



# THE FRIEND OF BROTHER ANDRÉ

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



Nathalie Dumas

## The friends of Saint Brother André support a unique pastoral ministry

Saint Joseph's Oratory is proud to offer pastoral services to pilgrims 365 days of the year, between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. In addition to celebrating seven masses daily, the shrine is staffed by priests for 10 hours a day for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Priests or members of the pastoral team are on hand to greet visitors in the Information and Blessings Office for over eight hours every day.

This service for pilgrims and visitors is the fulfillment of a dream for Saint Brother André, who had intended for the Oratory to become a place of welcome and prayer where everyone could find comfort and solace in a serene atmosphere.

At a time when many churches are being forced to limit access to the public, we are proud to say that we are open every day, ready to receive those seeking a place where they can pray calmly in silence, and we have staff on hand to greet them and support them on their spiritual journey. In a

hectic city like Montréal, the Oratory is a haven of peace for its visitors.

To be able to offer these services, we rely on some twenty priests and brothers, supported by a team of pastoral agents, sacristans, leaders of song, organists, and others who staff the times and places in the shrine dedicated to prayer, singing and liturgical music. This group is also assisted by an excellent team of volunteers who dedicate their time making sure pilgrims have a beautiful and tranquil environment in which to worship.

In 2011, our pastoral services accounted for \$900,000 and that's not counting heating and maintenance costs for the worship spaces. Your financial support is crucial to making sure we can maintain this level of service.

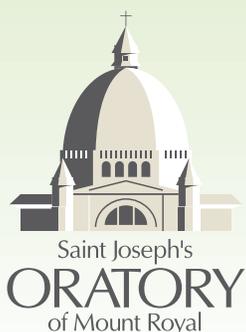
Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to open our doors to those who come to Saint Joseph's Oratory seeking a peaceful place where they can lift their hearts up to God. ■

**Claude Grou, CSC**

**Become an Associate  
of Brother André  
today!**

As an Associate,  
you'll become a family member  
of a group dedicated  
to supporting  
the pastoral mission  
of Saint Joseph's Oratory  
through their donations.

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## Saint Brother André and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

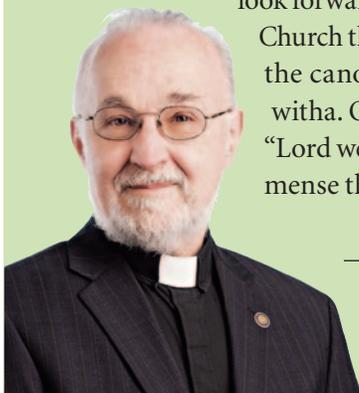
On October 21, 2012, two years after the canonization of Brother André, the Church will elevate Kateri among the ranks of the saints of the Universal Church. Kateri was born in what is now the U.S. state of New York, although it was in Canada that she pursued her simple life of prayer and humble service. Her tomb is located in the First Nations reserve of Kahnawake, near Montréal. The woman popularly known as the “Lily of the Mohawks” was baptised at age 20. Until her death at age 24, Kateri dedicated her life to an intense spiritual quest marked by prayer and contemplation.



Brother André and Kateri, different yet alike, are a reflection of the vitality of Christian life in our country. The Native American Kateri lived during the 17th century when the Church on this continent was still in its infancy, whereas Brother André was born at the turn of the 20th century, by which point Christianity was firmly established. Although under very different circumstances, they are united by their profound faith in God.

Saints are like prisms—they each reflect God’s light in their own way. Their witness allows us to understand the many facets of God’s grace working in our world. Both are now part of the communion of saints and blessed of Canada.

