



# THE FRIEND OF BROTHER ANDRÉ

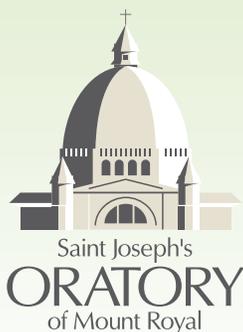
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## Unprecedented visibility

On October 17, 2010, the Universal Church added a home-grown saint to its ranks: Saint Brother André.

This recognition from the highest authorities brought with it unprecedented visibility to his life's work, both here and around the world. Thousands of new pilgrims were given the opportunity to learn about the extraordinary heritage left to us by the humble doorkeeper of Mount Royal. A happy result of Saint Brother André's canonization, no doubt.

Whenever there is an increased number of visitors, there is an increased need for services from the staff at Saint Joseph's Oratory. More than ever, Saint Brother André and his dear friend, Saint Joseph, need your support. We cannot let this unique and wonderful opportunity to do good pass us by.

When I say support, I don't just mean financial support. Of course, more visitors to the Oratory means more pressure on available financial resources. Don't get me wrong, any monetary donation on your part is greatly appreciated. But, more so than raising money, Brother André's friends and associates now have an even greater responsibility to promote his good work. To fulfil this mission, we need a thorough understanding of the man who started it all. We need to know about his life history, as well as about his spirituality, his way of living out the Gospel and the way he talked about his faith. This is no small challenge—and it's one I am inviting you to share in.

As you can see, we need you! Let's work together to spread the devotion to Saint Brother André and his beloved friend Saint Joseph. ■

**Mario Lachapelle, CSC**



Karine Gagnon

## August: the Month of Saint Brother André

A 1938 issue of The Oratory magazine reported that Brother André's birthday was officially celebrated for the first time on August 9 of that year, the year after his death on January 6, 1937. It also stated that, while living, Brother André preferred to celebrate his birthday quietly and humbly. But, the article continued, since he was no longer with us, Brother André's birthday celebrations would henceforth take on an entirely different tone: *"Now that he lives in glory, right next to Saint Joseph, we shall celebrate this joyous day by extolling his virtues."*

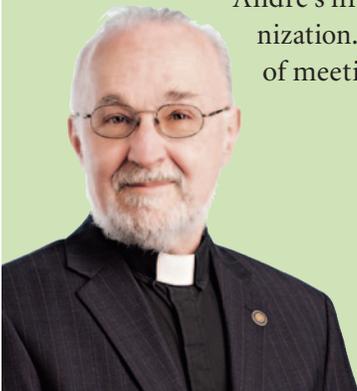


Nathalie Dumas

For decades, Brother André's birthday was preceded by a triduum or a novena, we have replaced this formula with a month of prayer and festivities dedicated to our friend, our brother whom the Church has proclaimed saint.

We invite pilgrims to converge on the Oratory to meditate on the life of Brother André, and to invoke him in prayer. A different activity is scheduled for every Sunday during the month of August: prayer gatherings, periods of reflection, films and documentaries, and special concerts. The celebration itself, on August 9, will be a more solemn affair, and on the last Sunday in August, a group of pilgrims will join the Christian community of the parish of Saint-Grégoire-le-Grand in Mont-Saint-Grégoire to joyfully celebrate Brother

André's first birthday since his canonization. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you there. ■



**Father Claude Grou, CSC**  
Rector

Maxime Boisvert



Archives of Saint Joseph's Oratory

## Connecting with Brother André more intimately

Many pilgrims who attended Brother André's canonization ceremonies in Rome expressed a strong desire to become friends or Associates of Brother André. Not only do they wish to support the work of Saint Joseph's Oratory financially, they also want to sustain it more closely through prayer or more directly by participating in its mission. They want to collaborate in any way they can. Incidentally, Brother André made it part of his life's ambition to establish closer and more respectful ties between the clergy and the lay community.

As the new Director of the Associates of Brother André, I welcome this call. And, I can assure you that it was very enthusiastically received by the administration and staff of Saint Joseph's Oratory.

Over the coming months, we will suggest various ways that you can come closer to Brother André, which I hope will fulfill the deep spiritual need that you feel.

