestic Chronicle of St. Alphonsus, New Orleans
- Folder 60: 1902/1919: Entries from the Domestic Chronicle of St. Alphonsus in re: 1866-1867
- Folder 61: 1867: materials related to Seelos' death: notices, letters, death certificate (copy), dimensions of the tomb; letters to Father Helmprecht (necrologies); notes on records in the Archdiocese of New Orleans Archive
- Folder 62: 1867: materials related to Seelos' death: Pamphlet on the brothers and fathers who perished from the yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans; letters to the province and Seelos' family; death of confrere notice
- Folder 63: 1866-1867: Domestic Chronicle of St. Alphonsus, New Orleans
- Folder 64: 1869: Brother Louis Kenning materials
- Folder 65: 1999: News clippings in re: miracle and St. Alphonsus Church
- Biographical data by Place
- Folder 66: Annapolis; House Chronicle; excerpt from the chronology of Father Hoegerl
- Folder 67: Augsburg: City clergy and schematismus
- Folder 68: Augsburg – St. Stephen's Church
- Folder 69: Dillingen – St. Jerome's College
- Folder 70: Füssen
- Folder 71: Munich maps
- Folder 72: Munich/University
- Folder 73: Munich notes (city and university)
- Folder 74: Baltimore: letter to Father Curley on number of baptisms by FXS;

Folder 75: excerpts of books on the city; miscellaneous notes and photocopies
Chicago: *Chronica Localia* of St. Michael's Redemptorist Community,
1860-1865; addenda

Cabinet Drawer 51 A

Folder 76: Cumberland: notes and Burkey materials; proposed shrine
Folder 77: New Orleans: map/souvenir postcards
Folder 78: New Orleans: Redemptorists
Folder 79: Pittsburgh: notes and photocopies on Sharpsburg, Youngstown,
Lawrenceville; maps; schematics for St. Philomena's Parish
Folder 80: Pittsburgh: maps, notes, sacramental data on Seelos' activities in and
around Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia
Folder 81: Pittsburgh: notes and miscellaneous items
Folder 82: Pittsburgh: notes and miscellaneous items
Folder 83: Pittsburgh: House Chronicles (copies)

Biographical data by Acquaintance

Folder 84: Anwander, Thaddeus, C.Ss.R.
Folder 85: Bavarian Royal Family
Folder 86: Bayer, Benedict, C.Ss.R.
Folder 87: Berger, John, C.Ss.R.
Folder 88: Bernhard, Mang (Konrad)
Folder 89: Boeswald, Karl
Folder 90: De Ham, Alfred, C.Ss.R.
Folder 91: Duffy, John, C.Ss.R.
Folder 92: Girardy, Ferreol, C.Ss.R.
Folder 93: Glaunach, Ernst
Folder 94: Heim, Anton
Folder 95: Kenning, Louis (Ludwig), empty
Folder 96: Kolping, Adolf
Folder 97: Leimgruber, Maximus
Folder 98: Meurer, Henry
Folder 99: Moerl, Maria
Folder 100: Neithart, Benedict, C.Ss.R.
Folder 101: Permanne, Franz
Folder 102: Schauer, Elias

Biographical data by Biographer

Folder 103: Curley correspondence 1964-1965
Folder 104: Curley correspondence 1966
Folder 105: Curley correspondence 1967
Folder 106: Curley correspondence 1968-1969
Folder 107: Curley biography; estimates and corrections
Folder 108: Remarks by Gregor Roy on Seelos MS
Folder 109: Other correspondence

Images of Seelos

II Manuscripts

Beck materials

Folder 1: Transcriptions and notes

- Folder 2: Beck's German version of Neithart's *Short Account*; Beck's translation of Neithart's Letter of October 15, 1867; and an English translation of the letter of October 15, 1867.
- Folder 3: Texts in "B-B" Binders (located on shelf 55 B in three volumes)
- Folder 4: Beck-Berger translation, second copy (folder not numbered)
- Folder 5: Seelos Data: Antonia Seelos to Beck, 1872
- Folder 6: Seelos Data: Antonia Seelos to Beck, 1873
- Folder 7: Schrisner Data, 1877; Schrisner to Beck
- Folder 8: Seelos Data: Antonia Seelos to Beck, 1883
- Folder 9: Seelos Data: Antonia Seelos to Beck, 1885
- Folder 10: Beck Account: Kurzer Bericht und Nachtrag
- Folder 11: Seelos Inserts
- Folder 12: MSS, 1889
- Folder 13: Beck Biography of FXS; Beck Lecture on FXS (Pittsburgh, 1875); Necrology

Berger-Beck materials

Zimmer materials

- Folder 1: English translation of Fr. Peter Zimmer's *Leben*
- Folder 2: English translation of Fr. Peter Zimmer's *Leben*
- Folder 3: Notes and mss pages

