



# THE FRIEND OF BROTHER ANDRÉ

United to promote Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal!



Samuel Martin

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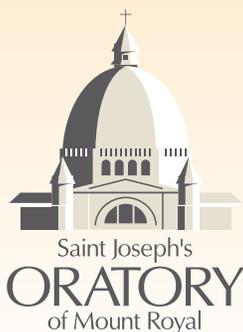
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## Members of the Rector's Group invited to the Oratory

The annual Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker falls on May 1, and this year paid tribute to the members of the Rector's Group and the Grand Associates of Brother André who each donated more than \$1,000 last year.

Father Claude Grou, CSC, Rector of the Oratory, invited members of the Group to take part in a Eucharistic celebration followed by a festive dinner in Joseph-Olivier-Pichette Hall. The response was tremendous, with over 120 guests happily agreeing to take part in this annual social event. For some, it was their first time, while for others, it was an opportunity to catch up with fellow members they had met in previous years.

At this year's event, 104 new members of the Rector's Group received a certificate and a pin in recognition of their membership in the Bronze Circle. Another 28 people joined the Silver Circle and 15 others entered the



Gold Circle, marking 5 and 10 years in the Rector's Group, respectively. These members also received pins in recognition of their long-standing contributions.

The Rector's Group comprises four groups, based on the amount donated to the Oratory during the year: Builders, Counsellors, Vice-Governors and Governors. These exceptional

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Richard Morin

## Thumbs up for the environment

Over the summer, the Oratory will be installing new energy-efficient lighting in the Crypt Church. This will not only improve the lighting, but also significantly reduce the amount of heat it generates, making the temperature in the Crypt Church more comfortable in the summer.

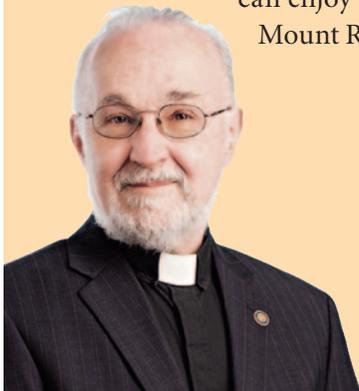


Annick Robert

The new lighting system is just one of the measures we are taking to protect the environment. In fact, it is part of an ongoing initiative that we launched several years ago. It was within this framework that we upgraded to a more efficient, less polluting heating system a few years ago. We also started using energy-efficient lightbulbs in many areas of the Oratory.

Protecting the environment also means designating green spaces, and protecting trees and other plants. The magnificent gardens at the Oratory and the large wooded garden along the Way of the Cross enable us to protect the environment while offering visitors havens of peace and beauty. In addition to preserving these wonderful gardens, we are also committed to protecting the trees and other plants growing on our property, and to building a nature reserve to protect the wooded area surrounding the Basilica.

By making a donation to Saint Joseph's Oratory, you are supporting our environmental protection efforts while ensuring the site remains a place where everyone can enjoy the exceptional beauty of Mount Royal. ■



**Father Claude Grou, CSC**  
Rector

Maxime Boisvert

## In August, the focus will be on Saint Brother André – a perfect opportunity to get up close and personal with Saint Joseph!

On September 30, 1961, local Montréal newspaper *La Presse* published the following request from Pope John XXIII to Canadian pilgrims: *“When you return to your beautiful country, go pay tribute to Saint Joseph at his shrine on Mount Royal, and tell him Saint Peter sends his regards from Rome.”*



André Charron

Why not accept the invitation and come meet us on the mountain in the coming months? While many pilgrims and visitors take advantage of sunny summer weather to make their way here, the Oratory is open year-round. We'll be here to welcome you, whether you are a first-time visitor or, better yet, a familiar face! The house of Saint Joseph and his good friend Brother André is open to all. Come pay us a visit soon!

Those who came to the mountain last August—the month designated to pay tribute to Brother André—quickly noted the many special activities celebrating his life and the great pleasure we take in welcoming you.

If you are unable to come, why not pay us a virtual visit on our website? Or join the pilgrims of the Oratory in spirit through daily prayer? Or, better yet, become an Associate and/or invite a loved one to do the same!

There are many original ways to honour the memory of Saint Brother André and Saint Joseph. Why not share yours with us? We'd be happy to discuss it with you.

