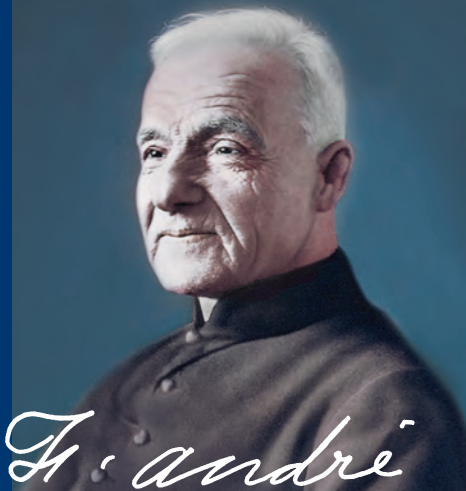


BROTHER ANDRÉ



1845-1937

Born Alfred Bessette to a poor family in Mont-Saint Grégoire, Québec, and orphaned at the age of 12, Brother André entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross and was called to spend his days receiving guests and visiting the sick and afflicted. He was credited with many miraculous healings and cures, but Brother André insisted that these graces were received through the intercession of St. Joseph. This devotion led him to found St. Joseph's Oratory, the world's largest shrine dedicated to the Patron of the Universal Church.

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BROTHER ANDRÉ NOVENA PRAYER

God our Father, you gave Brother André of Montreal, your humble servant, a great devotion to St. Joseph and a special commitment to the sick and the needy. May the example of his life and ministry inspire us to ever-greater works of charity, in generous service to our brothers and sisters in need. Give us the strength to surrender ourselves to your will, and to be instruments of your loving mercy. Help us to follow Brother André's example of prayer and love, so that we too may come into your glory. Through the intercession of Brother André, grant the favor I now present (*make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.