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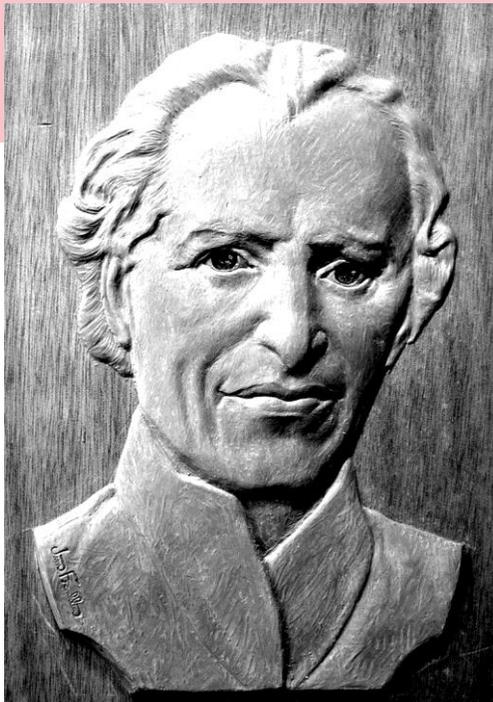
Notice: Choir for Moreau Celebration on January 18

Please let the seminarians, priests, and brothers know that all who are interested are invited to join the choir for the Moreau celebration on Friday, January 18, 4:30pm, Church of Loretto.

We have a rehearsal on Thursday evening at 6pm and then the choir will gather at 3:45 before the 4:30 service.

Please let us know who will be attending so that we can have music for everyone.

Thank you,
Carrie Bowie



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Saint Andre Feast Day - Columba Hall

At Mass



**Reflection for Feast of St. André Bessette, C.S.C.
Composed & Delivered by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.**



Let us reflect together upon St. Matthew's Gospel and St. Paul's letter to the Romans for today's Mass, celebrating the feast of our own St. Brother Andre Bessette.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus tells us that what only He and His Father know has been hidden from the wise and learned but, instead, revealed to the childlike. Now, as has been reported, Brother Andre was not very learned. He was, however, truly wise - but wise with a wisdom that emanated from the simplicity and childlikeness that characterized all that Brother Andre was known to be: a holy and prayerful man whose unequivocal faith and trust in and love of God were indicative of the very profound and intimate relationship with God he must have developed early on in his life.

The development of such a relationship stemmed, I personally believe, from Brother Andre's compelling devotion to St. Joseph to whom those "hidden things" known only to God most likely had been revealed to him by his foster son Jesus. For, as the divinely chosen foster-father of the incarnated Son of God, St. Joseph himself certainly experienced a very unique relationship with God. So Brother Andre, who was quoted as saying so often, "Go to Joseph," may well have learned that revelation in some way from his life-long patron.

According to the words in today's first reading of St. Paul to the Romans, when applied to both St. Joseph and Brother Andre, God eternally foreknew Alfred Bessette; thus God predestined him to become Brother Andre; called him to Holy Cross, conformed him in righteousness to the image of His divine Son; and so deemed him justified and glorified in Heaven.

Brother Andre, like St. Joseph, had a dream too. Brother Andre's dream was to honor St. Joseph with a shrine atop Mount Royal in Canada, a dream, as we know, that eventually came true.

Again, like St. Joseph, Brother Andre responded to God's will with unquestioning zeal, faith, obedience, love, humility, and fortitude.

With a typical Gospel response, Brother Andre, as keeper of the door, always answered the knock of a neighbor in need. Like Jesus Himself, Brother Andre could be identified with helping the poor and the many sick and needy who sought him out.

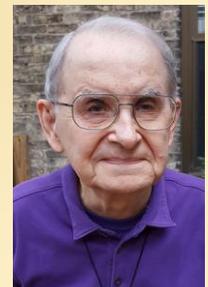
As a religious of Holy Cross, Brother Andre was a faithful son of Basile Anthony Moreau, a model observer of his vows and fraternal member of his Community.

Again, through St. Joseph, Brother Andre heeded Jesus' words in Matthew for today, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me....for my yoke is easy and my burden light," with the promise "in me you will find your rest." And, indeed, after such an extraordinary life of devoted service, Brother Andre finally did find that rest.

Personally, for me, Brother Andre unquestionably represents an example of one whose life was lived exceptionally well - a remarkable life as an extraordinary person, a genuine Christian, and a model religious - deserving of our imitation; a man who, in spite of limited education and talent, and a lack of robust health, whose acceptance into Holy Cross was approved only because of the recommendation of his pastor, managed to become what he ultimately became and to accomplish what he eventually accomplished, all the while as a humble door-keeper through whom countless who sought entrance found a threshold leading them to a renewed faith and hope in God; a life sustained by the same blood, a drop of which we are privileged to have reserved here in the reliquary of this chapel.

