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Cause of Brother Andre's Beatification Moves Ahead

Devotion to St. Joseph Marked Frere Andre's Life

The story of Brother Andre, who belonged to the Canadian province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, is a story of a humble man who achieved great things.

He was born on August 9, 1845, in Saint-Gregoire, Iberville, Quebec, and was named Alfred. The family was poor but of staunch Catholic stock.

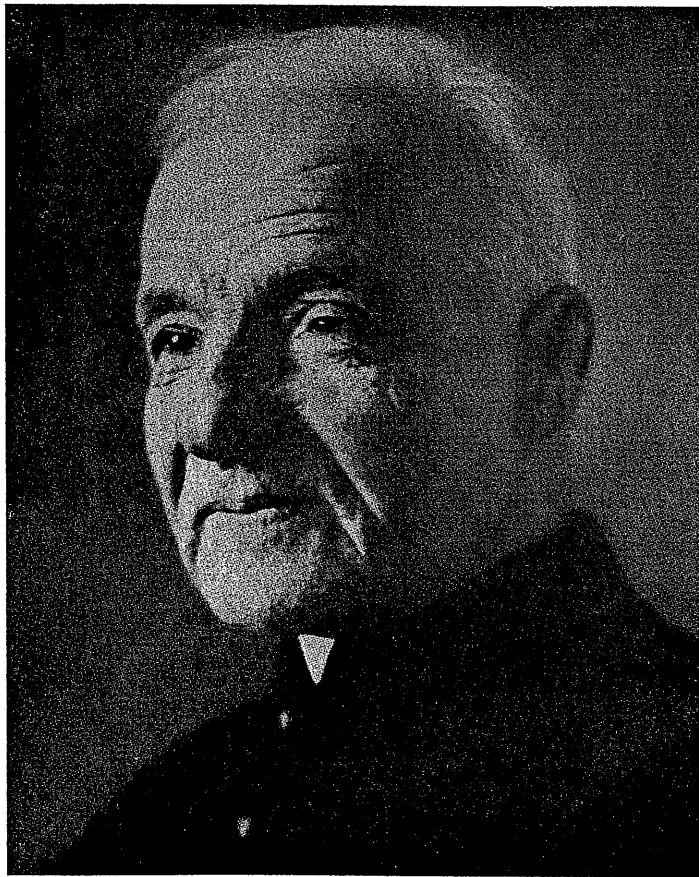
The death of his parents left Alfred an orphan at the early age of six; eventually he became something of a handy man who worked successively as cobbler, baker, farmhand, and blacksmith. He spent three years in the United States, then returned to his native Canada at the age of 23.

In 1870 he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross and took the name Brother Andre. His first assignment as a religious posted him to Notre Dame College in Montreal, to which he remained attached for the next forty years.

His entire life bore the mark of pain and sorrow. He was tried physically, his health, which never proved satisfactory, and tried in spirit because of the many misunderstandings he had to suffer. Brother Andre is known to have been prey to the evil one's assaults on many occasions, but his intrepidity prevailed under these attacks. To his other trials must be added the sacrifices, fasts, and vigils which he constantly imposed upon himself for the salvation of souls.

HIS ACHIEVEMENTS

Brother Andre harbored remarkable devotion to Saint Joseph. He often dreamed of a church in which the Holy Patriarch might be particularly honored, and one day he climbed the slope



Brother Andre Bassette, C.S.C.

of the mountain facing Notre Dame College to bury a small statue of Saint Joseph as a token of his desire. Due to his incessant effort a small chapel was built on the mountainside in 1904, and eleven years later the foundations for a vast crypt-church were laid on the same site.

The secret of this success lay in Brother Andre's unlimited faith in Saint Joseph, who in return shared his intercessory power with Brother Andre.

The whole of his religious life was devoted to helping others, particularly the sick and the afflicted. Throughout the day Brother Andre would listen to people who sought relief at the Ora-

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Pope Approves Vatican Study of Brother Andre

Pope John XXIII has approved a continuation of the beatification cause of Brother Andre, Founder of St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal.