We hope to see you soon! ■



**Mario Lachapelle, CSC**  
Director  
Associates of Brother André

Maxime Boisvert

## Third instalment

# Q&A on planned gifts

As always, I take great pleasure in communicating with you through The Friend of Brother André. I am proud to present the third instalment: Q&A on planned gifts.

### What is a planned gift?

A planned gift is simply a donation that is willed to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. Increasingly, people are choosing to support the Oratory through a planned gift, regardless of the amount, to uphold the values they held in life, even after their death.

### How do I make a planned gift? In my will, yes, but how?

There are three types of wills: a holographic will, a will made in the presence of witnesses and a notarial will.

A holographic will is probably the quickest and easiest type of will, since it can be written anywhere and does not require a witness or notary. It is therefore the least expensive option, since it can be prepared without the services of a professional. The No. 1 rule to follow is to write it entirely by hand, without the use of any mechanical process. Otherwise, it will not be valid.

A will made in the presence of witnesses, formerly known as a will made in the form derived from the laws of England, must be signed by the testator in the presence of two witnesses who are of legal age. The witnesses must also sign the will in the testator's presence. The will can be written by hand or by mechanical process (typewriter, computer).

It is relatively simple, although the witnesses' certification requires special attention. It is therefore recommended to consult a legal expert, attorney or notary.

On the testator's death, a holographic

will and a will made in the presence of witnesses are subject to probate by the Superior Court. The costs and professional fees involved are often higher than those for a notarial will.

For this reason, the latter type is recommended. This third type of will is not subject to liquidation delays or professional fees, since, unlike the other two types of will, it is not subject to probate by the courts. Moreover, the notary will ensure that your will truly reflects your wishes, and you'll have peace of mind, knowing that, in case your copy is lost, the original is securely stored at the notary's office.

### What type of planned gift can I make?

There are several ways to express your wishes in your will.

You can will a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, an asset, a building, securities, works of art, etc. Example: *I bequeath to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal the amount of \$.....* (specify the amount).

You can also make a residuary bequest, meaning a gift of all or part of the property remaining in your estate after debts, expenses, and specific bequests have been paid. It can be shared among other heirs according to specific percentages (equal or not). Example: *I bequeath to my spouse the amount of \$ ... and the remainder of my estate to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount-Royal.*

Finally, there is the universal legacy, in which you bequeath your entire estate. You can also name Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal as your universal legatee in the event that you are predeceased by your spouse. Example: *I bequeath to my spouse all of my movable and immovable property and hereby institute him/*

*her as my universal legatee. In the event that I am predeceased by my spouse, I designate, in replacement of my spouse, Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal as my universal legatee.*

I hope this answers your questions. Feel free to contact me for more information. There is no obligation on your part. ■



Richard Gingras

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## GATHERINGS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

### September 2012

**Sunday, September 30, 2 p.m.**

Pilgrimage of Italian parishes and communities

**Friday, September 28, to Sunday, September 30**

Saint Joseph's Oratory joins in the celebration of *Les Journées de la culture*

Carillon workshops, guided tours of the museum exhibit *L'Oratoire magazine... One Hundred Years of History*, a public recital by *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal*, a special exhibit on the restoration of the Beckerath organ in the Basilica

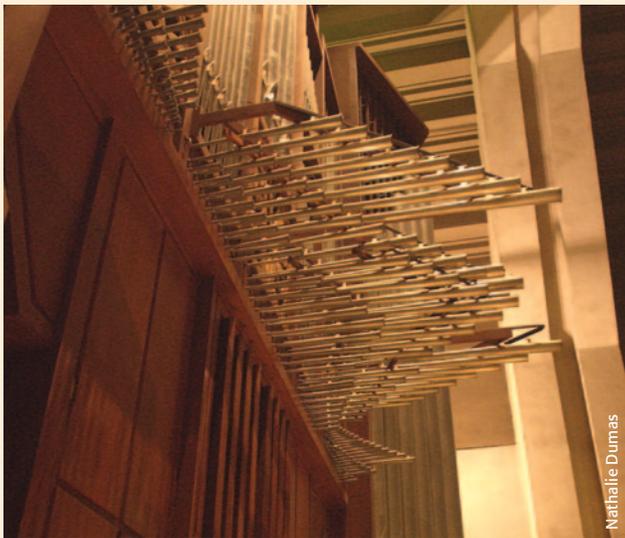
### October 2012

**Sundays, from October 7 to 28**

Sundays with the Associates of Brother André

Days of appreciation, by invitation only

Mass at 11 a.m. in the Basilica, followed by a meal



Nathalie Dumas

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### Schedule subject to change

