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

SPRING 2018

Gathering Opportunities

Sunday Concerts

15:30, in the Basilica
Montreal Sacred Music Series
March 4 to April 29, 2018

Nuit Blanche à Montréal

Choirs-all-night

Saturday March 3
20:30 to 1:00, in the Crypt Church
Free admission

Oratorio by Massenet

Vocal quartet and
Jean-Michel Grondin, organ
Sunday March 18
17:30, in the Crypt Church

Novena and Feast of Saint Joseph

March 10 to 19
Living the Heritage
(see more details on page 6)

Banquet for the Grand Associates of Brother André

March 19
In Joseph Olivier Pichette Hall
(by invitation)

Exhibition at the Oratory Museum

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Saint Joseph's
ORATORY
of Mount Royal

Welcome!

Relocation of reception and service areas

In preparation for the next steps in the grand development project, much preparatory work has been completed in the past few months. The Oratory has committed to maintaining its activities throughout the entire duration of the work – which will begin later in the year – and, as always, welcoming visitors remains its top priority. The recent opening of new dedicated reception and service spaces already offers pilgrims and visitors a slightly different, but facilitated, experience upon their arrival at the shrine.

The Oratory's shuttle now stops at the new main entrance, which was moved to the esplanade outside the Basilica (Level 5) along with visitor services. It provides continuous service all day long, from Queen Mary Road to the esplanade. A second stop is proposed at the entrance to the Crypt Church; it will be kept until the beginning of the work.

There is a nice surprise at the entrance: visitors are greeted with two magnificent dioramas portraying scenes of the life of the Holy Family, created by the artist Joseph Guardo.

A few feet away, you'll find services for pilgrims, all in one convenient area. The Information Desk is now located there, where visitors can find various resources to facilitate their visit, including the new *Visitor's Guide*. The *La Sainte-Fringale* Coffee Shop and the new Gift Shop are also close by, as well as the Oratory Museum. From there, pilgrims can take the elevators or escalators to get to the places of worship.

Welcome everyone, and enjoy your visit!

*See the photos of the new reception
and service areas on page 5. ▶*



In Easter's Light

Each year, during the Easter Vigil at Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, I am deeply moved by the splendid liturgy of fire and light. As more than a thousand candles are lit to proclaim the presence of Christ, the "Light of the World," the entire Basilica is suddenly flooded with light. The humble contribution of each person adds to this powerful radiance; each small flame joins the others to light up the space.

In October 1904, a simple ritual in a simple oratory was the first spark that would quickly go on to illumine the

lives of so many pilgrims. The man behind this project was there, but inconspicuous, delighted that in this new shrine, a glow began to outline the figure of Saint Joseph.

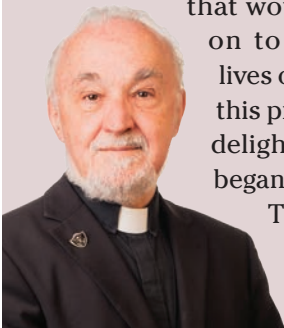
Thirteen years later, in December of 1917, the broad and beautiful Crypt Church was inaugurated. It was

here, the following spring, that the light of the Easter celebration gleamed in all its splendor.

The small oratory erected by Brother André brought a ray of light to the slope of Mount Royal. Women and men carrying their burdens of misery made their way up the mountain to meet this man who conveyed God's compassion. Since its beginnings, Saint Joseph's Oratory has remained for so many people a place where all can feel the presence of the risen One who lights our way.

Animated by the fire that blazes on Easter night, we stride into the heart of the world lifting high this torch, so that, by means of our words and actions, the light of the risen Christ may shine forth. May Saint Brother André walk with us!

Father Claude Grou, CSC
Rector



Living the Heritage

As we approach the March Novena, the theme of which is "Living the Heritage," one cannot help but think of the charisma of Saint André. He so genuinely played his part in helping thousands learn about and love Saint Joseph. By spending time under the caring gaze of Saint Joseph, Brother André learned how to extend hope and how to disclose and share the riches of God's love.

Even today, Brother André teaches us to appreciate what a worthy traveling companion Saint Joseph is. Saint Joseph has the look of someone who sees, understands and welcomes... "The carpenter's gaze evokes a desire toward growth in those who encounter its unforeseen gentle warmth." (Olivier Le Gendre, "Le charpentier," Éditions Anne Sigier, 1994.)

