

# Bl. Francis X. Seelos (1819-1867)

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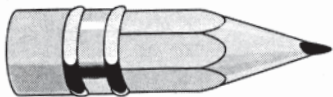
## Shepherd to All

Today, if you leave your homeland for another country, it doesn't always mean that you will never see it again. But when Francis Xavier Seelos was a young man that is what it meant. He was studying for the priesthood in Germany when he read that, though thousands of German-speaking immigrants lived in America, few ministered to them in their native language. Francis heeded the call, knowing it meant leaving his home and his family forever.

In his new land, Father Seelos became known for his smile and for being available to all who needed his advice and his help. "Everybody flocked to him," said a fellow missionary.

Francis Seelos even met Abraham Lincoln. In 1863, during the Civil War, clergymen had to serve in the military. But that was changed after Francis Xavier Seelos spoke with President Lincoln.

Just four years later, Francis became ill after bringing both cheerful wishes and powerful prayers to victims of deadly yellow fever. To the end, he served his God and his people in his unique way.



Select the correct answer for each sentence.

- In Francis Seelos's time, crossing an ocean usually meant \_\_\_\_\_ going back again.
  - always
  - never
  - hardly ever
- Francis Seelos spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to the immigrants.
  - Latin
  - Chinese
  - German
- You can guess that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - he had lots of time to himself
  - he got tired of smiling
  - he had little time for himself.
- What might Lincoln have said to Seelos? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Priests don't have to go to war.
  - Priests must fight for the North.
  - Priests must fight for the South.
- Seelos was said to be an \_\_\_\_\_ man who managed extraordinary deeds.
  - odd
  - envious
  - ordinary