III Seelos Writings

Questionable mss

- Folder 1: Zimmer "Apocrypha" manuscript (unnumbered)
- Folder 2: Questionable mss: Sermons proven not to be those of FXS or doubtful

Curley Index

Seelos articles: poetry in religious life; prayer

Conferences/retreats

- Folder 1: Conferences
- Folder 2: Retreats for Religious

On Prayer (from Lewis de la Porte, SJ); prayers copied by Seelos

Poems

Sermons

Sermons, Doubtful (given at Cumberland, 1857)

Manuscripts of FXS (6 plastic folders: copies of ##I-IX, XII, XVI→continued in next Cabinet Drawer, 51 B)

Cabinet Drawer 51 B

Manuscripts of FXS (1 plastic folder continuing MSS of FXS in Cabinet Drawer 51 A: copies of ## XVII- XVIII; copy XVIII pertains to the questionable "retreat" mss)

Letters (n.b.—these letters are supplemented by the more numerous collection of Seelos letters found in Cabinet drawer 52 A)

- Folder 1: Copies of originals, 1860-1862
- Folder 2: Copies of originals, 1860-1867
- Folder 3: Copies of originals, 1863-1867
- Folder 4: Copies/translations of Neumann to Seelos; extracts; Steinmetz; Richard

Copies of Seelos mss

IV Sources of biographical data

- Folder 1: Berger-Beck Correspondence
Folder 2: Necrologus Provinciae
Folder 3: Beck in AGHR
Folder 4: Berger Biography (incomplete) / Berger letters
Folder 5: Zimmer, Peter C.Ss.R.
Folder 6: Zimmer Documentation of Text – not completed
Folder 7: Contemporaries
Folder 8: C.Ss.R. personnel: notes and other materials re: confreres in the US; individual letter writers:
Kuenzler, Breisach, Walworth, Giesen, Fehlings, Hecker, Holzer, Klaholz, Wissel, Schmid, Poirier, Helmprecht, Krutil, Smulders, van de Braak, Kenning, Zwicherts, DeHam, Duffy, Enright, Petit, Jacob, van Emstede, Dusold, Holzer, Burke, Mueller, Niederhauser, Eberhardt, Preis, Wuest, DeDycker, Dold, Clauss, Reyners, Swinkels, Henning, Keitz, Fuchshuber, Arant, Sauer, Wensierski, Hauschel, Heymann, Heyman, Cornell, Weyrich, Petri, Wirth, Koper, Gross, Kuper
Folder 9: Archivum Generale Redentore (AGR), Seelos Accounts: Photocopies of death notice, Beck's short biography, Ludwig Kenning's letter to Gross (October 4, 1869), the Kurzer Bericht giving the German of Neithart's *Short Account*, and an unidentified fragment
Folder 10: Snider List of Archives
Folder 11: Kenning *Chronik*
Folder 12: Mang Hausbuch
Folder 13: History of Minor Seminary
Folder 14: Measurements in Bavaria
Folder 15: Neithart's Short Account (several copies of the original pamphlet and photocopies of same)
Folder 16: Neithart's Reminiscences (copies and translations)
Folder 17: Notre Dame Archives
Folder 18: Novitiate and Novice Masters
Folder 19: Photographs/listings for images used in Fr. Curley's Cheerful Ascetic
Folder 20: U.S. Church History
Folder 21: U.S. German Catholics; Ludwigs-Missionsverein
Folder 22: Vaughn indexes (7 folders, a-f)
Folder 23: Visitation Sister Reminiscences, etc.
Folder 24: Wuest Necrology / References to Seelos in Wuest's *Annales*
Folder 25: Authentication forms

V Canonization Cause

Copia Publica

- Folder 1: Short overview of the four *processus informativi*; documents presented in the *processus informative*
Folder 2: *Copia Publica*: Augsburg and Baltimore (1906)
Folder 3: *Copia Publica* in Latin (four venues) and rough text of witnesses
Folder 4: *Copia Publica*: Headings (old and new format) and descriptions of witnesses and their testimony

- Folder 5: *Copia Publica*: Catalog of Witnesses (old lists)
Summaria
- Folder 1: Indexes; chapter 1 (introduction to the *Positio super vita et virtutibus*); witness list for Baltimore; extra pages with mistakes; two sets of marginal notes that correspond to the various informative processes; indexes of the *processi* used to categorize and make tabs
- Folder 2: Page proofs (2)
- Folder 3: Page proofs (with marginalia in the mss)
- Folder 4: Marginals, Corrections, *Tabella Index Testium*, *Varia*, computer files for *New Summarium*
- Folder 5: Draft of the *Summarium* (2 copies), with corrections, and with cover letter of Father Hoegerl to Father Marrazo, October 2, 1995; *Summarium* ms I; *Summarium* ms II + *varia* [n.b.—these files are unnumbered in Folder 5]
- Folder 6: *Summarium* copy from 1994 (incomplete)
- Folder 7: *Summarium* copy from 1994 (incomplete)

