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“Brand High” [Saint Brother Andre High School](#)

If you click on the above St. Br. André HS and scroll to the middle of the page you will end up viewing the homepage of the school’s website and see the story of Br. André, a Youtube film, or just click on the link below to view the film.

[The Story of Saint Brother Andre Bessette of Canada](#)



Columba Hall Chapel Reflection—January 7, 2020
Brother George Klawitter, CSC



Why are we celebrating the Brothers of St. Joseph? Were they not simply a “prequel” to the Brothers of Holy Cross? Not really. The Brothers of St. Joseph and the Brothers of Holy Cross are one continuous thread of community. In 1835 when the Brothers moved their headquarters from Ruillé to Le Mans, they remained the same men they had always been: **Brother Andre Mottais** remained Brother Andre Mottais, a man committed to a life of virtue and sacrifice. **Brother Leonard Guittoger** remained Brother Leonard Guittoger. **Brother Vincent Pieau** remained Brother Vincent Pieau. Their apostolic outreach remained the same: Christian education in small French villages. Their love of Christ and each other remained the same.

So the first thing we should celebrate in the Brothers of St. Joseph is their commitment to apostolic outreach. The second thing we should celebrate in them is their reverence for their founder, **James Dujarie**, who eventually followed them up to Le Mans to die among them. The third thing we should celebrate in them is their wish to expand their ranks by accepting priests into their community. When the Brothers signed the “Fundamental Pact” in 1837, many Brothers had already taken religious evangelical vows, whereas the diocesan priests who signed the financial and spiritual agreement in 1837 would not take religious evangelical vows until 1840 and 1841, thus fulfilling what both James Dujarie and Andre Mottais had wanted for a decade: the expansion of brothers to include the ordained.

The good will that cemented their relationship has continued to this day in those pockets of Holy Cross where all serve together, work together, live together, pray together, agonize together, and rejoice together. As we celebrate the Brothers of St. Joseph this coming year, let us celebrate the vision of Andre Mottais, the strength of Leonard Guittoger, the fidelity of Vincent Pieau, the healing of Rémi Mérianne, the brilliance of **Gatian Monsimer**, the youthful vigor of **Anselm Caillot**, the work-ethic of **Francis Xavier Patois**, the business acumen of Lawrence Menage, the missionary zeal of **Hilarion Ferton**. All the goodness of these men can be seen reflected in our own day in their followers: **William Geenen** as Andre Mottais, **Bonaventure Foley** as Leonard Guittoger, **Fulgence Doherty** as Vincent Pieau, **James Burns** as Rémi Mérianne, **Edmund Hunt** as Gatian Monsimer, **Vincent Will**

as Anselm Caillot, **Richard Weber** as Francis Xavier Patois, **Kieran Ryan** as Lawrence Menage, and **Thomas Moore Beere** as Hilarion Ferton. It is our duty to recognize the Andres and the Vincents and the Rémis living among us. Let us encourage our young to recognize too the continuation of the Brothers of St. Joseph around the world: in Haiti, in Bangladesh, in Ghana, in India, in America North and South. The Brothers of St. Joseph are still alive!

Today I am going to say something about one of the hundreds our early men who have been forgotten. **Brother Romain Bouvier** was born Francis Bouvier on July 8, 1800, at Hardinges in the province of Mayenne. His parents were René Bouvier and Anne Chorin. He came to Ruillé to join the Brothers of St. Joseph on November 7, 1823, the 42nd young man to join the Brothers of St. Joseph. He became a novice on April 26, 1824, and received his teaching diploma on April 30, 1824. He did not take final vows until August 15, 1867, just three years before he died on January 10, 1870. He died at Rânes in the province of Orne, where he was probably teaching. Let us be thankful for the 45 years he spent teaching children in northwest France. On January 10th, the anniversary of his death, let us remember him and his contributions to our foundations.



The Brothers of St. Joseph

Traditional Shaker Melody
Lyrics by George Klawitter, CSC



1. We Bro-thers of St. Jo- seph. pray in cha- pel and in school. When
2. Pi - erre is first to come to learn. Then Lou- is shows up too. An -
3. Our dai - ly cares are swept a - way. By grace we start to thrive. From
4. Then. once a year we'll ga- there here to tell our past year's joys. A



5
work is done you hear us say "Our wis- dom is our rule." We
dre our lead - er takes his turn and Ste- phen fourth in view. It's
dawn to dusk our souls we say can grow in love a - live. We
saint - ly path we're get - ting near as men, no long - er boys. The



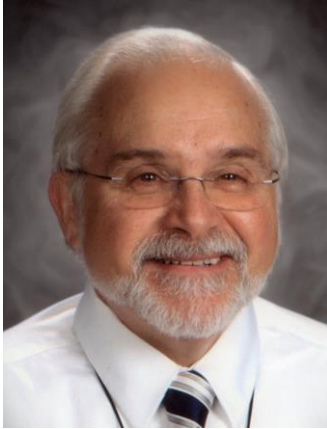
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come from cen - tral north west France to join our Fa - ther James. He
eight - een twen - ty and the town of Ru - ille wel - comes us. We
share our hopes, our heavn' ly dream and lis - ten to our heart. Hu -
Chur - ch's work our dai - ly aim, we sing to God a - bove. God



13
teach - es us it is our chance to earn our sa - cred name.
get our ha - bit, ho - ly gown. In bro - ther hood we trust.
mil - i - ty our guid - ing gleam. For God we'll do our part.
u - ses song our souls to tame and helps us grow in love.

