

THE FRIEND OF BROTHER ANDRÉ

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

Gathering Opportunities

Pilgrimage of the Haitian Community

On Saturday June 27, 2015,
at 5:30 PM:
Solemn Mass in the Basilica
presided over
by Cardinal Chibly Langlois,
bishop of Les Cayes, Haiti

Organ concert in the Basilica

Sundays, at 3:30 PM
Le printemps des orgues
until June 28

Les cathédrales en musique
from July 5 to October 4

Great Summer Airs of the Carillon

June 14, July 5, July 12 and August 9
at 2:30 PM
(more details on page 6)

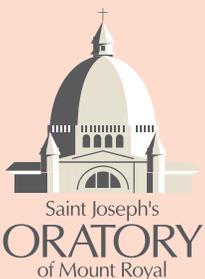
August: the month of Saint Brother André

Sunday August 9:
many activities at the occasion
of Saint André's birthday,
born Alfred Bessette
on August 9, 1845.

Sunday August 30:
pilgrimage to Mont-Saint-Grégoire,
birthplace of Saint André.



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Major Renovations to the Heating System in the Crypt Church

The heating system in the Crypt Church will need to be replaced in the coming months. "These are major repairs which cannot be put off any longer," explains Mr. Louis Prévost, Director of Material Resources.

Repairs were made last fall to reduce leaks. "The repairs helped to heat the Crypt Church during the winter, but there is still a lot of water leakage within the system," says Mr. Prévost. The holes in the steel pipes are caused by corrosion and the state of the system is consistent with normal wear. "The useful life of this type of pipe and system is 50 years; the system in the Crypt Church is nearly 100!"

The original heating system was installed in 1917 and has been modified over the years. How does it work? The system's starting point is located at the foot of the mountain, in a central boiler room where steam is produced. This is sent to Pavilion Sainte-Croix where exchangers transform the steam into hot water.

In turn, the water is pumped into pipes located in the space above the ceiling of the church, from where it descends into the Crypt Church's cast iron radiators. Pipes underneath the floor send the water to the exchangers where it is reheated.

"The work to be carried out will retain the current design," explains Louis Prévost. "We will change the broken pipes, replace the exchangers and the pumps. The old radiators in the church will be kept because they show no signs of deterioration."

The estimated cost of these renovations is \$400,000. We need your help so that the Crypt Church – where seven masses are celebrated every day – is heated properly all year round. This is also a good way to begin our journey toward 2017, when we will celebrate together the 100th anniversary of its construction on Mount Royal.

Nathalie Dumas



Keep the Lamp Burning

When Brother André died, on January 6, 1937, it might have been possible that this place of peace and light inspired by his radiant presence would gradually fade away. The opposite happened. Brother André understood the words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, “For God is the one who said: ‘Let the light shine out of darkness,’ and he has shone on our hearts to illuminate them with the glorious knowledge of God by the face of Christ. However, we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the power beyond what is normal may be God’s and not from us.”

(2 Corinthians 4:6, 7)

Brother André knew that he was only a lowly instrument bearing the light of Christ and that others would



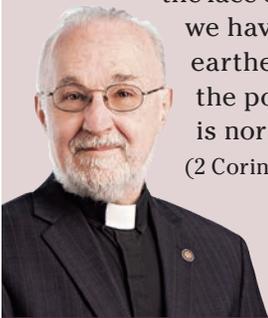
continue to bear it after him. He was able to pass on this flame which inspired thousands of people who continued to bear the light and pursue the work he had started.

For more than 110 years, generations of women and men have kept this lamp burning, passing the torch to us.

Today, a dynamic team supported by devoted volunteers and generous benefactors continue to bear this light in a world where it is needed more than ever.

When I stand in the Votive Chapel, surrounded by thousands of glowing lamps, I see the men and women who, just like you, help make Saint Joseph’s Oratory of Mount Royal a place of light.