Visit our website for more information on our events:

[www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org)

Or follow us on: [facebook.com/osaintjoseph](https://www.facebook.com/osaintjoseph)  
and [twitter.com/osjmr](https://twitter.com/osjmr)

### November 2012

At the Oratory Museum

Temporary exhibit on the animals from the manger, as well as the exhibit *Highlighting the Crèches of Quebec*

Admission fees, schedule, special rates for families and groups by reservation at Visitor and Pilgrim Services, 514-7338211 or [pelerinage@osj.qc.ca](mailto:pelerinage@osj.qc.ca)

**Sunday, November 4, 2:30 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha in the Basilica

### December 2012

**Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.**

Mass in Spanish in the Crypt Church

**Monday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Masses

6 p.m.: family mass

9 p.m. and midnight,

with *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal*

Organ concert before each Mass

9:15 p.m.: Mass in English in the Crypt Church

Passes for the 9 p.m. and midnight Masses are available as of Saturday, November 26, through the Information and Blessings Office

**Sunday, December 30**

Family Day

Blessing of pilgrims and families at 2:30 p.m. in the Crypt Church

Free admission to the Oratory Museum

**Monday, December 31**

11:30 p.m.: prayer, followed by midnight Mass in the Crypt Church with the Haitian community

**All these activities are conducted primarily in French except where noted.**

## A Kind Soul

Last May, at the dinner to honour the members of the Rector's Group, I met Germain Leclerc, who has held the rank of Councillor for many years.

Mr. Leclerc chose to support Saint Joseph's Oratory to support its ongoing work and, more specifically, its pastoral mission. He makes yearly donations to the Oratory and has prepared a planned gift to ensure his continued support after his death.

Mr. Leclerc agreed to discuss his attachment to the Oratory with me.

He was not even 6 years old and was living with his family in Alfred, Ontario, when Brother André died. He remembers his mother reading to the family from *Le Droit* newspaper, which covered the event, and even remembers the accompanying photos.

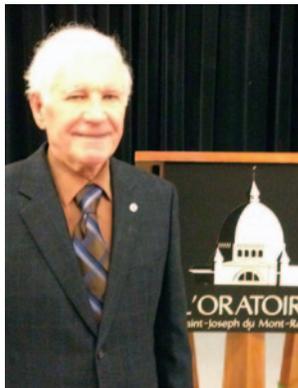
His little brother had suffered from severe eczema from birth. By age 2, his entire face was covered with it. His mother prayed to Brother André to help her son overcome the disease. Then, one day, the eczema cleared up and never came back! "My mother had always believed that Brother André had a special gift, and we believe it, too," he said.

Every year for the past 60 years, Mr. Leclerc has made a pilgrimage to Saint Joseph's Oratory. Wanting to help preserve this sacred space, in 1980 he became an Associate of Brother André and subscribed to *L'Oratoire* magazine, just as he remembered his mother receiving the *Annales de St-Joseph*. After that, he and his wife decided that, each year, they would do a little bit more. In 1990, they became Grand Associates of Brother André and, in 2006, they joined the Rector's Group as Councillors.

Motivated by a desire to help organizations whose mission is to spread the gospel, he also supports the community Marie-Jeunesse by sponsoring two youths.

Mr. Leclerc is not only a man of strong faith, but also a man of action. "I do my best to be a missionary here at home," he explained.

He is a teacher who has earned several degrees during his career: a teaching certificate, a Bachelor's degree in Education, a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and, finally, a Master's degree in Education.