Cabinet Drawer 51 C

- Folder 8: *Summarium* (March 6, 1996 version) with marginalia, tabella, indexes, and corrections
- Folder 9: Various notes in re: *Summarium* and *Positio*

Processus informativi (the *Acta* are taken, mainly, from the *Copia Publica*)

Processus: Pittsburgh

Acta: Pittsburgh

Witness information given in re FXS in Pittsburgh
 Research notes of Father Hoegerl (1993)

Processus: Baltimore

Acta: Baltimore

Witness information given in re: FXS in Baltimore; some testimony obtained in St. Louis
 Opening of the informative process for the Heibel cure
 Decree of Cardinal Gibbons requesting all documentation in re: FXS; *De Perquisitione Scriptorum*

Processus: New Orleans

Witness information given in re: FXS in New Orleans; news clippings

Acta: New Orleans

Documents from the New Orleans archives: *Acta originalia processus non cultu* (1902)
 Decree of Archbishop Blenk requesting all documentation in re: FXS; *De Perquisitione Scriptorum*
 Documentation related to the appointment and work of the Historical Commission, 1994

Processus: Augsburg

Witness information given in re: FXS in Augsburg

Fama Sanctitatis

Virtutibus Chapter from the *Positio*; texts from the *Informatio*
Miraculis

History of the Cause

Introduction / Letters of Petition from Postulator General's files

Decrees

Exhumation

Beatification

Canonization

Actors:

Relator: Ambrosio Eszer, OP, correspondence and Hoegerl notes

Postulator

Father Antonio Marrazzo correspondence

Father Joseph Wissel's "Positions and Articles" / news clipping

Copies of pertinent entries in Wissel's diaries; letter to Father Rector; letters in Litz Papers in re: Father Wissel

Vice-Postulator: Curley letters

Vice-Postulator: Vaughn materials (see also IV, Sources of biographical data: Vaughn translation indexes); pamphlet by Vaughn: "Do You Need an 'IN' with God?"

Vice-Postulator: Grangell materials

Vice-Postulator: Elworthy materials

Vice-Postulator: Babin materials

External Assistant: Carl Hoegerl, C.Ss.R., correspondence, homilies, etc.

External Assistant: notes on assembling the *Positio*

External Assistant: miscellaneous worksheets

Cures

Angela Boudreaux

Marie Heibel

Lourdes Varella

Various

Liturgical celebrations / Seelos Mass and Breviary Texts

Prayers to FXS

VI Biographies and Articles about Seelos

Curley pages (Cheerful Ascetic): editorial and other (2 folders)

Hoegerl/von Stamwitz biography galley

Hoegerl/von Stamwitz biography galley, final

Hoegerl/von Stamwitz biography, sources for citations

Hoegerl/von Stamwitz biography, German translation correspondence

Hoegerl/von Stamwitz biography, Spanish translation correspondence

Hoegerl/von Stamwitz biography, French translation correspondence

Hoegerl/von Stamwitz biography, drafts

Hoegerl, "Sincerely, Seelos" book

Hoegerl correspondence

Hoegerl articles on Seelos (Hoegerl articles I and II)

Hoegerl lectures/homilies on Seelos

Londoño booklet in Spanish, correspondence and galley
Miller, "Death Where is Your Sting?" book
Carlo Snider Biography (five folders in clear, yellow folder, unnumbered)

Cabinet Drawer 51 D

Notes related to the English translation of Zimmer's *Leben*
Notices/reviews/chapters of books or magazines mentioning Seelos
Short accounts
News clippings (2 folders)

VII Spirituality

Seelos Pilgrimage/Retreat 2002
Spirituality (general)
Liturgical: Office of Readings and Mass Texts with decrees of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments

VIII Research notes

Research in Germany
 Augsburg
 German research notes
Research on Seelos' citizenship/correspondence
Research on Seelos' sacramental ministry
Hoegerl notebooks (6)
Hoegerl "workbooks," vols. 1-4
Hoegerl "workbooks," vols. 5-7
Hoegerl "workbooks," vols. 8-10
Hoegerl notebooks in re: Seelos Letters, vols. 1-4
Hoegerl notebooks in re: Seelos Letters, vols. 5-7
Hoegerl notebooks in re: Seelos Letters, vols. 8-10
Hoegerl Rome notes on the printing of the *Positio*
Hoegerl notes, miscellaneous
Hoegerl *Sion* notes
Miscellaneous background articles
Bibliographies
 Bibliographic data
 Positio
 Snider list

IX Ephemera

Relics
Medallions
Promotional materials/invitations/liturgical programs
 Program and notices in re: Seelos Gala Dinner
Seelos Shrine materials
Prayer cards
News clippings
Newsletters – Seelos and Sanctity; Seelos Center News

Bust of Francis Xavier Seelos with plaque of dedication to Father Carl Hoegerl, C.Ss.R., as the first inductee into the Order of Seelos Witness (located above Cabinet 6 in the vault)
Oversized portraits of Seelos, with commemorative portrait issued in a limited edition (2000) are located above Cabinet 7 in the vault).

