



THE FRIEND OF BROTHER ANDRÉ

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

Meeting Opportunities

March 10 – 18, 2014
Novena to Saint Joseph
With Saint Joseph,
Encountering the Other...

with René Pageau, c.s.v.
Preaching at 2 PM in the Basilica
and 7:30 PM* in the Crypt Church

Wednesday, March 19
Feast of Saint Joseph,
Husband of Mary

Solemn masses in the Basilica*

10 AM - Msgr Marcel Dampousse,
Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall
2:30 PM - Msgr Noël Simard,
Bishop of Valleyfield
7:30 PM - Msgr Christian Lépine,
Archbishop of Montreal

Celebrations in the Crypt Church:

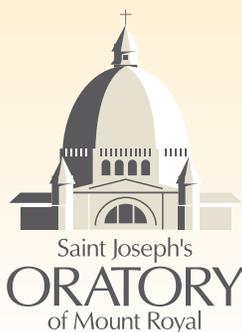
In French: 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 11:30 AM,
2:45 PM, 4:30 PM
In English: 12:30 PM and 8 PM

Banquet for the Grand Associates of Brother André

in Joseph Olivier Pichette Hall
(by invitation)

* with Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal

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The Roland Gauthier Archives and Documentation Centre is Open

During its 100-year history, the Oratory has accumulated hundreds of thousands of documents relating to the Oratory, its founder Saint Brother André and his good friend, Saint Joseph. Within the walls of this shrine lies a remarkable treasure trove of information about our history and our heritage. Until recently, most of these documents were spread out in various storage areas. Many of these documents are unique and at risk of being lost because heat and humidity could jeopardize their preservation.

The new Roland Gauthier Archives and Documentation Centre, which was inaugurated on October 2, is the solution to this problem and a specific way to maintain the legacy given to us by Saint Brother André. The Centre's mission is to gather, conserve, organize and make available

documents about Saint Joseph, Saint Brother André, the life of the shrine, as well as several related pastoral and theological issues (prayer, suffering, death, etc.). It includes an archive service and a pastoral documentation centre containing specialized books, periodicals, magazines, stamps, microfiches, post cards, photos, etc.

It bears the name of Roland Gauthier to honour the memory of the Holy Cross priest who was one of the pillars of research and documentation on Saint Joseph for close to 50 years.

Visitation is by appointment only, by phoning the Oratory at 514-733-8211 and asking to speak to the Chief Archivist, Mrs. Mylène Bélanger. Open to all, our collections will be of particular interest to university students and researchers.

Father Mario Lachapelle, CSC



Father Jean-Pierre Aumont, CSC, Provincial Superior for Canada, Father Claude Grou, CSC, Rector of the Oratory, Father Mario Lachapelle, CSC, Director of Documentation Resources and of the Associates of Brother André, Father Pierre Dufour, CSC, Vice Rector for Pastoral Ministry at the Oratory.

The Sick, a Priority for the Oratory

Those who are sick are at the heart of the mission of Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. Every year, on February 11, the World Day of the Sick is dedicated to them, a special occasion to emphasize their importance.

Paying attention to suffering is a valued legacy from Saint Brother André. Even before he founded this shrine dedicated

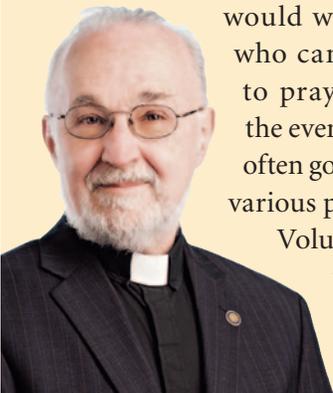
to Saint Joseph, every day he would welcome the ill who came to ask him to pray for them. In the evenings, he would often go visit the sick in various parts of the city.

Volunteers would accompany Brother André on these visits; others assisted him when the afflicted came to see him at his office.

In 1944, seven years after Brother André's death, Father Elphège Labonté, CSC, assisted by the laity, founded the Work of the Pilgrimage of the Sick. And 70 years later, this

ministry to assist the sick lives on thanks to the work of a dedicated team. Every Wednesday, at 2 PM, the ailing are invited to a Eucharistic celebration prepared specially for them.