Father Claude Grou CSC,
Rector



Brother André and the Improvement of the Oratory

To those who were worried about delays and problems relating to the progress of Saint Joseph’s Oratory of Mount Royal, Brother André would often say, “Don’t worry, it will succeed.”

In fact, Saint Brother André believed so strongly in divine providence and the support of Saint Joseph that he once said to one of his closest confidants, “Saint Joseph doesn’t need me as his contractor.” Our doorkeeper was convinced that the work would go on even after his death. His confidence was never synonymous with self-reliance, but rather with his conviction that if God wants it, it will happen.

As proof, God allowed Brother André to witness the construction of the Crypt Church in 1916, and its official inauguration in 1917. As well, many people saw him praying at the temporary Way of the Cross on the mountain in 1936. But, it would be his confreres and friends who saw the work completed on the dome of the Basilica in 1937, and

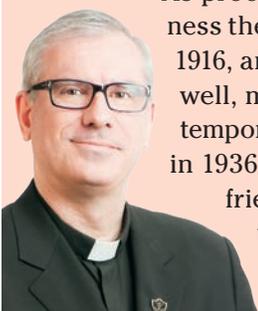
who admired the Way of the Cross and its stately gardens inaugurated in 1951.

However, André’s unflinching trust in divine providence never held him back from doing everything he could to ensure the Oratory’s future and its development, fully investing himself in his work.

As it happened, on September 28, 1936, one of the first decisions of the Oratory Council, of which Brother André was a member, did not involve restarting the work on the Basilica, but rather the outdoor Way of the Cross. While some people were surprised by this, Brother André explained, “There will be more conversions at the Way of the Cross on the mountainside, than in the Basilica, I think.” To Joseph Pichette, one of his close friends, he said: “If Saint Joseph wants his house, he’ll find a way to get the means to finish it.”

Like Brother André, let us show confidence regarding the advancement of Saint Joseph’s Oratory of Mount Royal and pursue its mission together.

Father Mario Lachapelle CSC,
Director of the Associates of Brother André



Planned Giving According to Your Means

It is always delightful to chat with you during annual events such as the dinner for the Grand Associates of Brother André on the Feast of Saint Joseph; the meeting of the Rector's Group on May 1st or during a visit to my office.

You have told me that you enjoy my articles on planned giving and for this I am grateful. It is very nice to know that you appreciate them.

One benefactor recently told me that he was saddened because financial constraints prevented him from supporting the Oratory the way he wanted to. This touched me deeply. So, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the significance of each gift, even if it seems very small in

your eyes. Is this not the example that Brother André left us, collecting each gift, no matter how small, to build and develop this wonderful shrine?

I have also noticed that people often mistakenly think they need a great fortune to leave a testamentary gift. Once you have made sure your family and loved ones have been provided for, you can choose to bequeath a greater or lesser part of your estate to Saint Joseph's Oratory. This sort of testamentary gift will not affect your life style.

The gift of residual interest

Another type of planned gift that has the advantage of dealing with financial constraints is the gift of residual

interest. You immediately donate an item of value (a property for example) but you continue to use it for the rest of your life, or for a fixed period. This type of gift also has the advantage of reducing your tax bill significantly because you are issued a receipt for the gift.

One couple recently told me about their philanthropic project of bequeathing a building to the Oratory upon their death. After consulting with their financial advisor, the couple realized that a bequest of the building would give the estate a tax credit, of which a large portion would not be used.

They changed their project into a residual gift by donating the building right away while continuing to use it for a fixed period of five years. This will allow them to enjoy tax credits during their lifetime by using the receipt during the first year or spreading it out over the next five years. Saint Joseph's Oratory will take possession of the building once the conditions set forth in the contract have been carried out, in five years.