The Oratory, which is a basilica, is on Mount Royal overlooking Montreal. It is visited each year by more than two million people, including tens of thousands of Americans.

Brother Andre, a Brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was a porter at the nearby college directed by his community. He began the Oratory with a small outdoor shrine on the slopes of Mount Royal.

Father Roland Gauthier, C.S.C., Oratory director, announced that the Pope approved establishment of an Apostolic Tribunal at the Holy See to continue the investigation of Brother Andre's cause.

This means that the diocesan process of investigation, under the direction of the Ordinary of Montreal,

has been closed and the Holy See takes over the proceedings, Father Gauthier explained.

He said the Pope's action had been reported to him by Father Edward Heston, C.S.C., Postulator General of the beatification cause and Procurator General of the Holy Cross Congregation.

Brother Andre, who died in 1937 in his 92nd year, replaced his small shrine to St. Joseph with a wooden chapel. This in turn was replaced by a large crypt over which the great shrine now stands.

During this year, the 115th anniversary of Brother Andre's birth, it was an-

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PROVINCE NEWS

● **SANTAREM:** "Christmas peace and blessings to you all from Juvenato Santa Cruz," writes Brother Julius Wadekamper, the MW province member who directs the SW province's newly opened juniorate in Brazil. "At present we have two candidates who have weathered a year of formation," he said, "but we're expecting ten new aspirants next month." The farm at the juniorate, said Brother, helps supply produce for the Juvenato as well as the Ginasio (school) in Santarem, which is eight miles away. Farm crops are coffee, Brazil nuts, rubber, oranges, bananas, beans, and corn. Brother Norbert Lengerich, who directs the farm, raises hogs, cattle, chickens, and ducks. The Japanese family in residence on the farm looks after the vegetables.

● **TERRE HAUTE:** Brothers John Schuszler and Thomas Scheurer are living at Father Gibault School for Boys but attending full-time classes at Indiana State College. . . . Brother Camillus Kirsch attended the recent meeting of the Indiana State Welfare Conference at Indianapolis; Gibault is a charter member. . . . Gibault director Brother Armand Amman gave a talk at the November meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 660.

● **NOTRE DAME:** Brothers who cook or manage kitchens at five Community houses on campus or nearby have been organized into "The Notre Dame Cooking Club"—the idea and ground-laying work originating with Brother Claudius, a member of the Indiana province of the Priests' Society. Monthly meetings will be held to discuss culinary problems, hear talks, observe demonstrations. Club members include Brother cooks from Moreau Seminary, St. Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Farm, Dujarie Hall, and Columba Hall.

● **EVANSVILLE:** At Reitz Memorial High Brother Richard Reaume has added a chapter of the FSA (Future Scientists of America), a nationwide organization for student scientists. 40 Memorialites joined to further their interests and abilities in science, have so far had a talk on bacteriology by Brother Raphael Wilson, who teaches biology at Notre Dame, and a visit to a firm that does bacteriological research.

● **MILWAUKEE:** The Women's Unit of St. Charles Boys Home held its 30th Anniversary Luncheon on December 12th in the Empire Room of the Schroeder Hotel. The Most Reverend William E. Cousins, Archbishop of Milwaukee, was guest of honor. Besides

Brothers on the St. Charles staff, other guests were the Home's former director, Brother Lawrence Miller, and Dujarie Hall superior, Brother James Moroney.

● **AKRON:** Brothers of the Archbishop Hoban High faculty were hosts to the Sisters from Catholic high schools in Akron on a recent Sunday afternoon. A movie, a musical variety by the student dance band, and luncheon made up the day's entertainment. . . . About 1200 parents of Hoban High students followed an abbreviated version of their sons' class schedules at a recent Open House. First grading period report cards were handed out at this time. . . . Senior Rory O'Neil won a trip to Chicago for himself and science teacher Brother Melanus by making the highest score among 220 student competitors in a science exam sponsored by the Ohio Edison Company. . . . Hoban High's Mothers Club had about 1100 people at their card party in the school gym. A United Airlines representative did the decor, featuring United Nations flags and an authentic Hawaiian scene on stage.