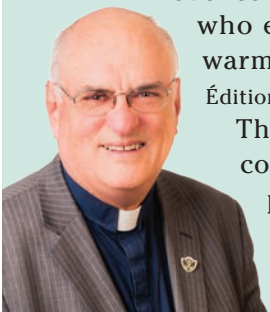
The month of March is a good time to come up and visit Saint Joseph in the peaceful quiet of his home, to have a probing face-to-face encounter. A time to see and be seen by one who

is infused with God's love. A gaze of tender kindness, Joseph's gaze has the ability to soothe and assure and encourage.

To take the time to observe Joseph is to understand his modest and sensible manner of uncovering and tending to the presence of God's love in his life. It is also a way to get to know an exceptional teacher capable of helping us and guiding us to grow in our will to serve our sisters and brothers.

Let us go to Joseph as Saint André so often did, and let ourselves be wrapped in his gaze. Let us learn the secret which led him to live so ardently and allowed him, with Mary, to bring into the world Christ, the one who reveals the Father's love.

Father Jean-Pierre Aumont, CSC
Co-Director of the Associates



Two priests sharing the Oratory's mission

Both are named Bernard. One is a Dominican, the other a member of the Clerics of St. Viator.

These two priests work together on the mission of welcome and compassion at Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal along with the Congregation of Holy Cross. Father Bernard East, OP, and Father Bernard Paquette, CSV, came to support the sanctuary's pastoral team, particularly for sacramental confession and listening and providing spiritual guidance to pilgrims.

Throughout the world

Another thing the priests have in common is that they have both travelled the world. Through his religious vocation as a Cleric of St. Viator, Bernard Paquette was a long-time missionary in Peru and Chile. He also lived in Guatemala, Mexico, Brazil and the United States. "Now, even here in Montréal, people need the experiences I acquired in these different countries," says Father Paquette, who



Father Bernard Paquette, CSV

speaks French, Spanish, English and a few words of Portuguese.

Though he was an assistant to the Master of the Order of Friars Preacher, Bernard East has travelled to numerous countries. He also lived in Cameroon for a time. "My experiences speaking certain languages and particularly living



Father Bernard East, OP

with different cultures have prepared me to welcome people at the Oratory who come from diverse backgrounds," he says. "Knowing a bit about the culture of the people you are speaking with adds depth to an encounter."

In the spirit of the founders

Pilgrims have many spiritual needs. "Requests for attention, mercy and guidance give meaning to my vocation as a priest in Quebec," explains Father Paquette.

This collaborative effort within the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross is in line with the beginnings of the two religious communities in Quebec. Bernard Paquette points out that this apostolate is "in line with

Father Basile Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and Father Louis Querbes, founder of the Clerics of St. Viator who both sent French religious to Montréal, in 1847, at the invitation of Bishop Bourget, travelling aboard the same ship."

Listening and spiritual guidance

Bernard East knew little of Saint Joseph's Oratory before beginning his pastoral work here four years ago. Drawing on an eight-century-old tradition of the Order of Friars Preacher, he will participate in the preaching of the Novena to Saint Joseph on March 10, 11 and 12.

On a day-to-day basis, it is primarily through giving his attention that he gets closer to people, though the sacrament of Reconciliation. "Since I've been a priest, I've always reserved a significant portion of my time to make myself available to receive penitents," he says, "as well as those requesting spiritual guidance."

Serving the mercy of God

"How grateful people are for the priest's presence in the Oratory's services, morning to evening, every day of the year!" says Bernard Paquette, remarking the great thirst for mercy among pilgrims and happy to be available to listen to them.

The work begun by Brother André is well served by the two Bernards and the pilgrims are well received. "Saint Brother André healed, but always in connection with the faith of those who came to him. He had trust in God's goodness and infinite mercy," says Bernard East. Who doesn't need the goodness of the Lord and his great mercy?"

A donation within everyone's reach!

To make a planned donation to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal is believing in the mission of Saint Brother André and committing to support the pursuit of this mission for future generations.

While direct donations are still very important in meeting the Oratory's immediate needs, planned giving supports the sustainability and continuity of this institution.

Whether part of your financial, tax or estate planning, planned donation can take multiple forms: a **charitable bequest** is a good example.

It's a common misconception that you must be wealthy in order to donate to a cause that is important to you after you die. However, this is not true; everyone has the means to make a charitable bequest. It's a way to deliver on a

heartfelt commitment and pass on your values through your legacy, regardless of the size of your estate.

There are many ways to make a charitable bequest to Saint Joseph's Oratory:

- Specific bequest
- RRSP
- RRIF
- Life insurance policy
- Real estate
- Securities
- Universal bequest
- Artwork

If the mission of Saint Joseph's Oratory is important to you and you'd like to learn more about our planned giving program, please contact me. We can have an open and confidential discussion to make sure your wishes are respected.