Saint Brother André’s friends celebrated the canonization of the Oratory’s founder with great joy and look forward to once again joining the Church this year in commemorating the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. Once again, we will all sing: “Lord we praise you, within the immense throng of all the saints!” ■



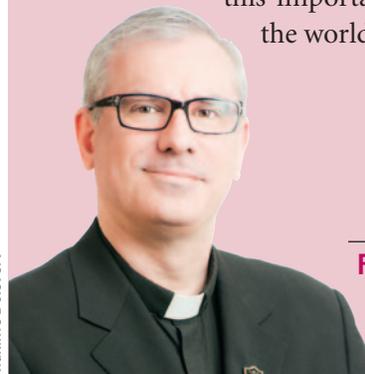
**Father Claude Grou, CSC**  
Rector

Maxime Boisvert



## Saint Brother André: Patron saint of caregivers?

Saint Brother André’s reputation continues to extend far beyond the walls of his life’s work, Saint Joseph’s Oratory of Mount Royal. In fact, a number of caregivers’ associations would like to make him their patron saint! I would like to applaud the remarkable efforts by the *Regroupement des aidants naturels du comté de l’Assomption* (RANCA), and especially by Caroline Vadeboncoeur, the organization’s liaison officer, who circulated a petition on the subject. In the early stages of her campaign, Caroline wrote to me: “When I was a caregiver, I often confided in Saint Brother André. He gave me the strength to carry on. Now, he’s giving me an opportunity to extend his support to caregivers around the world.” The project spearheaded by Caroline and RANCA has already earned the support of thousands of people— people who are asking the Church to officially recognize and provide moral support to home caregivers. Saint Brother André’s spiritual mission continues to spread and travel down new paths. Please help us to extend this important mission to the rest of the world! ■



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

Maxime Boisvert

## Everything you always wanted to know about the Planned Giving Program.

I am very pleased to notice the growing interest in our Planned Giving Program. Your planned gifts help to ensure the continued existence of Saint Brother André's mission. Please find the answers to your questions below...

### Is a donor eligible for a tax credit for a planned donation during his lifetime?

Yes. A donation via lifetime annuity will generate a receipt equivalent to 20% of the capital transferred. Other types of donations (life insurance, securities and charitable annuity) are also possible.

### How can I benefit from a life insurance donation while I am still alive?

You simply name Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal as the beneficiary and holder of the life insurance policy on which you are the insured. You can also purchase a new life insurance policy or transfer an existing one under the conditions mentioned previously. You will receive a receipt equivalent to the market value of your current policy, as well as annual receipts for the premiums paid.

### Do I need to inform Saint Joseph's Oratory if I plan to make a donation in my will?

It's not necessary to inform the Oratory of your intention to donate in your will. However, we encourage you to do so, so that we can express our gratitude to you while you are still alive and invite you to be a part of our donor recognition program.

### Are there tax benefits to leaving a donation in my will?

If you leave a donation in your will, your estate will be issued a receipt for the amount you donated.

### How are tax credits calculated for donations?

#### Federal:

- For a donation of \$200 or less, the tax credit is 15%
- For amounts over \$200, the tax credit is 29%.

#### For Québec residents, because of the tax abatement, the credits are as follows:

- 12.525% for a donation of \$200 or less;
- 24.215% for amounts over \$200.

#### Provincial:

- For a donation of \$200 or less, the tax credit is 20%
- For amounts over \$200, the tax credit is 24%.

#### Example of a \$5,000 donation (Québec resident, provincial and federal combined):

- $\$200 \times 32.53\% = \$65.06$
- $\$4,800 \times 48.22\% = \$2,314.56$

#### Total credit for a \$5,000 donation = \$2,379.62

During the donor's lifetime, the maximum amount eligible for tax credits corresponds to 75% of the donor's net income. The excess can be carried over the five subsequent years.

If the donation is made on death, the eligible amount can be up to 100% of the donor's net income. Any unused portion may also be carried back and claimed in the year preceding the year of death.

If you would like more information, feel free to contact me with no obligation on your part.

Join me in the next issue of The Friend of Brother André for a third instalment of Q&A.

I also look forward to meeting with you in person.

Thank you for reading! ■



Richard Gingras

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### ALL SUMMER LONG

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

These beautiful, one of a kind gardens are open to visitors. A slice of paradise tucked within the heart of the shrine!

Open all summer from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

#### Organ concert in the Basilica

Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.