● **GATES MILLS:** At Gilmour Academy the Dramatics Club will stage "Twelve Angry Men" in January. . . . Greek was introduced into the curriculum this year. Six boys are taking it. . . . Other new features at the Academy are an improved counseling service, a more liberal study hall policy for resident seniors, and a French course for sophomores. . . . The first year of varsity level soccer ended with 3 wins, 3 ties, 2 losses.

● **SOUTH BEND:** The school band and the Mission Club joined in presenting the second annual Pops Concert at St. Joseph High. The audience sat at tables, were served refreshments as they listened. . . . 18 upperclassmen became members of the school's Josephite Chapter of the National Honor Society at induction ceremonies recently. Guest speaker was Dr. Lawrence Baldinger, professor of chemistry and Associate Dean of the College of Science at Notre Dame. . . . The History-Literature Club, an extracurricular of Brother William Kleynenberg's, will publish a booklet of student-written articles.

● **NOTRE DAME:** The choir of Brother-Scholastics at Dujarie Hall sang for the first Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Most Reverend Alfred Mendez, C.S.C., Bishop of Arcibo, in Sacred Heart Church on the Notre Dame campus. . . . Recent Dujarie Hall guests were Brother Theophane Schmitt, Assistant General and General Steward of the Congregation, and Brother

Placide of the Canadian province. . . . Columba Hall superior Brother Lawrence spoke at Chicago's Holy Trinity High PTA meeting in November about youth problems. . . . Brother Columba Curran, professor of chemistry at the University of Notre Dame, was co-author of two papers given at the New York meeting of the American Chemical Society. During the past year Brother Columba also published several research papers in scientific journals. He has been invited to deliver a paper at the Sixth International Conference on Coordination Chemistry at Detroit in August of 1961.

● **LAKEWOOD:** Two seniors of St. Edward High in this near-Cleveland town were semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition this year. Six other students placed in the top 3% in the nation scholastically among high school students. . . . The Booster Club sponsored an appearance of the University of Notre Dame Glee Club in the Lakewood Civic Auditorium in November. . . . The Booster Club and the Mothers Club at St. Edward High did much to help in the addition of six rooms to the faculty residence, now completed and in use.

FALL GROUP OF ASPIRANTS ENTER WATERTOWN

There are twenty-three aspirants for membership in the Brothers of Holy Cross presently at Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin. Those accepted as candidates will depart for the novitiate on January 15th.

BROCHURE FOR NEW SCHOOL PRECEDES REGISTRATION DAY

The new Holy Cross High School being opened by the Brothers of the Midwest province is now under construction in River Grove, Illinois. A brochure has been printed describing the courses offered, the tuition, and related matters, along with announcement of registration for the first freshman class. Official day for registration is January 7, 1961, although students may enroll later, if necessary.

The school will start in September of 1961 with a freshman class. The other three high school classes will be added over the following three years. The initial class will be limited to 400 students. According to the announcement, the annual tuition at Holy Cross High School in River Grove will be \$180. Activity fee is \$20. Three types of courses will be offered: Academic scientific (college preparatory), Academic-Business, and Industrial Arts.

CHAPEL RENOVATION ENDS AT SACRED HEART MILITARY

Brother Dominic Elder, headmaster of Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin, said that renovation of the Academy chapel begun last June is now being completed with the installation of stained glass windows, Stations of the Cross, and the statues. The total cost of the project will be about \$70,000.

There are 103 Cadets at Sacred Heart this year — all the present facilities can handle. This year, for the first time, applications for enrollment exceeded the number of students who could be accepted. The student body includes eight Spanish-speaking boys, from Mexico, Guatemala, and Venezuela. Another cadet is a Canadian. In the Academy's elementary grades of five through eight, Spanish is now taught for twenty minutes every day in each grade. In the second semester of the eighth grade, Latin and algebra will be taught as regular credit courses.

The Academy will hold its second annual book fair on February 12th. Grade-school level books are displayed by various publishing firms, and visitors may purchase these for cadets and others.