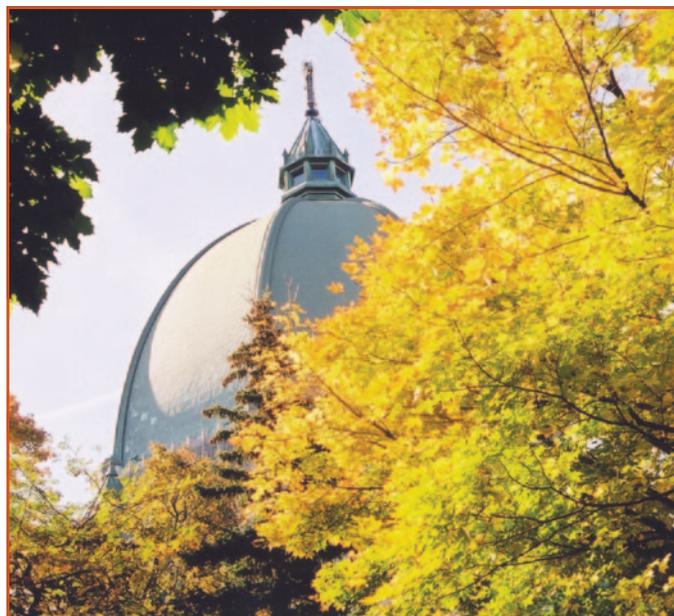


He is also a cycling enthusiast who recently completed a 102 km route. He raises money for a foundation in St-Jérôme and will soon be taking part in his 13<sup>th</sup> bicycle marathon.

Moreover, Mr. Leclerc volunteers at a retirement home, as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, where he reads that Sunday's scripture readings and distributes Holy Communion to residents. This is very much appreciated by people who are unable to attend mass for whatever reason.

Thank you, Mr. Leclerc, for sharing your experience with us. It is thanks to people like you that the mission of Brother André and Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal will continue.

If you would like to share your story with us, please contact me. It is always an honour; I would love to hear it! ■



### New

I have created a presentation on planned gifts (PowerPoint slide show), which is available on request for groups of five people or more. Why not host a presentation at your offices? If you are interested, please contact me. I will be happy to arrange a meeting. Other legal matters can be discussed after the presentation, according to the group's interests, such as living wills and power of attorney.

**Claudia Côté, B.A., LL.L.**  
Director  
Planned Giving Program

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benefactors are essential to the Oratory's ongoing existence and development, and we owe them our eternal gratitude. Their commitment is a testament to their desire to ensure the future of this 100-year-old institution, which is, and will always be, cherished by the disciples of Saint Joseph and Saint Brother André.

Long live the Rector's Group and its members! ■



### Les Journées de la culture at the Oratory

The cultural patrimony of Saint Joseph's Oratory will be highlighted during the festival *Les Journées de la culture*, [Culture Days] on September 28, 29, and 30. Promoted by the organization *Culture pour tous*, [Culture for Everyone], whose mission is the diffusion of Québec culture to every level of society, these three days of interactive activities are meant to contribute to the discovery and appreciation of art and culture and are offered for free throughout Québec. For the first time during the festival, the personnel of the Oratory will be sharing our heritage of music and museum. Several programs organized for the occasion will be offered to pilgrims and visitors.

- Andrée-Anne Doane, the Oratory's carillonneur, will offer workshops about the carillon to groups of schoolchildren on Friday the 28th and to any and all pilgrims and visitors on Sunday, September 30.
- *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal* will present a highly unusual public rehearsal in the Basilica of Saint Joseph's Oratory under the direction of Gilbert Patenaude, musical and artistic director, on Friday, September 28. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see up close this internationally famous chorale at work.

### Online donations

Saint Joseph's Oratory is proud to announce that it is now possible to make an online donation and support the shrine's mission. Simply access the Oratory's website at [www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org), and click the icon on the right of the screen.



You'll be given the choice between contributing to pastoral ministry or site restoration projects. Donating online is safe and easy, thanks to the *Caisse Desjardins's* security program, which is 100% guaranteed.

It is now possible to donate to a high sacred space that welcomes millions of pilgrims every year-without the need for a stamp, an envelope or a trip to the Post Office! What's stopping you? Visit us at [www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org) today!

- Chantal Turbide, conservator of the Oratory's Museum, has arranged for guided tours of the exhibit *L'Oratoire magazine... One Hundred Years of History*, on Sunday, September 30. Free admission all day Sunday.
- On the occasion of the official re-inauguration of the Beckerath organ foreseen for next October, a special program on its recent restoration will be presented in the Basilica on September 28, 29, and 30.

#### **Please note that these activities will be offered in French.**

Come and discover some "best-kept secrets" of our renowned shrine. For information about the complete schedule of programs, contact us, or visit our Internet site at [www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org).

