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Upcoming Events



Council Meeting
January 13, 2016



KofC 1st Degree
January 23, 2016
Ascension Parish



KofC 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
Degrees

2nd - January 9, 2016

3rd - January 16, 2016

4th - January 30, 2016



Blood Donor Clinic
January 22, 2016

4:00-8:00 pm

VIVO (Cardel)

4-6 Volunteers

kindly requested.

Contact Br. Kevin

@ 403-992-3151

Happy New Year 2016

RORATE MASS





A little humour...

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the lawn when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures. He hurried outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get your passenger, my fine friend?" The little boy replied, "I got Him at church."

"And why did you take Him?"

The boy explained, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give Him a ride around the block in it."



On 12 December 2015, Ascension Council hosted a breakfast for Parishioners who attended the Rorate Mass. Once again the breakfast was a tremendous success. Over 175 plates were served after the mass and attendees of the First Degree Ceremony, later that morning, were treated to leftovers for their breakfast. Thank you to the many Brother Knights who donated an early morning to support this important Parish Celebration. Also, a special thanks to the Ascension Youth Group for their help with the hall set up. And thank you Br. Dale for your efforts in organizing this event.



 **January Celebrations**

Birthdays

Br. Phil - January 10th

Anniversaries

Br. Phil and his wife Aniele are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on January 4th.

Any volunteers for February?

 **Nativity Set Winners**

Congratulations to Loretta Arciso and Julie Pollock who each won a Nativity Scene that was on display by the Knight's Table.

 **Please support our Store Card Program**



Contact Us

Email us at

kofcnewsletter10065@shaw.ca.

Please let us know if you have a February Birthday or Anniversary you would like acknowledged in the February Newsletter.

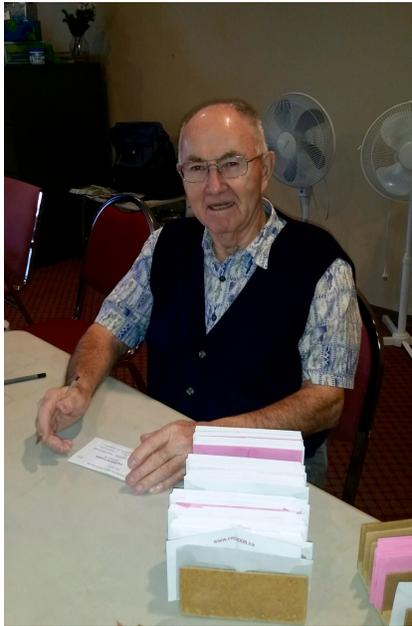
Links to K of C Publications

Columbia Magazine <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

Knightline <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/publications/lc/knightline/index.html>

Chaplain's Report <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/chaplains/index.html>

Charity



Br. Don Turgeon is shown volunteering as part of a team counting Sunday collections. Br. Don joined the Knights in 1991 at St. Peter's Parish and transferred to Ascension Council in 1999. He has been an active member of our council, serving for three years as Council Trustee, helping to organize the Parish Stampede Breakfast and as a regular attendee of the KofC Wednesday Golf Group.

Br. Don is an avid woodworker who enjoys building children's furniture and has also built several items for our Parish, including the green rice filled money meter on display in the foyer. Br. Don also volunteers at the Evanston Senior's

Home in his spare time. On being a Knight, Br. Don cherishes the fellowship, fraternity and the gifts of charity he has been able to share with his many Brother Knights who are also his close friends. One of his favourite activities has been the KofC Wives' Appreciation Dinner, in which he is able to share his involvement in the Knights of Columbus with his wife Helen. Thank you Br. Don for your contribution to Ascension Council.

 **Field Agent Report**

It is that time of year again: TFSA and RRSP "peak season"

The Knights of Columbus have TFSA, RRSP and unregistered savings contracts available to you. Our current interest rates on new TFSA, RRSP and unregistered "flexible premium annuity" contracts and additional deposits to existing contracts are better than most currently available 5 year GIC's. For existing contract holders, remember that the minimum interest rate of your contract may be higher than current rates being paid and the higher rate is payable not only on your prior contributions but on all subsequent permitted contributions. KofC TFSA, RRSP and unregistered savings contracts are considered a very safe investment and are more flexible than GIC's.

We also have RRSP-registered cash value life insurance and are perhaps the only company in Canada with such a product currently available. Existing KofC term life insurance contracts can be converted without further medical qualification to RRSP-registered cash value life insurance.



Quotes:

"I am nothing. Only a tool in the hands of providence; a lowly instrument at the service of St. Joseph.

-St. Brother Andre Bessette

Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action; rather it is "timing", it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way.