### June 2012

#### Sunday, June 3

Mass in Spanish at 3 p.m. in the Crypt Church

#### Exhibition *L'Oratoire Magazine... One Hundred Years of History*

Until October 8, 2012

At the Oratory Museum; daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Don't miss also the exhibition *Highlighting the Crèches of Quebec*

Standard admission fees apply; special family and group rates by reservation:

Visitor and Pilgrim Services, 514 7338211 or [pelerinage@osj.qc.ca](mailto:pelerinage@osj.qc.ca)

### July 2012

#### Sunday, July 1

Mass in Spanish at 3 p.m. in the Crypt Church

#### Summer carillon concerts

**Sunday, July 8, 15 and 22, and Sunday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m.** (45-minute recitals)

**July 8** - Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, Michigan, USA carillonist from Grand Valley State University, Michigan

**July 15** - Joseph Brink, Connecticut, USA carillonist from Yale University, student in Mechelen, Belgium

**July 22** - Trevor Workman, Bournville, United Kingdom, carillonist at Bournville Village Trust, director of a carillon school

**August 5** - Roy Lee, Toronto, Ontario carillonist at Soldier's Tower, University of Toronto

#### Regular recitals

Andrée-Anne Doane, titular carillonist, Saint Joseph's Oratory  
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

#### THE MONTH OF SAINT BROTHER ANDRÉ

- Scriptural prayer dedicated to Saint Brother André every Sunday at 3 p.m.
- Way of the Cross conducted in the Oratory gardens every Friday at 6 p.m.

#### Sunday, August 5

Mass in Spanish at 3 p.m. in the Crypt Church

#### Wednesday, August 8

Mass for the Sick at 2 p.m. in the Crypt Church

#### Happy birthday, Brother André!

#### Thursday, August 9

- Free admission to the Oratory Museum
- Veneration of the reliquary of Saint Brother André from 1-4 p.m. in the Crypt Church
- Thanksgiving mass at 7:30 p.m. presided by Mgr. Gérald Lacroix in honour of Saint Brother André's birthday; candlelight processional after the mass

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

#### Sunday, August 26

Traditional pilgrimage to Brother André's birthplace  
Departure from the Oratory by bus at 9:30 a.m.; return around 4 p.m.

Mass at the Mont-Saint-Grégoire parish church at 11 a.m.  
Information and tickets on sale at Visitor and Pilgrim Services at 514 733-8211 or at [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 for more information about our summer programming:

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

and also

[facebook.com/osaintjoseph](https://facebook.com/osaintjoseph)

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## A legacy of love

Charles Boileau, a faithful Associate of Brother André who helps to carry on the mission of Saint Joseph's Oratory, was very proud to tell me about his charitable proposal. Mr. Boileau plans to make a sizeable bequest to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, ensuring his good intentions live on long after his death.

Mr. Boileau is a cheerful, energetic man who loves life and who looks much younger than his 76 years. He told me that he would be happy to share his story.

Mr. Boileau never had it easy when it came to his health. He told me that the reason he looks so young is because he was born with an immune system disease that stunted his normal growth. He told me with a laugh: "I had a hard time when I was younger; I looked like a little kid when I was a young adult, but now I'm not complaining."

He explained that he was the target at school and was bullied by the other children because he was short and chubby. As a young child, he has happy memories of times spent with his uncle when they would take the tram from their home in Ville-Émard to Saint Joseph's Oratory. "I was so small," he said, "that my uncle carried me on his shoulders so I could see ahead of us!"

He has had to take medications all his life to boost his failing immune system. In the past three or four years, his vertebrae have started to degenerate, causing him terrible sciatica. In fact, some might say that Mr. Boileau would have every right to feel sorry for himself and lose his faith. On the contrary, during my interview with him I got the sense that he's learned to trust in life and enjoy the happy moments.

He told me that he got married on July 26, 1969, the Feast of St. Anne. He had met his wife one year prior, on the ninth day of the novena to St. Thérèse the Little Flower. "It was at Place des Nations, at Man and His World, where I went every Wednesday to watch the shows—that's where I first noticed her!" During the novena, he had prayed to meet a woman he

could love for the rest of his life. He told me that this encounter was the best thing that ever happened to him. "Every day, I would admire her," he confessed to me. She was a nurse and she took care of him, giving him his daily treatments, including a cortisone injection.