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Christmas Reflection, 2019 Brother Philip R. Smith, C.S.C.

The savior of us all is now born, and the time of impossibilities comes to complete fruition. A human baby is born of a virgin; a human baby is the savior of the world for all times that have been and will be; from an aged and barren womb another son, John, is also born and will be the prophet of the Most High. Light overcomes darkness and provides the hope of eternal life. And his name shall be called Emmanuel: our God is with us and in us.

In one of St. Augustine's sermons, Augustine proclaims: "Beloved, our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal creator of all things, today became our Savior by being born of a mother. Of his own will he was born for us today, in time, so that he could lead us to his Father's eternity. God became man so that man might become God." And in a sermon by Leo the Great, Leo declares: "No one is shut out of this joy — all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no person without sin, came to free us all."

God becomes man so that we might become God! This statement is both wonderful and frightening. It is a wonder and it is wonderful that you and I have the potential to be God to each other. It is frightening because there are so many times during each waking moment when we can and do miss the mark of our divinity — When we become men, sadly, with little to no hope to bring to each other or to ourselves. Yet God is love and we who abide in love, abide in God and God in us. Opportunities to cement our own eternal salvation are all around us; and so, too, are the many chances to assist our brothers and sisters to confirm their own eternal salvation. Let us be light. Let us be love. Let us be God.

For unto us a child is born, and He will be called the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. The wonder? That we are full partakers in this reality.

May we now and throughout the New Year 2020 put on and embrace the mantle of divinity completely empowering our mandate to be men with hope to bring to all including ourselves. May each of us be a beacon emanating from the Great Light who comes to us this day and who dispels the darkness of this valley of tears, making straight the way because he is Emmanuel — indeed, God is with and in his people.



NE Ohio CSC Celebrate Saint André

The NE Ohio CSC gathering was held on Sunday, Jan. 5, at St. Edward High School in Lakewood.

Fr. Maurice D'Sousa celebrated the liturgy in the St. Edward chapel for the Holy Cross members in Akron, at Gilmour, and St. Ed's. St. Edward High School then hosted a reception and dinner in the Board Room following the liturgy.



Charles Smith	James Spooner	Maurice D'Sousa	Robert Livenois	Robert Lavelle
	Kenneth Kane	Dennis Bednarz		Edward Libbers
John Blazek			Joseph Lebon	

Christmas at Columba



Tradition: Brother Robert Mosher - oldest house member places Jesus in crib.



Christmas Reflection



Together: Brothers George Klawitter and Daniel Kane

Performing Arts Center (opens soon at Gilmour)

The building is nestled where the tennis courts used to be, and new tennis courts were built at the north edge of campus east of the hockey arenas.



The pan photo of the outside of the P.A.C. looking north from the main parking lot shows the stadium at left, and the commons roof (now appearing green) at the right.



Click above picture to read more about this Steinway.



150 year memorial celebration of The Brothers of Holy Cross in Bangladesh; at Provincial House, Dhaka. Br. Nicholas

Brother Nicholas Thielman



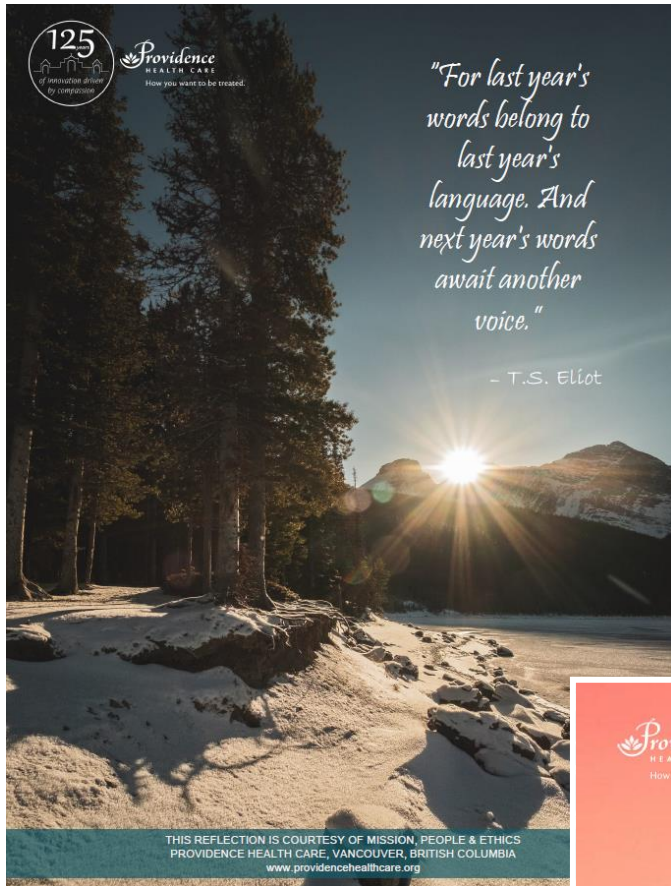
Memorial of the canonization of St. Br. Andre at the Provincial House in Dhaka, Bangladesh; Br Nicholas



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