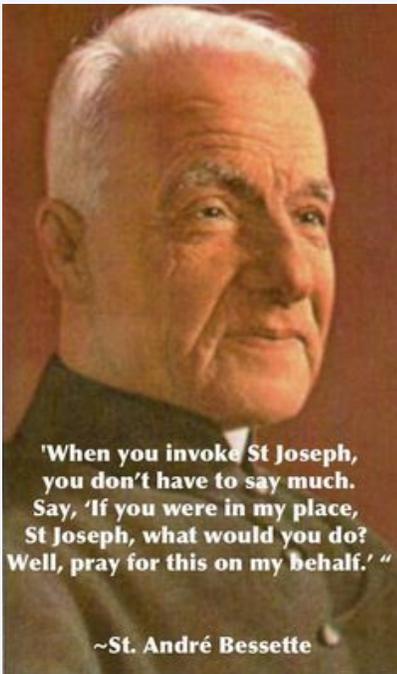
-Arch Bishop Fulton Sheen

"An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered; an adventure is an inconvenience rightly considered."

-G.K. Chesterton

"It is requisite for the relaxation of the mind that we make use, from time to time, of playful deeds and jokes."

-St. Thomas Aquinas



The current cash value of existing RRSP funds at other institutions can also be transferred into an RRSP-registered life insurance contract, creating a much higher RRSP roll-over or estate or other beneficiary payment than the value of the current RRSP, in the unexpected early death of an RRSP contract holder.

The deadline for 2015 tax year RRSP contributions is **Monday, 29 February 2016**. RRSP contributions in January and February of 2016 can be used for either the 2015 or the 2016 taxation year. Start early - make monthly contributions from your bank account or contribute regularly throughout the year rather than waiting to the end of the contribution period to find funds to deposit into you RRSP.

Regarding TFSA's, under proposed legislation, starting January 1, 2016, the annual TFSA dollar limit for 2016 will decrease from \$10,000 to \$5,500. The TFSA annual room limit will be indexed to inflation and rounded to the nearest \$500. Cumulative contribution room from eligible current and previous years is adjusted downward by deposits made in the current year, but withdrawals in the current year do not increase contribution room, that room being recovered only in the following year. If you are uncertain of your current contribution room, I recommend you call CRA to receive a TFSA Room Statement.

So contact me if you wish to start, add to or just review your existing KofC RRSP, TFSA or unregistered flexible premium annuity contract. I am also available to review your RRSP registered life insurance and offer a private consultation to review each person's unique situation with regards to Life, DI & LTC insurance & retirement planning.

Joe Faubert, your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, 403-510-5667

Faith	St. Brother Andre Bessette <i>Feast Day 6 January 2016</i>
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A FRIEND. A BROTHER. A SAINT.

Brother André, born Alfred Bessette, surely is one of the most popular Québécois of the 20th century. Even before he was canonized in 2010, his reputation for holiness crossed frontiers and influenced generations of people.

At first assigned to be doorkeeper at Collège Notre-Dame, he was then named caretaker at that house of prayer which he shepherded into existence on Mount Royal. The religious brother welcomed thousands of distressed people or those who were looking for a ray of hope. He listened to them and recommended that they pray to Saint Joseph in whom he had full confidence. Any number of miraculous healings took place there and hearts turned toward God. Today, Saint Brother André continues to be an inspiration and a friend for women and men of any religious practice. - www.saint-Joseph.org



1845

AUGUST 09, 1845

Birth of Alfred Bessette on Grand-Bois Lane in Saint-Grégoire d'Iberville, son of Isaac Bessette and Clothilde Foisy. The very next day, he is baptised in the "chapel/rectory" of Saint-Grégoire Parish by Father Pierre-Albert Sylvestre.



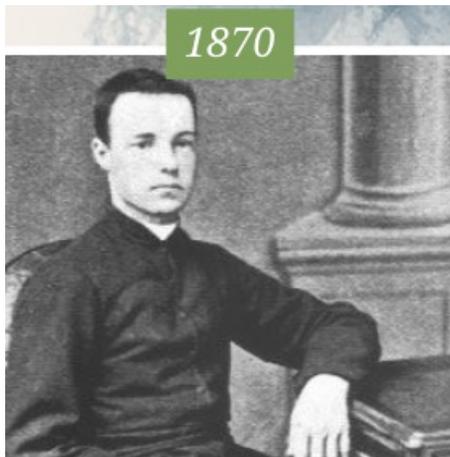
1857

Alfred, aged 12, moves to Saint-Césaire and receives the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Prince, Bishop of Saint-Hyacinthe. A photo of Alfred is taken for the occasion. Alfred works on a farm, and tries his hand (without much success) at the trades of