Anything is possible if you wish to help pursue the dream of Saint Brother André!



Mr. Daniel Théorêt

Director

Planned Giving Program

514 733-8211, ext. 2523

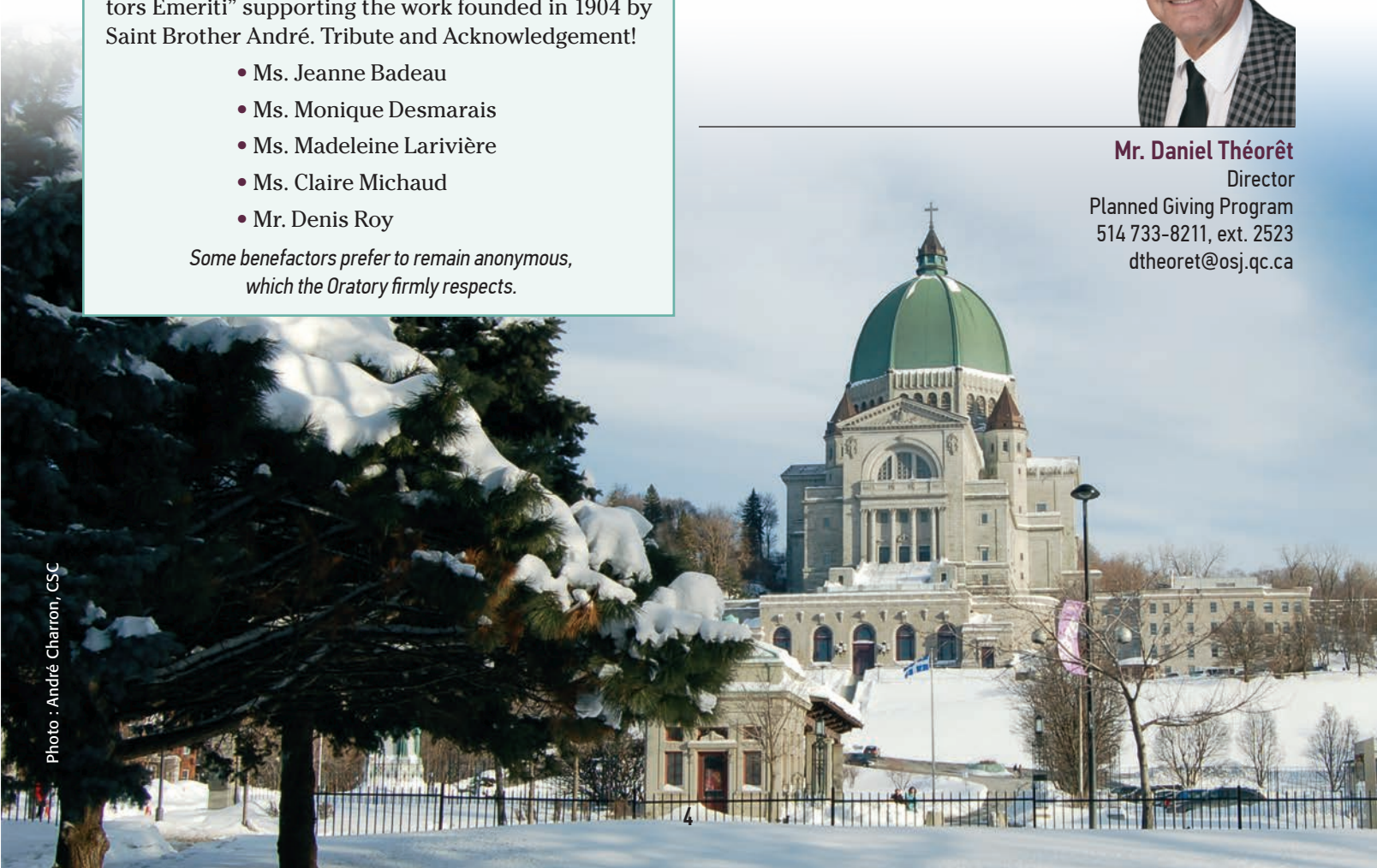
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Honouring 2017 Benefactors Emeriti

We would like to thank everyone who made a bequest or other planned donation to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal in 2017. In doing so, you become "Benefactors Emeriti" supporting the work founded in 1904 by Saint Brother André. Tribute and Acknowledgement!

- Ms. Jeanne Badeau
- Ms. Monique Desmarais
- Ms. Madeleine Larivière
- Ms. Claire Michaud
- Mr. Denis Roy

Some benefactors prefer to remain anonymous, which the Oratory firmly respects.