She died suddenly thirteen years ago from respiratory failure caused by an epileptic seizure. Mr. Boileau was devastated by her loss. He told me that he was even angry at God. With a twinkle in his eye, he admitted, "I got really mad, I got mad at God because I didn't understand why something like that could happen. I asked him to help me understand. It really wasn't easy." He told me that he still has faith, which is why he wants to support Brother André's mission.

He says that he finds answers by helping others; he likes to meet people and make new friends. Every day, he picks up the newspapers from the corner store and delivers them to the other tenants in his building. Being of service to others makes him happy.

He and his wife would have liked to have had children, but it wasn't possible. He explained that they had a one percent chance of conceiving because of his illness. Faced with this fact, he and his wife chose to help one of their nephews and his mother as much as they could, financially and with their time. This nephew is now like a son to him.

Mr. Boileau never lacked for anything financially. He told me, "I never wanted for anything and that's why I want to help others." He worked for CN for 30 years, an achievement captured in a photo of him being handed a commemorative plaque by CN on his retirement. Locomotives and trams are still one of his great passions.

Thank you for sharing your story with us, Mr. Boileau, and thank you for your generous support of the Oratory. It's an honour for us to be able to express our thanks to you during your lifetime.



**"(...) Sharing what I have with others is very important to me... I like to spread love to those around me."**

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We feel very strongly about expressing our gratitude, while our supporters are still alive, to everyone who helps to support our church through their generous donations. To ensure this is possible, feel free to inform us if you are planning to leave a gift to the Oratory.

**Claudia Côté, B.A., LL.L.**  
Director of Planned Giving



### U.S. tour of Saint Brother André's reliquary

The reliquary of Saint Brother André has been travelling in Canada for almost two years now, giving tens of thousands of pilgrims the opportunity to honour the memory of our holy brother. But André's spiritual family is not contained within our country's borders – he is venerated around the world. To meet the demand, the reliquary will soon travel to the United States, touring the East, South and Midwest between August and October 2012. For details about the tour, visit the Oratory website (Spirituality > Saint Brother André > The reliquary of Saint Brother André).



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

The *Voyage Hone* travel agency, in collaboration with Saint Joseph's Oratory, invites you to two major pilgrimages. Visit Italy's greatest shrines from September 11-26, 2012, or discover the charms of the Holy Land from November 2-13, 2012. On both trips, you will be accompanied by a member of the Saint Joseph's Oratory pastoral team. For information and to register, contact Voyage Hone at 514-878-1000 or [www.voyagehone.com](http://www.voyagehone.com).

### The Beckerath Organ Will Shine Again

The Beckerath organ of Saint Joseph's Oratory is presently undergoing a thorough renovation. This has meant that since August 29, 2011, the instrument has been silent while many artisans work on restoring its majestic sonority. In order to highlight the realization of the work, the Oratory is pleased to announce two grand concerts during the autumn of 2012. To inaugurate the festivities, on October 7, we are pleased to welcome Frédéric Champion, an organist with

an international reputation, and the premier representative from the International Organ Competition of Canada. The following Sunday, October 14, the *Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal*, under the direction of Gilbert Pathenaude, will present the *Messe solennelle* of Louis Vierne, accompanied at the organ by the father-son duo of Jacques and Vincent Boucher. Visit our internet website for details about these two concerts and for information about ticket sales.



André Tremblay



### First Saint-Frère-André parish in Quebec

A new parish was recently created in the Diocese of Nicolet in the wake of a restructuring begun seven years ago. Since January 1, 2012, Catholics living in the territory of the former parishes of Sainte-Eulalie, Saint-Léonard d'Aston, Saint-Raphaël (Aston-Jonction) and Saint-Wenceslas are now part of the parish of Saint-Frère-André.

An inaugural mass was celebrated at the Saint-Wenceslas church on Sunday, January 8, 2012, and was widely attended by parishioners from the surrounding communities. The mass was celebrated by Bishop André Gazaille, Bishop of Nicolet, with Father Gilbert Héon, pastor at Saint-Frère-André, concelebrating. The choirs from the four churches joined their voices together for the occasion.

**Source: Diocese of Nicolet**