1863

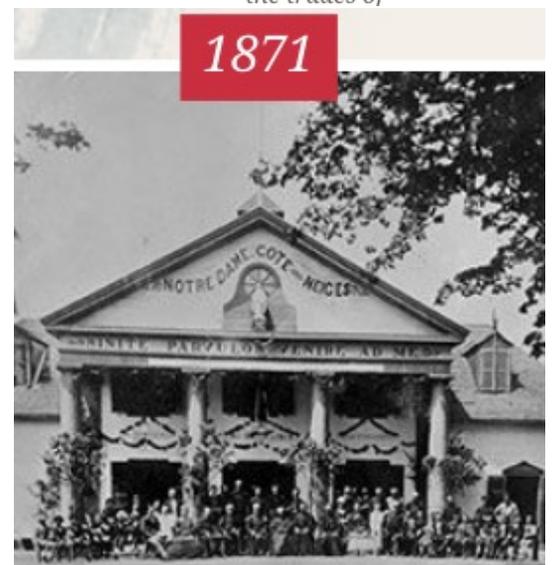
Alfred emigrates to the United States and works in textile mills in Connecticut and possibly in Massachusetts and in Rhode Island.



1870

DECEMBER 27, 1870

Alfred becomes a postulant of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal. On December 27, he enters the novitiate; from then on he is known as Brother André, CSC, in memory of Father André Provençal.



1871

DECEMBER 20, 1871

He is given the obedience of "doorkeeper, infirmarian, and lamp tender" at Collège Notre-Dame. His duties also include running errands, caring for the garden, cutting students' hair, managing the laundry and working as general factotum.

1878

Publication in a French magazine of anecdotal cures by a Brother André using oil taken from a lamp.



1872



AUGUST 22, 1872

He makes first vows.

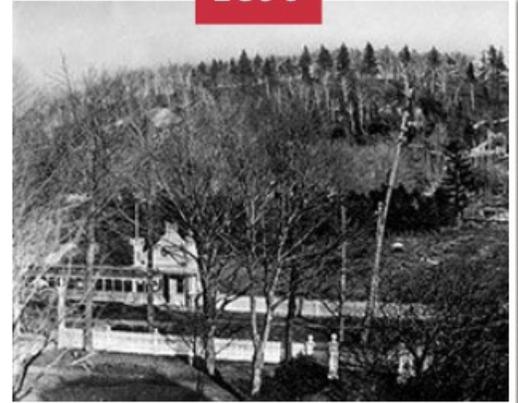
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FEBRUARY 02, 1874

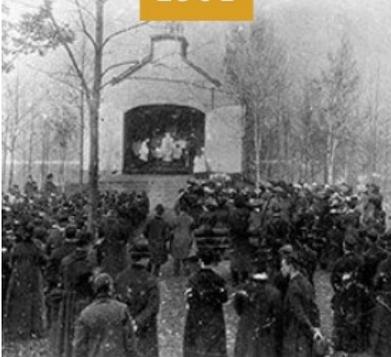
Brother André pronounces his final vows at the age of 28 and a half years.

1896



Purchase by the Congregation of Holy Cross of the mountain property across the street from the Collège. Brother André dreams of putting up a wayside chapel there, dedicated to Saint Joseph.

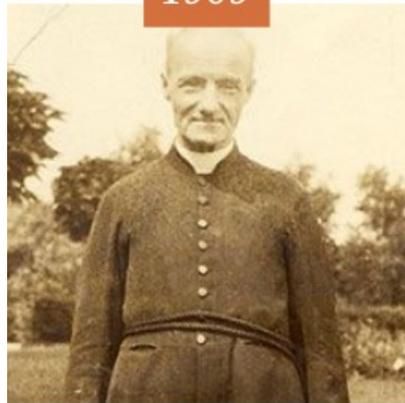
1904



OCTOBER 19, 1904

Blessing of a modest chapel: Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal is founded.

1909



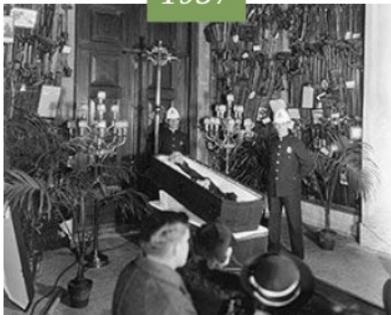
From 1909 to 1936, he greets thousands at his Oratory office, who come seeking hope, reassurance, or even healing.

1909



Assigned as full-time caretaker of Saint Joseph's Oratory, Brother André leaves the Collège after almost 40 years of service.

1937



JANUARY 06, 1937

Death of Brother André at 91 years of age, at the hospital in Saint-Laurent. A million persons file past Brother André's coffin from January 6 to 12.

Knight's Reflection - "Practice charity with your neighbour - and this doesn't mean only to give money to the poor. There are many ways to practice charity. We could, for example, keep ourselves from examining our neighbour's conscience. There is also visiting the sick, who often do not need money, but who need good advice to help them get closer to God.

"When you say to God, Our Father, he has his ear right next to your lips."

"There is so little distance between heaven and earth that God always hears us. Nothing but a thin veil separates us from God."

- St. Brother Andre Bessette