



Join The Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal this October for the North American celebration of the canonization of Blessed Brother André Bessette, C.S.C., the “Miracle Man of Montreal” and founder of Saint Joseph’s Oratory.



Day 1: Depart Easton, Massachusetts

We will depart Massachusetts (Two departure locations: North Easton & Woburn) by bus and make our way north to Montreal, the second largest French-speaking city in the world. Upon arrival we will be treated to a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Montreal

After breakfast at the hotel, we will enjoy a fantastic sightseeing tour of Montreal highlighting Notre Dame Cathedral, Jacques Cartier Square and McGill University. The tour continues with a stop high atop Mount Royal from which the surrounding view is spectacular. Also atop Mount Royal is Saint Joseph’s Oratory. Founded by Brother André in 1904, the Oratory grew gradually over the years from a small chapel to the grand structure seen today. It remains the tallest church in the Americas and the world’s largest shrine dedicated to Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church.

Highlights of the Oratory include the magnificent upper basilica with its towering walls of Canadian Granite, the tomb of Brother André, a votive chapel with more than 10,000 candles, as well as the simple original chapel where the humble Brother once resided. There is also a garden with a life-size Stations of the Cross.



Saint Joseph’s Oratory, Montreal

The remainder of the day is at leisure for independent exploration of the city, or perhaps to remain on Mount Royal to explore the Oratory’s museums. These include an art museum, an exhibit of nearly 300 Nativity scenes from around the world, as well as a new exhibit entitled “Brother André - The Saint of Mount Royal.”

Day 3: Montreal

This morning enjoy breakfast at a local sugar house nestled in the Quebec countryside. Learn about the traditions of maple syrup making and enjoy sampling many traditional foods made with the delicious syrup. Later today we head to Montreal’s Olympic Stadium for the celebration of the Canonization of Brother André Bessette, C.S.C. While he will officially be

canonized in Rome on October 17th, this is the local celebration of the event. The domed-stadium, built for the 1976 Summer Olympics, has hosted many significant events over the years, including a youth rally with Pope John Paul II in 1984, and the local celebration of the beatification of Brother André in 1982. This evening we will continue the celebration with a special dinner.

Day 4: Montreal – Tour Ends

After breakfast at the hotel, return to St. Joseph’s Oratory this morning to celebrate Mass. Later, depart for home.

Please Note: The above itinerary is tentative pending the release of the final schedule of events surrounding the celebration of the canonization . A final itinerary will be available prior to departure.

**Rates...*

Double: \$715 pp

Single: \$915 pp

Triple: \$685 pp

** Please note a minimum of 32 passengers is necessary to allow this trip to run.*



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VACATIONS

October 28 to October 31, 2010
(Thursday to Sunday)



Includes...

- Deluxe motor coach from N. Easton, & from Woburn, Massachusetts
- Three-nights lodging at Montreal's *Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel*
 - Montreal sightseeing tour
- 5 meals - 3 breakfasts & 2 dinners
 - Baggage handling
 - plus -
- Canonization celebration
- Daily Mass & Rosary & More!

Want to join the tour, but travel to Montreal on your own?

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***“The Holy Cross Miracle
Man of Montreal”***

Orphaned as a child, Alfred Bessette entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in Canada in 1870, barely able to read or write. Stricken with frailty and ill health, he served as the doorkeeper at College Notre Dame, a boarding school located in Montreal.

Often, while delivering messages about town, Brother André would stop to visit and pray with the sick. He



Brother André

recommended that people pray to St. Joseph to obtain favors, and he gently rubbed the sick with oil that came from a burning lamp located just behind a statue of Saint Joseph in the school's chapel.

In time, Brother André slowly began to earn a reputation as a miracle worker. To this, the humble Brother responded: “I am nothing...only a tool in the hands of Providence, a lowly instrument at the service of Saint Joseph.”

As reports of this healing power brought greater crowds to the college, his superiors granted him permission to construct a small chapel across the street on the slope of Mount Royal. This was to become the beginning of Saint Joseph's Oratory.

When Brother André died in January of 1937 at the age of 91, more than a million people climbed the slope of Mount Royal to venerate the hands that had healed so many. Today Saint Joseph's Oratory is a world famous pilgrimage destination attracting more than two million visitors a year. Brother André was beatified by Pope John Paul II in May of 1982, while this past February Pope Benedict XVI announced that he would be canonized in Rome on October 17th, 2010.

*A Pilgrimage & Tour to
Montreal, Canada
for the local celebration of the
Canonization of*

Blessed Brother André Bessette, C.S.C.
“The Miracle Man of Montreal”



with

Father John Phalen, C.S.C.
President, Holy Cross Family Ministries



Departing, Thursday, October 28, 2010

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