When we "go to Joseph," then let us also consider going to St. Brother Andre too.

Soon this his feast day let us remember and honor St. Brother Andre Bessette with not only words, but more so by striving to live our lives with the same empathic, selfless dedication and Christ-like conformity and ministry as Brother Andre lived his. St. Brother Andre, pride and glory of the Congregation of Holy Cross and best example of one to authenticate the religious Brother's vocation, pray for us.



Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

At Dinner:



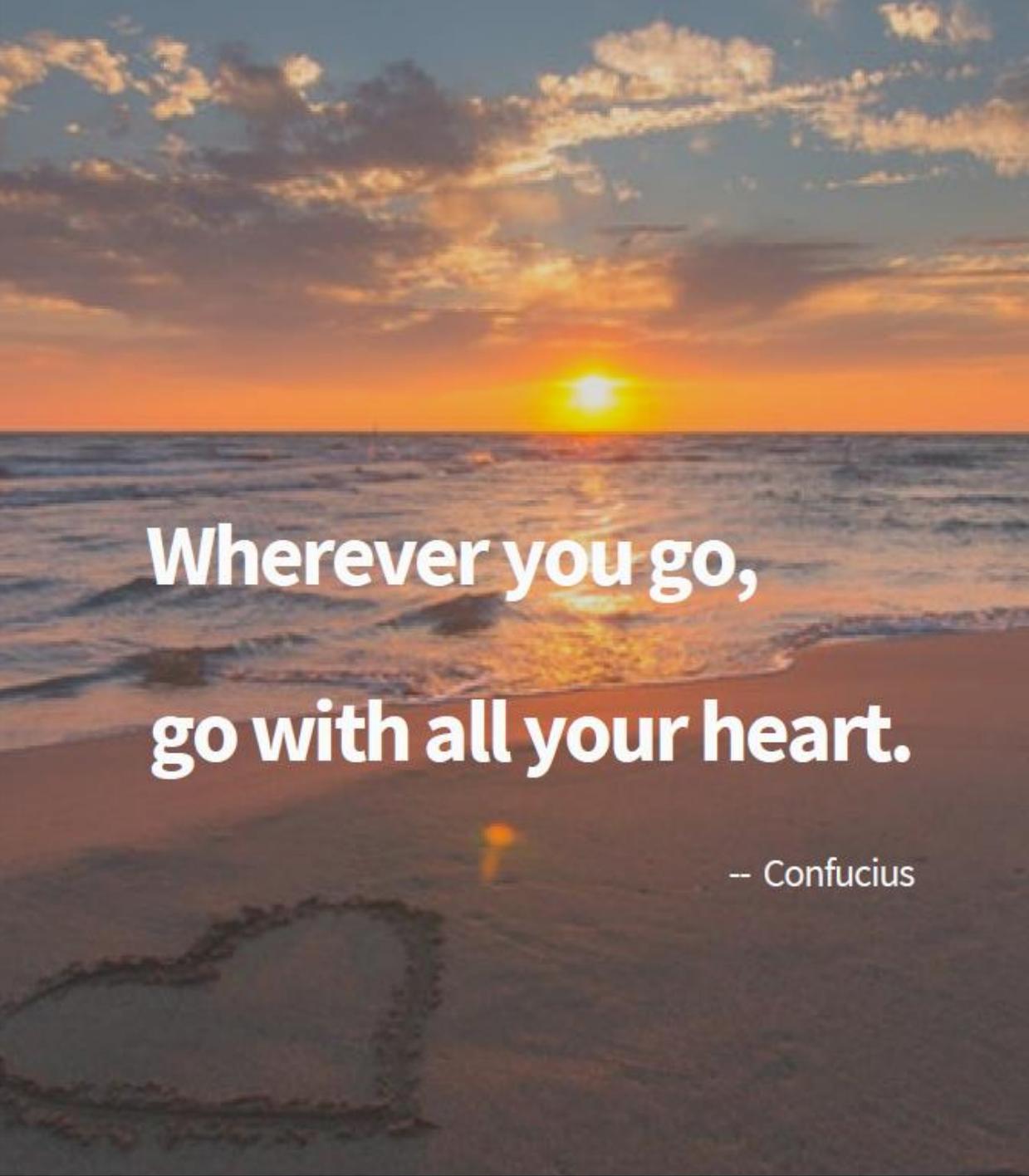
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go with all your heart.**

-- Confucius

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