A quick tour of the relocated service areas



Welcome to the Oratory! The Information Desk has been relocated near the new Main Entrance on the level of the Basilica Esplanade.



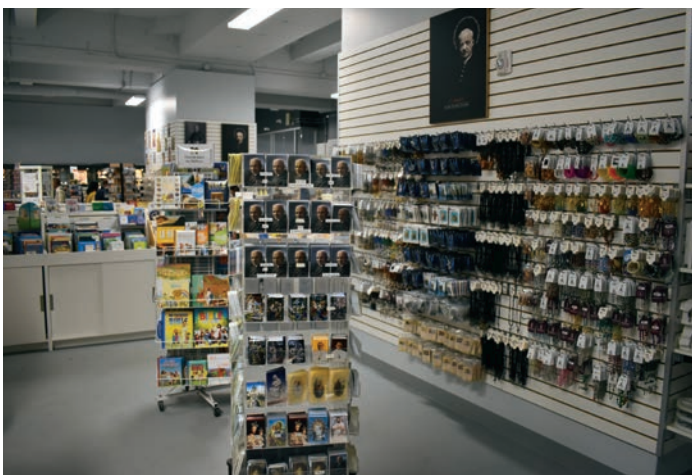
Two dioramas about the life of Saint Joseph are now visible from the entryway and draw visitors' attention.



The Coffee Shop, *La Sainte-Fringale*, offers various light meals, snacks, and a selection of coffees.



The Museum's entrance has become a hub giving access to the various services and from where one goes to the places of prayer.



Now located in the same area as the other services, the main Gift Shop is easy to get to — it's actually bigger and more efficient.



Visitors to the Gift Shop will find a wide variety of objects of piety, souvenirs and gifts.

Living the Heritage through the Novena!

The Novena to Saint Joseph which will be taking place from March 10 to 18, 2018 has for its theme: "Living the Heritage".

Once again this year, the novena will be preached by three religious of the Dominican Order, Bernard East, OP (March 10, 11, and 12), Yvon Pomerleau, OP (March 13, 14, and 15), and Michel Gourgues, OP (March 16, 17, and 18).



LIVING THE HERITAGE
NOVENA AND FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

FROM MARCH 10 TO 18, 2018
PREACHING AT 14:00 AND 19:30
BERNARD EAST, OP
YVON POMERLEAU, OP
MICHEL GOURGUES, OP

BILINGUAL MASSES
MARCH 13 AND 15 AT 19:30

ENGLISH MASSES
MARCH 11 AND 18 AT 11:15
MARCH 19 AT 12:30 AND 20:00

SOLEMN CELEBRATIONS
IN THE BASILICA ON MARCH 19
10:00 MSGR. PIERRE MORISSETTE
BISHOP OF SAINT-JÉRÔME
14:30 MSGR. CHRISTIAN RODEMBOURG, M.S.A.
BISHOP OF SAINT-HYACINTHE
19:30 MSGR. CHRISTIAN LÉPINE
ARCHBISHOP OF MONTRÉAL

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED IN FRENCH, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED
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 ORATORY of Mount-Royal

Preaching takes place twice a day, at 14:00 and 19:30. These nine days of prayer and recollection serve as spiritual preparation for the Feast of Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary and Patron Saint of the Oratory.

Hence, Monday, March 19, on the Feast of Saint Joseph, two English Masses will take place in the Crypt Church at 12:30 and 20:00. Three Solemn Masses, will be celebrated in French in the Basilica: one at 10:00 presided over by Most Rev. Pierre Morissette, Bishop of Saint-Jérôme, another at 14:30 presided over by Most Rev. Christian Rodembourg, M.S.A., Bishop of Saint-Hyacinthe, and another at 19:30 presided over by Most Rev. Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montréal.

For more information on this most important event in the life and tradition of our shrine, please consult our website: www.saint-joseph.org or contact Visitor and Pilgrim Services, 514 733-8211.

Welcome to all!



CONCERTS DU DIMANCHE 2018

MONTRÉAL
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DU 4 MARS AU 29 AVRIL
QUATRE CHŒURS | UN SOLISTE | NEUF ORGANISTES

LES DIMANCHES À 15:30
BASILIQUE DE L'ORATOIRE SAINT-JOSEPH
ENTRÉE LIBRE, CONTRIBUTION À DISCRETION
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Sunday Concerts

**Montreal
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Four Choirs
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A Solist
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Nine Organists
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March 4 to April 29, 2018

Sundays at 15:30
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