The gift's present value

The assignment of a residence with the right to live in it until the person's death or for a fixed period of time constitutes an immediate gift, even though the Oratory will only take possession of it in the future. In order to issue a receipt for a gift, this type of gift requires an independent evaluation and calculation of the gift's present value (the net present value is based on the estimated number of years the donor maintains in interest in the item, the current fair market value and an appropriate annual discount). It is important to have the gift's value calculated by an independent expert.

In conclusion, I would be remiss if I did not update Saint Joseph's Oratory's



André Charron, CSC

charitable life annuity rates currently in effect because many of you have asked about it. Because it provides a guaranteed fixed income during the person's lifetime, eliminating all the worries associated with investments, the charitable life annuity has become increasingly popular over the years. The table below provides an overview. Feel free to contact me for a more accurate calculation of your financial situation.

Saint Joseph's Oratory's Charitable Life Annuity Rates

Take advantage of our attractive rates.

Age	Woman	Man
73	6,00%	6,75%
78	7,00%	8,00%
81	8,00%	9,00%
86	9,50%	10,00%

Thank you for your trust and support! If you would like more information on planned giving, feel free to contact me, without obligation and with complete confidentiality.



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A Tribute to Cécile Martin Potvin

Thanks to this lady, thousands of young people developed a love for books and reading. Here we pay tribute to Mrs. Cécile Martin Potvin, one of the pioneers at Éditions Fides. She died on January 7, 2015, at age 95.

An article published in *La Presse* on January 17 stated that Cécile Martin was part of the first cohort of women graduates in the 30s. Upon obtaining her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938, at Collège Basile-Moreau in Saint-Laurent, she began working for *Mes Fiches*, a magazine that was launched in 1937 by her brother Paul-Aimé Martin, a religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The magazine had a regular print run of ten thousand copies and contained suggestions for books and also encouraged young people to take their education into their



own hands by choosing reading material based on their interests. To her former education, Cécile Martin would go on to add a degree in journalism and another in library science, "something that was very rare for a woman in those days," states the *La Presse* journalist.

Mes fiches magazine, propelled by Jeunesse Étudiante Catholique (JEC), enjoyed unprecedented popularity among Quebec's youth and their teachers. Mrs. Martin, as an inspirational staff writer, certainly had something to do with it! From this success, Éditions Fides was born in 1940, with its first book printed by the Imprimerie Sainte-Croix on January 21, 1941.

Cécile Martin worked at Éditions Fides and sat on its Board of Directors until she married Armand Potvin, on May 16, 1953. Three children were born from this union: Lucie Ila, Jean-Marc and Bernard. Mrs. Martin Potvin then became the librarian at the *La Presse* documentation centre, after which she was in charge of the library service at the Centre hospitalier régional de Lanaudière.

"We, her children, were very proud of her career, even though our mother always remained very humble," says Jean-Marc Potvin, in *La Presse*. "*Mes Fiches* contributed to the intellectual shift of an entire generation of students in Quebec."

We would like to express our gratitude toward Mrs. Martin who chose to create a charitable gift annuity in 2006 to support Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. Her planned gift is added to the many generous gestures that contribute to the shrine's development and activities. We thank her and extend our deepest sympathies to the family.

Nathalie Dumas

Aurèle Boileau: An Active, Grateful and Generous Man

Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal has always occupied an important place in Mr. Aurèle Boileau's life. When he was a teenager, living in Laval-des-Rapides, his school would organize pilgrimages to the Oratory. "I have wonderful memories of those hikes from Laval to the Oratory," he says, happy to share his story with me. He shows me his book entitled: "Le livre de ma vie" (The Book of my Life) which took him an entire year to put together. It contains beautiful photographs of events that marked his life and the lives of family members (up to his great-grandparents) along with many anecdotes. A lovely treasure for his children and grandchildren!

At 92 years of age, Aurèle Boileau remains active and passionate about golf and bridge. He proudly agreed to be photographed with his trophies. Mr. Boileau enjoyed a successful career as a financial advisor with the Investors Group, for 40 years, retiring at age 77.