X Notes on organization of the files

Overview of the contents of the Seelos-related materials in the Redemptorist Archives of the Baltimore Province (n.b.—the print outs in this folder were assembled before this finding aid, which differs substantially).

One binder with Hoegerl notes

“File Names” for computer disks / miscellaneous disc indexes

Indexes of files on computer disks

Indexes, various files and documents used in the *Positio*, etc.

“Current Chapter” binder

“File Names” binder

“Docs Used” binder

Seelos Letters Index binder

Seelos Letters Index (old) binder

Cabinet Drawer 52 A

XI Seelos letters

Lists of Seelos letters

Curley and Hoegerl lists of Seelos letters

Various lists

Wissel/Seelos letters

Wagner, Mrs. Augusta

Undated Seelos letters

1842-1854

1855-1858

1859-1862

1863-1867, with a folder of undated, doubtful material

Miss Mary letters, 1855-1866

Notes on Miss Mary correspondence

Letters/indexes

Letters/indexes varia

Seelos letters:

1842

1843

1844

1845

1849

1853

1854

1855

1856

1857

1858
1859
1960
1861
1862
1863
1864
1865
1866
1867

Letters from Germany
Letters/Fragments/Research
Letters to Visitation Sisters
Personages in the FXS letters
Salfner
Seelos letters transcriptions

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Seelos letters transcriptions and page proofs for *Sincerely, Seelos*, chapters 1-13
Seelos letters transcriptions and page proofs for *Sincerely, Seelos*, chapters 14-17
Correspondence and corrections related to *Sincerely, Seelos*
Doubtful materials

Shelf 51C

- XII** Seelos manuscripts
Box 1: I – VIII
Box 2: IX – XVII (with a copy of mss XII)
Box 3: Seelos “Little Manuscripts” and Photos of Manuscripts
Copies of the “Little Manuscripts” (LMS, 3 plastic folders)
Resume of computer file names
Log book for the canonization cause
History of the Cause (4 vols.)
Eszer instructions
Typescript and correspondence in re: Father Michael Curley’s *Cheerful Ascetic*, 2nd ed.

Shelf 52A

- XIII** Seelos Bound MSS (14 volumes)

Shelf 52B

- XIV** Box 1: Seelos Wissel MSS (Fragments)
Wissel Diary entries used in the cause (indexes, abstracts, excerpts)
Wissel Fragments, mss
Wissel Fragments, indexes

Seelos Informatio 1910 / Summarium 1908 (2 copies)
Seelos Copia Publica 1906 (New Orleans)
Seelos Copia Publica 1906 (Baltimore)
Seelos Copia Publica 1906 (Pittsburgh)
Seelos Copia Publica 1906 (Augsburg)
Seelos Shrine Resource Kit
Volumes related to Füssen, Augsburg, and the life of FXS

Shelf 52C

XV Box 1: Seelos Cemetery Lot Autographs
Box 1: Seelos Letters (autograph)
Box 3: Seelos Letters: Beck transcriptions and Reminiscences of FXS by Visitation Sisters, Baltimore
Hoegerl Seelos talks and articles (6 volumes)
Volumes related to Füssen, Augsburg, and the life of FXS

Shelf 53A

XVI Seelos: Mang Hausbuch (7 volumes; brown binding)
Box 1: Seelos Berger-Beck Correspondence, 1-63 (originals)
Berger-Beck Texts, translations
Berger-Beck Texts (3 volumes; two brown bindings, one black binding)
Transcripts and Notes, I-IV (transcriptions)

Shelf 53B

XVII *Processus* binders, 10 volumes (1-18, appendices, part III, *informatio* [2 volumes])

Shelf 53C

XVIII Seelos Letters – Italian Translations
Seelos Letters – Latin Translations
Summarium, 3 volumes (drafts, with mss index)
“Copia Publica”
“Copia Publica Witnesses”
“CP Final”
Seelos MSS, translations of Vaughn texts, 5 volumes (black binders)
Sermons (?)
Copies of Seelos mss

Shelf 55A

XIX Seelos: Vaughn Collection (14 volumes; maroon binding)

Shelf 55B

XX Seelos: Letters (translations, 1842-1867, 10 volumes),
Page proofs for the *Positio* (9 volumes)

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