Brother André's canonization was not only a joyful event, but also an unparalleled opportunity for new growth. Like Jesus and Saint Joseph, Saint Brother André urges us all to "Follow me!" Let us make our way on these new and exciting paths together. ■



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

Maxime Boisvert

## A fitting tribute to Saint Brother André

Since the canonization ceremonies, visibility for Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal is at an all-time high. Unparalleled numbers of pilgrims, visitors and tourists continue to flock to the Oratory from all over the world. This broad exposure increases our accountability to our visitors. Now more than ever, we need resources to meet the needs and expectations of visitors and pilgrims, and to pay homage to Saint Brother André.

Thanks to you, our generous donors, the mission of this splendid sanctuary, a haven of peace, beauty, comfort and fellowship open to pilgrims and visitors of all backgrounds, can carry on.

Many people choose to honour Saint Brother André through the gift of a bequest or life insurance to the Oratory, while others opt for a charitable annuity.

In addition to supporting the continuity of the Oratory's mission, each

planned gift comes with its own significant tax benefits.

Often, people are unaware that, when they die, most of them will leave behind a hefty income tax bill. Why? Because, according to tax laws, even if we earn only a modest income, we are all deemed to have disposed of our property at fair market value when we die, generating a capital gain.

Planned giving is therefore a strategy for offsetting the capital gains tax payable by the deceased's estate. The tax credit for a donation to a charitable organization (equivalent to almost half the donation amount) can be up to 100% of the donor's net income in the year of his death. Any excess amount can be carried over to the year following the death.

In addition to generously supporting Brother André's work for generations to come, you will have the peace of mind and satisfaction in knowing that, when

you die, your values will live on in our resplendent sanctuary.

Please feel free to contact me; as a legal expert with 14 years of experience, I am well positioned to help you. There is no obligation on your part, and our discussions will remain completely confidential.

Thank you to all our generous donors. I look forward to meeting with you. ■



Maxime Boisvert

**Claudia Côté, B.A., LL.L.**

Director

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André Charron

## GATHERINGS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

### June 2011

#### Exhibit: *The Saint of Mount Royal*

At the Oratory Museum; daily  
from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Don't miss our famous exhibit of nativity scenes  
from around the world!

Admission fees apply; special family  
and group rates by reservation:

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#### The Gardens of the Way of the Cross

These beautiful, original gardens are open to visitors.  
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Open all summer from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Annick Robert

### July 2011

#### Summer carillon concerts

Sunday, July 3, 10 and 17,  
and Sunday, August 7, at 2:30 p.m.

(45-minute recitals)

**July 3** – Frans Haagen,  
Almelo, Netherlands

**July 10** – Stefano Colletti,  
Saint-Amand-les-Eaux, France

**July 17** – Eddy Marien,  
Mechelen, Belgium

**August 7** – Jonathan Hebert and Andrée-Anne Doane,  
Quebec, Canada

AndréeAnne Doane,

Titular Carillonist at Saint Joseph's Oratory

Regular recitals: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays,  
at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Saturdays at 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Sundays at 12:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

### August 2011

#### Month of Saint Brother André

All activities will be conducted in French  
unless otherwise noted.

#### Sunday, August 7, 14 and 21

- Mini lectures at 1:15 p.m.
- Guided tours at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Scriptural prayer dedicated to Brother André, at 3 p.m.  
(except on August 21)
- Showing of documentaries on Brother André
- Veneration of the Relic of Saint Brother André

#### "Associates of Brother André" Sunday: Spreading the word!

#### Sunday, August 7

Stop by the Associates of Brother André booth  
at the entrance to the Votive Chapel!

#### Happy birthday, Brother André!

#### Tuesday, August 9

Free admission to the Oratory Museum

Thanksgiving masses in honour of Saint Brother André's  
birthday

Mass in English at 12:15 p.m.

Candlelight processional after the 7:30 p.m. mass

#### Prayers and music with actress Rita Lafontaine and her guests

#### Sunday, August 21, at 2 p.m.

Reading of prayers from the book *Prier avec frère André*  
in the Crypt Church

#### Annual pilgrimage to Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Brother André's birthplace

#### Sunday, August 28

Traditional pilgrimage to the birthplace  
of Brother André

Departure from the Oratory by bus at 9:30 a.m.;  
return around 4 p.m.

