Recognition Program

The Benefactors of Saint Joseph’s Oratory of Mount Royal

The most important Shrine in the world dedicated to Saint Joseph
A place of Openness
An invaluable Heritage
From a dream to its realization

No one can be indifferent to Saint Brother André. He remains one of a few great Quebecers who left his mark in both Montréal and the province of Quebec’s history. He belongs to a special group of founders and builders who have a way of inspiring us. It was while he was looking at the mountain in front of him that he said, “I have a dream, I would like to erect a chapel for those who want to pray to Saint Joseph.”

At 60 years of age, Brother André began building what would be the biggest shrine dedicated to Saint Joseph. This charismatic man was not only the builder of a great monument of stone but he was also a contributor to a vibrant committed Christian community. Saint Brother André continues to be present today, a source of inspiration and a loyal friend for women and men of all beliefs. Openness, reflection and encounter are among the values that span generations.

“Seldom have I found someone who came to the Oratory, without leaving as a better person, more consoled and without having received some favour”, said Brother André. For him, each individual is important in God’s eyes and no one is excluded from his love. More than 2.5 million pilgrims and visitors make their way to Saint Joseph’s Oratory of Mount Royal each year. This venerable place of spirituality, culture, and nature offers you a unique experience.
Why support Saint Joseph’s Oratory?

When you join the growing family of benefactors, you are part of those close to Saint Brother André. He pursued his dream to build a shrine to pray to Saint Joseph, but it was only the start of the timeline of this invaluable heritage. The generosity of the “protectors” of the work of Saint Brother André enables it to bequeath to future generations a place of openness, gathering and reflection. Saint Joseph’s Oratory has confidence in the generosity of its donors to ensure the shrine’s sustainability.

There are several reasons why our benefactors commit themselves, here are a few of them:

- I prayed to Saint Joseph and to Brother André during a very low point in my life, they helped me see the light and gave me back hope
- My parents were proud to be Grand Associates of Brother André, it was part of our family values and I wish to continue their gift pledge
- In recognition and gratitude for a favour obtained from Saint Joseph
- Because Brother André has always been there for my family since we arrived in Montréal, it is a universal and non-judgmental place of openness
- I could not imagine Montréal’s skyline without Saint Joseph’s Oratory’s Dome, it is a valuable architectural heritage I wish to see for a long time
The Friends of Brother André

Donors whose annual donations total between $50 and $149.

To acknowledge and thank these donors, they are offered:

• The Friend of Brother André newsletter
• A medal of Saint Brother André or Saint Joseph.
• The monthly online newsletter

The Associates of Brother André

Donors whose annual donations total $150 or more.

In addition to the privileges enjoyed by the Friends of Brother André, they are offered:

• Saint Joseph’s Oratory calendar
• A Privilege Card which offers a 20% rebate at the Oratory Gift Shop
• An invitation to the Associates’ annual meeting including a religious celebration followed by a fraternal meal.
• The monthly online newsletter
Donors whose contributions have reached a total of $2,000 or more.

The Grand Associates comprise three levels:

- **Grand Associates** whose donations have reached $2,000
- **Distinguished Grand Associates** whose donations have reached $5,000 or more
- **Eminent Grand Associates** whose donations have reached $10,000 or more.

In addition to the privileges enjoyed by the Associates of Brother André, they are offered:

- The Grand Associate medallion of Saint Brother André, a membership pin and an honorary certificate
- An invitation to the Grand Associates’ meeting during the novena in March for those who will have contributed, during the previous year, a total of $150 or more.
- The monthly online newsletter
The Rector’s Circle

Donors whose total annual contributions reach $1,000 or more.

The Rector’s Circle comprises four levels:

**Builders**
contribute annually between $1,000 and $2,499

**Counsellors**
contribute annually between $2,500 and $4,999

**Vice-Governors**
contribute annually between $5,000 and $9,999

**Governors**
contribute annually $10,000 or more.

To acknowledge and thank these donors, they are offered:

- A certificate for new members
- A pin indicating how many years a member has been part of the Rector’s Circle: 1 year, 5 years, and 10 years
- A medallion of Saint Brother André for those who have participated for 15 years
- An invitation to the Rector’s Circle meeting to take part in a religious celebration followed by a fraternal meal on the occasion of the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker, on May 1.
- The monthly online newsletter
The Guardians of the Oratory

Donors who have planned a gift by will, a gift of life insurance, a charitable gift annuity or any other type of differed gift.

To acknowledge and thank these donors who have made a gesture of great kindness, they are offered:

- The Friend of Brother André newsletter
- Saint Joseph’s Oratory calendar
- A silver medal of Saint Brother André
- An invitation to take part in a religious celebration followed by a fraternal meal, on the occasion of the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, on May 1.
- The monthly online newsletter