A bazaar was held on campus in November to help raise funds for the chapel project. The four Brothers who do the cooking at the school served both dinner and supper to some three hundred guests from Watertown who dropped by during the day, along with the cadets' parents. The same Brothers baked home-made bread and pastries as well that were sold at the bazaar.

A new custom at the Academy is that when a cadet returns there from home, he salutes the Sacred Heart statue standing before the main entrance. Fifth and sixth grade cadets must salute the flag hanging above the headmaster's office whenever they pass and are not in military formation.

Mass Servers at Gibault Praised for Good Work

Many of the boys under institutional care at Gibault School in Terre Haute are earnestly striving to become better friends of Our Lord by volunteering to learn how to serve Mass and Benediction.

Recently 45 senior and junior boys showed up to learn the Latin prayers and rubrics. Brothers Gerald Netteheim and Robert Lundergan are conducting the classes.

Some juniors and seniors are veteran acolytes by now and very loyal and devout in this matter.



Brother Charles Hill, C.S.C.

Missionary Returns to Pakistan; Tells Highlights of Leave

Returning to East Pakistan after a busy year's leave in the States, Brother Charles Hill reported on his activities over the past months.

He returned to the U.S. in August 1959 after his first seven-year stint in Dacca. The plane flight home included landings in Calcutta, Karachi, Beirut, Athens, and Rome, where Brother Charles stayed a few days, then more stops at such places as Nice, Lisbon, and finally New York.

From New York he visited various CSC houses in New England for ten days, then traveled to Akron, Ohio, to spend some weeks with his father at home.

Brother Charles had in mind to use his year's leave in collecting machines and other equipment for the St. Joseph Industrial Trade School the Brothers opened in Dacca in 1954. During the plane trip home and while still in India, he became acquainted with a Jewish man and wife who were en route to San Francisco. The man had connections with a salvage firm there and had come to Calcutta to investigate an insurance claim on a salvage operation in the harbor.

The chance encounter resulted in an invitation to San Francisco for Brother Charles, who headed there in the car his father very kindly bought for the missionary's errands. The Jewish man put Brother in touch with some business friends, who in turn donated some small hand tools and machines for the Dacca mission.

During his stay in San Francisco,

Brother Charles contacted the Asia Foundation, an organization of private citizens who promote educational programs in Asian countries. A major project of the Foundation is shipping books, so it agreed to pay the transport of 2500 surplus books selected from a stock of 8000 such books that were made available to Brother Charles for use in Dacca. Librarian Brother John C. Fedorowicz did the selecting and said it was the richest collection he had ever run into. A pet extracurricular of his is sending books to Holy Cross missions, so he had a field day.

One Contact Leads to Another

As Brother Charles explained the Brothers' work in Pakistan at the Asia Foundation, a man there told Brother of a person named McCarthy in New York who had some machinery he wanted to get into Asia to help people out. Brother Charles eventually traveled east to see him and was referred to a certain Robert Moreau in Providence, Rhode Island, who was in process of forming a non-profit company which would collect tools and machines and send them to underdeveloped countries anywhere in the world. The firm, called Technical, Incorporated, consists strictly of volunteers; the materials it collects are donations, and the firm itself is non-sectarian, pays no salaries, and exists simply to assist backward peoples.

As Brother Charles soon learned, Moreau is vice-president of his father's ornamental metal work firm in Providence, but except for a couple of days weekly spent working at the plant, Moreau devotes all the rest of his time to Technical, Inc., and its work of charity.

Together with Moreau, Brother Charles looked in New England for firms who might want to give used or unused equipment, some of which would be given the Brothers' mission in Pakistan. The results were good both for Technical, Inc., and for the Dacca trade school.

About fifteen or twenty men volunteer on occasion to help Moreau with his great work. They pick up donated items, help crate them, then transport them to the docks. For Brother Charles, Moreau and his men trucked 20 tons of equipment in two borrowed trucks down to New York, and then at the docks persuaded the longshoremen into unloading the stuff without charge and stowing it onto the ship. The 20 tons were not all gathered while Brother Charles remained in Providence, it must be pointed out.