Mass at the parish church of Mont-Saint-Grégoire at 11 a.m.

Information and advance tickets on sale  
at the Visitor and Pilgrim Services office 514 733-8211  
or [pelerinage@osj.qc.ca](mailto:pelerinage@osj.qc.ca)), and on the day of the activity  
at the Information and Blessings Office

#### Schedule subject to change

Visit our website to learn  
more about our summer  
program:

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



## Thank You Brother André!

**Linda Drouin is a resident of Montreal North who wants to share the influence that Brother André and Saint Joseph have always had in her personal and family life. Her testimony is one of faith and hope.**

«I have so many stories about the often miraculous assistance I've received that I don't know where to start.

When my 20 year old husband started working in a high-risk job, I went to the Oratory with my mother-in-law to pray to Brother André for his protection. Shortly thereafter, in an act of heroism, he survived a bullet to the head. Seeing the path of the bullet on the x-ray, the doctor in the emergency room said: It's a miracle he's alive, because there was only one place for that bullet to go!

At another point in my life, I was in a small plane that was making a rocky landing. In the distance, I spotted the roof of the Oratory and I started praying with all my might. The plane stabilized and we landed safely.

Now that I'm a grandmother, I bring my 8-year-old grandson to the Oratory—I love having him there with me. I explain to him my philosophy about life and the history of this great place. It's not the statues that I venerate but rather the very essence that makes the Oratory such a unique place: faith! The faith that Brother André held in his heart, an unshakeable faith! I tell my grandson how this sickly and humble doorkeeper, who had nothing in life other than his faith, managed to make his dreams come true. He envisioned on this mountain an oratory dedicated to Saint Joseph. It was his ultimate dream and he did everything possible to make it come true. What a magnificent place, this Oratory!

For me, every opportunity is a good one to drop in, and every time I do, I discover something new, from the people I meet to the beauty of each day. When I'm driving, I always look for the dome in the distance, and I imagine there won't ever be a time when I will stop visiting.

On our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, our children surprised us by picking us up in a limousine to take us out for dinner. On the drive home with all the family on board, we stopped at the Oratory so that I could express my gratitude for this amazing gift in my life.

As far back as I can remember, I've always been impressed by Saint Joseph's Oratory. I adore this blessed

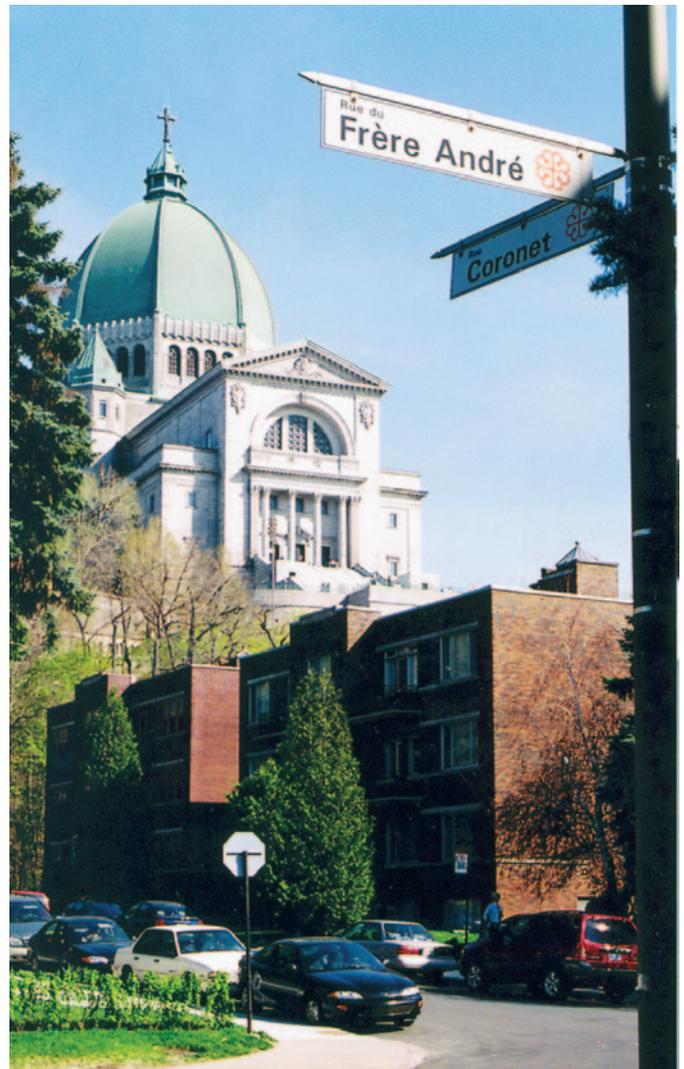
place; it's almost like my second home, a place where I can connect with God.

