

St. André Bessette
Intercessory Prayer

God our Father, You gave St. André Bessette, Your humble servant, a great devotion to St. Joseph and the charisms of healing of the sick and comforting the needy. May the example of his life and ministry inspire us to open the doors to greater works of charity and healing in Your name. Give us the charisms of the Holy Spirit so that we may be instruments of Your loving mercy and build up the Body of Christ. Give us the strength to witness to Your love in all circumstances of life. Help us to follow the example of St. André in prayer and love. Let us always desire to follow Your will in our lives. Through the intercession of St. André and St. Joseph grant the favour now present (*make request*). We ask this through the power of the Holy Spirit in the Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.

In commemoration of the visitation of the Major Reliquary to St. Joseph's Ontario Sept.
7 - 9, 2013

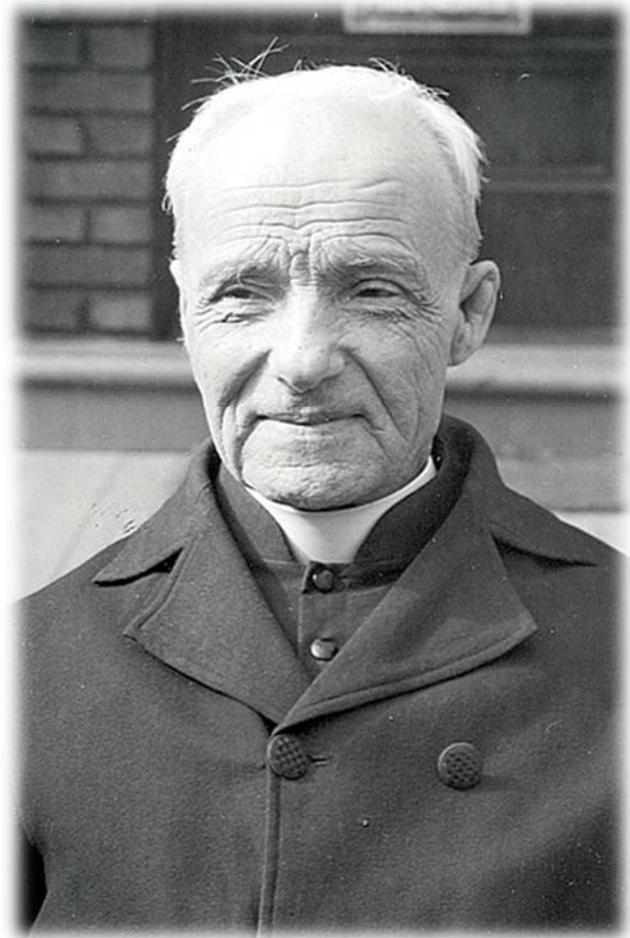
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**St. André Bessette Garden
And St. Peter's Church**

As a commemoration of St. André's visits to St. Peter's Church in St. Joseph, an outdoor devotional area on St. Peter's church grounds is being constructed so that people can visit and find a place of prayer, healing and peace. The area will have bronze statues of St. André, a large cross and St. Joseph with young Jesus. Please consider a generous donation to help cover the cost of the garden or to the ongoing care and maintenance of the church that St. André visited and prayed in. Be a part of our great heritage of faith and continuing mission of the Church. **St. André ... pray for us!**



St. André Bessette c.s.c.



*Visitation of the Major Reliquary
St. Peter in St. Joseph
and St. Boniface in Zurich Parishes
September 7 - 9, 2013*

*"Healing for Our Families
and Our Youth"*

Local History of the Visit of St. André to the Area

Narcisse Cantin of St Joseph met Brother André in Montreal around 1910. Br. André was known to enjoy a good joke and would almost always be smiling. His good nature was infectious and spread to all those he encountered. Their mutual devotion to St Joseph, the earthly stepfather of Jesus, ensured their immediate friendship. Many members of the Cantin family had contact with Br. André in Montreal before an arrangement was made for him to visit the village of St Joseph on October 22 in 1917 with his last visit in 1922. While here he would walk over one mile to and from church every day. He would visit the local people and pray for those who were ill. The following accounts are just some examples of the healing power demonstrated through the intercession of St Joseph.



Peter Denomme was dying from fluid on the lungs, unable to swallow even a teaspoon of water; the doctor said he would not last the day. Br André prayed by his bedside, and by noon he was enjoying a huge meal.

Zoe Toussaint\Toussignant was unable to walk without a cane. Br. André told her to throw the cane away, and she was able to walk much to her surprise.

Mrs Edward Denomme suffered from a running sore in her mouth for six or seven years, caused by a bad tooth. Immediately after she was taken to Br. André, she was completely cured with no recurrence.

Delore Ducharme was unable to walk because his legs were frail. Br. André rubbed his legs and he was able to walk again.

Maxime Jeffrey suffered from adenoids and was forced to breathe through his mouth. Br. André placed his fingers on his nose and head and the problem was healed.

Jessiah Bedard was unable to walk without crutches. Br. André told him that he did not need the crutches; thereafter he was able to stop using them.



Many miracles occurred locally through prayers of intercession to Br. André after his death before he was declared a saint. Miracles have occurred during the reliquary visits to our community. Miracles will continue to happen. St. André always declared that it was God through the intercession of St Joseph that miracles happen, and that he was an ordinary person like all of us. To that end, we must step forward to proclaim the power and love of our Lord and be open to the miracles He wants to do in our midst for the sake of His Kingdom.