For a bit over two years now, Saint Joseph's Oratory has been privileged to count Mr. Boileau among its benefactors. He began by joining the *Associates of Brother André* and shortly thereafter became a *Grand Associate of Brother André*. "Today," he proudly states, "I am a member of the Rector's Group!" He notes with satisfaction that the Oratory remains relevant, effective and continues to evolve.

With faith in Saint Joseph and Saint André

Life was not always easy for Aurèle Boileau. He has had some health problems, in particular with his hips. He required surgery in January 2013. Despite this, he still held onto his faith in Saint Joseph and Saint Brother André. The following March, while he was waiting for a second operation on his right hip, he visited Saint Joseph's Oratory. He asked Saint Joseph and Saint Brother André to help him. "As I left the Oratory, I no longer needed my cane for getting around and I was no longer in any pain," he tells us. He even started to play golf once again in July. "I played nineteen times between July and October!" he says with a wide smile that says a lot about his love for the game. "Thank you, Brother André!" he is quick to add.

A private foundation

Mr. Boileau reminds us that good financial planning takes each individual's financial reality into consideration, so everyone can come out a winner. A philanthropist at heart, in 2006 he created a private foundation, the "Fondation de la Famille Boileau," which is administered by Investors. Every year, his foundation supports recognized charitable



organizations. Aurèle Boileau told me about his project to add Saint Joseph's Oratory to his foundation's list of organizations for an additional annual gift that would double his current yearly contribution. Mr. Boileau has provided for the gifts to the Oratory to increase in the future, at the same pace as his foundation's assets.

Pledges for gifts, such as from Mr. Boileau and his foundation, are highly valued at the Oratory since they allow us to develop projects for the future of this wonderful shrine and ensure its existence for generations to come. Because he was a teacher for fourteen years, it has always been very important to Mr. Boileau to share his values with the future generations. "By setting an example through our commitments and our actions, we can look forward to seeing coming generations continue down the same path and preserve the riches we leave them," he says in conclusion. In the name of Saint Joseph's Oratory, and on my own behalf, I would like to thank Mr. Aurèle Boileau for his highly regarded support of the mission.

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

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New Exhibition

The new exhibition at the Oratory Museum, which opened on May 7, focuses on 78 new works by artist **André Bergeron RCA** created between 2000 and 2015. The exhibition entitled *Daily Painting* will be presented until October 12. Don't miss it!

Illumination

The gardens of the Way of the Cross will be open until 10 PM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during August, "Month of Saint Brother André". Discover Louis Parent's group of monuments, as well as the magnificent illuminated landscape. A must see!



60th Anniversary of the Carillon

On Sunday May 17, **Andrée-Anne Doane** will give a carillon recital at the Oratory commemorating the inaugural concert of May 15, 1955. On the occasion of this 60th anniversary, an open door will be held between noon and 2 PM. Come and learn more about this unique instrument made up of 56 bells. Then, *Great Summer Aairs of the Carillon* presents Dr. Andrea McCrady from Ottawa, on June 14; Amy Johansen from Australia, on July 5; Koen Cosaert and Florian Cosaert from Belgium, on July 12 and, finally, **Andrée-Anne Doane**, **David Doane** and **Gabriel Doane Picard** from Montreal, on August 9, the birth date of Saint Brother André, founder of Saint Joseph's Oratory.

From the Organ Loft

In 2015, no less than 51 organ concerts will be held in the Basilica, including 12 by **Vincent Boucher**, the Oratory's new titular organist. During the year, 17 international organists from France, the United States, England, Australia, Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Sweden will perform on the Beckerrath organ. *Le printemps des orgues* will be held until June 28, followed by the *Les cathédrales en musique* series, from July 5 to October 4, featuring cathedral organists of Europe and Canada. Special emphasis will be placed on up-and-coming musicians and composers. A promising season! Organ concert each Sunday at 3:30 PM. For complete schedule: www.saint-joseph.org