I've noticed that Brother André's tomb was placed just beneath the statue of Saint Joseph, as though to let us know that he is still, and always will be, the intercessor between us and his heavenly patron.

Every stage in my life, every happy or sad event, has been connected in some way to Saint Joseph's Oratory. There, I find comfort, hope, joy, inspiration and, often, wise advice.

Thank you, Brother André, from the bottom of my heart!» ■

Linda Drouin



André Charon

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### A new exhibit to discover

Since March 2011, visitors and pilgrims have been flocking to the retrospective exhibit on the canonization of Brother André. Visitors to the window displays, located near his heart, will learn about Brother André and his life and work, as well as his journey toward sainthood. Photographs, archival documents, objects and artwork highlight the major events in this chapter of history: the completion of the Basilica and the sanctuary's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the introduction of the cause, the beatification and canonization celebrations in Rome and the all-night vigil at the Oratory on October 17, 2010, the Thanksgiving Mass at Montreal's Olympic Stadium on October 30, 2010, and, finally, Brother André's international renown, depicted by an illuminated panel showing all the places around the world that bear his name—a testament to his mission of welcome. Come relive the remarkable moments in the life of this man whom we can proudly call Saint Brother André.



Annick Robert

### Live broadcast of Oratory French masses: *Sel et lumière Television*

Live from Monday through Saturday, at 8:30 a.m.  
For more information on how to subscribe,  
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or Salt + Light Television at 1-888-302-7181 or [info@saltandlighttv.org](mailto:info@saltandlighttv.org)  
The daily French mass at the Oratory can also be viewed  
at [www.seletlumieretv.org/messe](http://www.seletlumieretv.org/messe)

### Saint Joseph's Oratory in the Holy Land

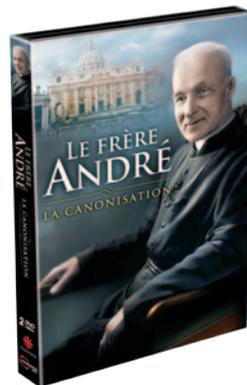
The *Voyage Hone* travel agency, in collaboration with Saint Joseph's Oratory, invites you on a pilgrimage – *Sur les pas de Joseph, Jésus et Marie* – to the breathtaking country that is Israel, also known as the Holy Land. You will be profoundly touched by the holy places visited on the south-to-north itinerary of the Holy Land. This pilgrimage to the most revered sites in Christianity, includes, among others, stops in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and Galilee.

Pilgrims on the two tours, scheduled for November and December 2011, will be accompanied by two members of the Oratory's pastoral team, namely Father Pierre Dufour, CSC, and Father Jean-Guy Vincent, CSC. For information and to register, contact *Voyage Hone* at 514-878-1000 or [www.voyagehone.com](http://www.voyagehone.com).

### BROTHER ANDRÉ – THE CANONIZATION

#### DVD box set now available in French only

You can now follow the path toward sainthood of the founder of Saint Joseph's Oratory with the new DVD box set entitled *Le frère André – La canonisation*, a joint production of Radio-Canada and Imavision. With this box set, which covers the canonization ceremony in Saint Peter's Square in Rome and the Thanksgiving Mass at Montreal's Olympic Stadium, you'll feel like you were there! It also contains a special program and a feature report on the pivotal moments in the canonization of this great man whose story is still deeply moving today, almost 75 years after his death.



This two-disc box set containing almost five hours of footage is available from the Saint Joseph's Oratory Gift Shop, on [IMAVISION.COM](http://IMAVISION.COM) or [www.boutiqueradio-canada.ca](http://www.boutiqueradio-canada.ca).