Allow me to invoke the words of the prophet Isaiah, "If you grant to the hungry what you yourself desire, and if you satisfy those who are afflicted, then your light will shine even in the darkness." (Isaiah 58: 10) I would like to thank the many volunteers who help us continue this tradition of receiving the sick at the Oratory. I would also like to thank the generous benefactors who have allowed us to make this place more accessible, and welcoming! ■



Maxime Boisvert

FATHER CLAUDE GROU CSC, RECTOR

Promoting Saint Joseph and Saint Brother André's Heritage

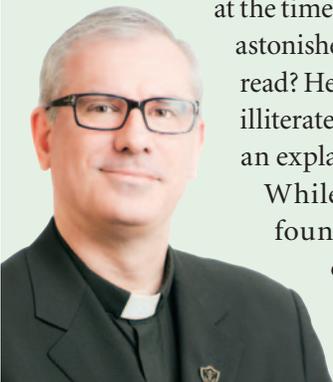
On the front page, I spoke of the opening of the Roland Gauthier Archives and Documentation Centre and the thousands of documents it contains. Thanks to your support, we now have an effective tool to promote the life at the shrine and information about Saint Brother André and Saint Joseph. Many thanks to all of our generous benefactors!

Among the new Centre's collection are several books and leaflets that were in Brother André's room at the time of his death. Many of you will be astonished. "What? Could Brother André read? He, the man everyone believed to be illiterate and uneducated?" This requires an explanation.

While it is true that Brother André found it very difficult to read, he often read some books, such as *Les quatre Évangiles en un seul* (The Four Gospels in One),

L'Imitation de Jésus-Christ (The Imitation of Christ) and also *La vie de Sainte-Gertrude* (The Life of Saint Gertrude), as can be seen by the worn pages he consulted the most often! This little-known fact about the life of our sainted Brother may shed some light on his spiritual life and on that which influenced his thoughts. Following his canonization, a growing number of people have taken an interest in Saint Brother André and want to learn more about him. The Centre makes these studies possible.

The Archives and Documentation Centre houses one of the world's most complete collections of unique and rare books on Saint Joseph! In this way, the shrine will enable pilgrims and visitors to increase their knowledge and appreciation of its patron, Saint Joseph. It is a simple and effective way to carry out the work of evangelization, thanks to your support! God bless you! ■



Maxime Boisvert

FATHER MARIO LACHAPPELLE CSC, DIRECTOR, ASSOCIATES OF BROTHER ANDRÉ

Donations of Stocks and Securities: Beneficial in Many Ways!

You wish to make a substantial donation to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. Have you considered a gift of stocks and securities? Without decreasing your assets, this gift allows you significant tax credits that will lower the amount of tax you have to pay.

Also, a tax measure implemented by the government in 2006 has eliminated the capital gains tax on donations of securities, for individuals as well as companies.

It is important to remember that the gift of securities includes shares, bonds, mutual funds, and the like, listed on a Canadian, U.S. or international exchange.

The procedure is simple: you want to make a gift of securities that have acquired value. Do not sell them or else you will have to pay tax on the capital gains. You simply have to inform your broker or your financial institution and ask for a

direct transfer from your account to that of Saint Joseph's Oratory. You will not have to pay any provincial or federal tax on the deemed capital gains. Your receipt for the gift will be equal to the value of the securities at the time of the transfer.

What a beautiful way to give a substantial gift, during your lifetime, while maximizing related tax benefits.

This type of gift can also be made through a will. Your will must clearly identify the securities you wish to bequeath by direct transfer. When you make this type of bequest, the tax benefits will go to your estate.

If you would like more information about the gift of securities and the process to follow, do not hesitate to contact me, without obligation and with complete confidentiality. ■

What does a gift of securities include?

The gift of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other securities listed on a Canadian, U.S. or international exchange.



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New 2013 Benefactors Emeriti

From the very beginnings of Saint Joseph's Oratory, Brother André surrounded himself with faithful friends. Today, dear Benefactors, through your actions, you are contributing to the future of Brother André's work.

We want to thank all the members of the Benefactors Emeriti group, which acknowledges and honours all those who have left an inheritance or a planned gift to Saint Joseph's Oratory.

Please note that other Benefactors have joined the group since the beginning of 2014; a future issue will pay tribute to them. Moreover, some prefer to remain anonymous, which the Oratory diligently respects.

As a representative of the estate, you may contact us in order to make mention of and/or honour those who, in the past, have made a bequest to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your support. Thank you!

Claude Grou, CSC, Rector
 Claudia Côté, B.A., LL.L.
 Director, Planned Giving Program

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"I have always left the mission of the Oratory in God's good hands."