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tory. He set his evenings aside to visit the sick at home. An enormous number of cures have been attributed to Brother Andre's intercession both before and after his death. Occasionally sufferers gained instant relief through his ministrations and prayers. In other cases novenas had to be made before any improvement could be obtained.

DEATH AND SURVIVAL

Brother Andre died on January 6, 1937, but his death was an unparalleled triumph. News of his decease was carried in the press throughout America and beyond. Next to a million and a half people filed past his coffin as his body lay in state in the Oratory crypt. Mourning for him was literally universal.

The continuation of Brother Andre's cause of beatification shows how much the memory of this humble Brother of Holy Cross still survives. Crowds flock to visit his tomb, people in their prayers ask his help. Since his death countless favors and cures attributed to his intercession have been reported to the Oratory. His work continues to expand. And the great Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal, of which Brother Andre can be called the cornerstone, has become a world center of devotion to the saint he so much loved.

PRAYER FOR BEATIFICATION

O Jesus, Thou Who hast wished to propagate devotion to Your adopted father Saint Joseph, through the efforts of Brother Andre grant that the Church may glorify at the earliest opportunity this faithful friend of the poor, the sick, and the afflicted.

Saint Joseph of Mount Royal, pray for us.

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nounced that more than ten million persons had signed petitions to the Holy See to advance his beatification cause.

Orphaned as a child, whose family name was Alfred Bassette, he tried many trades. He was a shoemaker, baker, farmhand, and blacksmith in his native province of Quebec, but had little success because of poor health and lack of schooling.

When he was 20, Brother Andre went to the United States, working for three years in mills and on farms in New England. At 23 he returned to Canada and entered the Brothers' Society of the Congregation of Holy Cross at the urging of his confessor.

TWO SCHOLASTICS NAMED ON DEAN'S LIST AT NOTRE DAME

Brothers Robert Ducharme and Joseph Iannone, both residents of the Brothers' house of studies at Notre Dame, joined the elite group of students on the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame. Among other things this means they are allowed unlimited cutting of classes and have first choice of campus rooms. Neither permission, of course, affects these Brothers whatsoever.

To get on Notre Dame's Dean's List the student must maintain a 4.5 average (the new grading system at the university is based on a 1 to 6 system).

Brother Robert Ducharme, a MW province member, is a classics major in the Arts and Letters college. Brother Joseph belongs to the Eastern province, is an AB student with a major in history.

Novices Sing Office in Vernacular But to Latin Psalm Tones

For the past several years novices of the Brothers' Midwest and South-West provinces at Saint Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, have been chanting the shortened version of the Breviary in the vernacular. Brother

Daniel Kane, director of the Dujarie Hall and the novitiate choirs, has applied the Latin psalm tones and hymn melodies to the English translation. So far four of the eight psalm tones are used by the novices in their public or choral recitation of the Short Breviary but Brother Daniel plans to add the remaining four tones soon. All the psalms, canticles, and hymns are now sung according to Gregorian notation but in English; the other parts are done recto-tono.

Brother Daniel teaches regularly at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend besides his duties as director of two choirs. Twice weekly he holds music classes at the novitiate, one weekly class set aside for instruction of the novices in music theory, the other in practice and interpretation.

The novices sing the *Te Deum* and the four Marian anthems in English however, according to the Gregorian notation, Brother Daniel pointed out. Brothers at the house of studies at Notre Dame sing *Vespers* and *Compline* on Sundays and major feasts in the vernacular as well.

CHICAGO CHAPTER TO HOLD PARTY IN JANUARY

The Chicago Chapter of the Associates of Saint Joseph will meet at three on Sunday afternoon, January 15, 1961 at Holy Trinity High School. Final plans will be made for a fund-raising party to be held on February 5 at Cesare Battisti Hall, which is located at 4802 Olcott Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana.

Pray For the Dead

- Rev. John A. Molter, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Odetta, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Compassion, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother Celestine.
- Brother of Brother Patrick Oliver.
- Father of Brother Gregoire, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother John Sout.
- Aunt of Brother John Dobrogowski, C.S.C.
- Brother of Brother Anselm, C.S.C.

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