

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Christmas Weekday

*Saint André Bessette, Religious*

The optional memorial is for our third North American saint of the week who spent some time working in New England and then returned to his native Canada, where he entered the religious life at the age of 25 with the Congregation of the Holy Cross. He became a porter or doorkeeper, welcoming those who passed through the doors to Notre Dame College in Montreal. He had a sense of humor: "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years." The irony of his life was that he was not well educated yet people flocked to him so much that he was given a better place at the trolley station to meet those who sought his counsel. He directed them to St. Joseph and the faith of the "Miracle Man of Montreal", "Frère André", led to the construction of the largest shrine in the Western hemisphere to St. Joseph. A humble, simple saint who in this Year of St. Joseph we should also remember for his devotion to St. Joseph, whom he attributed all the miracles.

Saint André Bessette, pray for us!

God Love You!

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