



St. Brother André

January 7

Who was St. Brother André?

In Canada, the feast day for St. Brother André is celebrated on January 7 to avoid conflict with the Solemnity of the Epiphany, which is observed on January 6. While he passed away on January 6, 1937, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops designated January 7 as his optional memorial. He was born on August 9, 1845, in Quebec, Canada, and he passed away on January 6, 1937.

St. Brother André, whose birth name was Alfred Bessette, was a humble and devoted religious brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Despite facing numerous challenges in his early years, he entered religious life and was assigned as a porter, responsible for welcoming visitors at the College of Notre-Dame in Montreal.

Throughout his life, St. Brother André had a profound devotion to St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. He encouraged people to turn to St. Joseph in their prayers and sought his intercession for healing and other needs. Many individuals claimed to have experienced miraculous healings and blessings through his intercession.

St. Brother André's life of prayer, compassion and dedication to helping others drew admiration from countless people. As news of the reported miracles spread, he gained a reputation for his sanctity and became widely known as a healer and a saintly figure.

In recognition of his holiness and the extraordinary miracles attributed to him, St. Brother André was beatified in 1982. Pope Benedict XVI officially declared him a saint, acknowledging his exceptional virtue and devotion to God.

The Feast Day of St. Brother André is celebrated to honour his life of faith and his remarkable connection to St. Joseph, as well as to commemorate the date of his passing from this earthly life. It serves as a reminder of his inspirational journey, his dedication to prayer and his profound love for God and others. On this special day, people come together in prayer and gratitude, seeking his intercession and celebrating the gift of his sanctity and example for all believers.

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Quotes

"When you feel discouraged or lost, turn to God with all your heart, and He will guide you on the path of hope and strength."

"Have confidence in the power of prayer. It is the key that unlocks the doors of heaven and fills your heart with God's love."

"Do not be afraid to dream big and trust in God's plan for your life. He has great things in store for those who believe in His divine providence."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Dear God,
We thank you for St. Brother André,
A humble and kind soul,
Who showed us the power of prayer.

With faith and love in his heart,
He cared for the sick and the weak,
Bringing comfort and healing,
Through your divine grace, he would seek.

St. Brother André, our friend,
Intercede for us, we pray,
Help us find strength in times of need,
Guide us on our journey each day.

Amen.

Patron Saint

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Pilgrims

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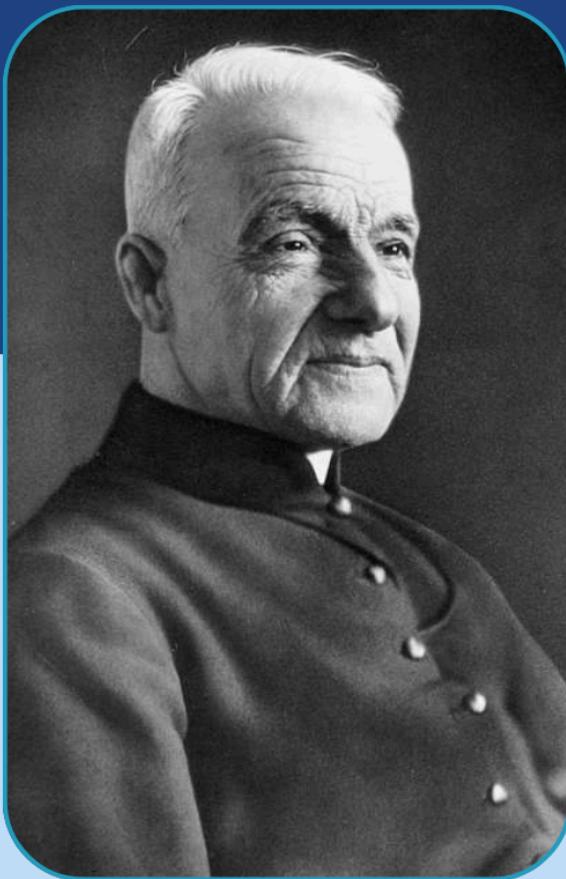
Healing

Caregivers





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St. Brother André

FEAST DAY:
January 7

SCHOOL LOCATION:
Markham, ON

"Put yourself in God's hands; He abandons no one."

-St. Brother André

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