

Kids' Connection!

This Month We Learn About blessed francis xavier seeelos

who was he?

Born in Bavaria in 1819 as one of 12 children, Francis desired to become a priest from the time he was a child. He was inspired by the Redemptorist missionaries who wrote about German-speaking immigrants in America who had no spiritual care. He traveled to America, where he was later ordained a Redemptorist priest in 1844. He was known for his kindness and all nationalities and races sought him out for confessions. He traveled around the U.S. preaching and teaching. His final assignment was as Pastor for the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption in New Orleans. He died that same year after caring for victims of yellow fever.

interesting facts

- The **National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos** is located in St. Mary's Assumption Church in New Orleans.
- Blessed Seelos **served as a curate to Saint John Neumann**, who guided him as his spiritual director and as his confessor.
- He constantly sought **to teach little children in the faith**, even opting out of becoming a bishop to be able to remain teaching across the U.S.

Word Find

AMERICA	MISSIONARY	REDEMPTORIST
BAVARIA	NEUMANN	SEELOS
BLESSED	NEW ORLEANS	TEACHER
CONFESSOR	PITTSBURGH	YELLOW FEVER

O P R Y T H M K L J A T S W E
Q A E U G G U U O P S G E A N
D C H E U I Q I B I H R V A N
F N C L X W D F R B H I L C E
P C A Y E L L O W F E V E R W
K I E B Z S T B A Y M L F E O
N W T U A P P L L I T C I J R
W N M T M R O S S E F N O C L
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V E D M J B I M Q N X S I H A
I E N D U O U I E D A R E P N
R L Z I N E W R X Q A S X D S
L O J A Z D N A G V C N I A H
K S R N K U J J A H U B K D G
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