SAINT BROTHER ANDRÉ

A Memorable Journey

I was not able to meet Jean-Paul Bériault in person because he lives in Pembroke, Ontario, over 300 km from Montréal. Thankfully we have telecommunications! It is always a pleasure to chat with Mr. Bériault, to see how he is doing and, of course, to share a laugh because he has a wonderful sense of humour.

Since 2012, Jean-Paul Bériault has chosen to pay tribute to Saint Brother André by endowing, from time to time, an annuity in favour of Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. Before the holidays, he contacted me, and spontaneously agreed to tell me his story so I could share it with you.

Mr. Bériault told me that, as a child, he suffered from ear infections. These infections had been ongoing for years and regularly prevented him from going to school. He was unable to run because even walking could be painful. His mother was constantly bandaging his head to cover his ear.

He confided, "I am 87 years old, and when I was young the doctors said that I would not live very long, nine years at the most!" He goes on to talk about the day his father brought him to meet Brother André. "I was seven years old. Brother André asked me if I believed that Saint Joseph could heal me and I answered 'yes!' That was all. I got back on the train with my father. When we arrived at our destination, I jumped off the train and, to my great surprise, there was no pain! In the days that followed, my ear healed up."

Jean-Paul Bériault tells me that he enjoyed a beautiful life with his wife, Lillian Mary, who sadly passed away in 2012. He happily told me about his three fine sons and his grandchildren of whom he is very proud. Mr. Bériault worked for the Canadian Pacific in Quebec and Ontario. He promised himself that he would thank Brother André when his financial means would allow it. In addition to making an annual contribution to the mission, he has chosen to contribute by purchasing an annuity from the Oratory.

Thank you Mr. Bériault, I wish you a long life, surrounded by your sons and grandchildren! ■

Interview by **Claudia Côté, B.A., LL.L.**
Director, Program for Planned Giving



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A Sabbatical at Saint Joseph's Oratory

The Swiss diocese of Lausanne-Geneva-Fribourg regularly offers its priests the opportunity to take a four-month sabbatical. It is in this context that I asked the administration of Saint Joseph's Oratory and my bishop if I could experience a pastoral dynamic different from that of parish life: to share in the ministry of priests responsible for a shrine.

Why did I decide to serve at the Oratory rather than elsewhere? When Saint Brother André was canonized, a Swiss religious magazine published an article about the Oratory and its humble founder. During the same period, some friends gave me a biography of Brother André. And, one evening, while praying the breviary, all of a sudden this idea popped into

my head: request a pastoral sabbatical at Saint Joseph's Oratory.

Intuitively, I was sure that my request would be granted and that this would be a very positive experience for me — and it was. I was given a very fraternal welcome from the priests and brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross. It was the same with the personnel, the volunteers and the pilgrims.

Two days before going home to the Father's House, Saint Brother André said, "You have no idea all the good that God can do at the Oratory." Ministering there as a priest, I realized that these words of Brother André still ring true. I am grateful.

Father Wolfgang Birrer
(Lausanne, Switzerland)



Tribute to Marie-Rose Ranger

Mrs. Marie-Rose Ranger passed away on November 26, 2011, at age 93. Marie-Rose's first mission in life was to instruct and educate. She was the principal of an elementary school. Her premise: "For children to be properly prepared for life, they must first be loved."

Her second mission was to accompany and care for her loved ones at the end of their life. First her mother, then her brother, followed by her three sisters. She dedicated herself to each one of them, right up to the end of their life, caring for all their needs, providing comfort, taking care of their home, whipping up meals both simple and elaborate. Cooking was one of her many talents.

She enjoyed meditating, reciting prayers and talking "directly" to Mary, Joseph and Saint Ann. She freely chose to bequeath a percentage of her assets to Saint Joseph's Oratory, which she

could see from the balcony of the residence where she lived at the end of her life. She died shortly after receiving the last rites. She was a woman of faith, a simple faith that she lived out each day, a faith that helped her overcome life's difficulties.

This trust in God, in Mary and in Saint Joseph is what helped her cross the bridge between life down here and eternal life.

Thank you for your faithful support, your faith and your confidence. And, we can't say it often enough, our shrine will live on thanks to the goodness of people like you.

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

This text was written with the collaboration of Mr. Jean-Pierre Montpetit, nephew of Mrs. Marie-Rose Ranger. Thank you!