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Brother Andre.

The Miracle Man of Canada is a Notre Dame man. He is the humble lay Brother who for forty years greeted the visitors at Notre Dame College, Montreal. Brother Andre is now dead, but he still obtains and works miracles for those who pray to him and St. Joseph. St. Joseph was the very center of his life.

Brother Andre was convinced that St. Josep! must have a great Shrine. Our Lady had her Shrine at Lourdes. St. Joseph must have his So one day Brother planted a medal of St. Joseph in the slope of the mountain that rose up behind the College.

The medal was placed in the ground with the prayer that God would make the spot the location of the great place of prayer to St. Joseph.

A simple building 18 by 16 feet was the beginning of Brother Andre's dream. It was

called St. Joseph Oratory, a house of prayer. Today on the slope of the mountain there is a tremendous basilica, 340 feet long, 240 feet wide and 316 feet high.

Brother Andre was not just a promoter of a building. He was in God's plan a promoter of devotion to St. Joseph. The holiness of the Brother made his prayer most powerful. Miracles abounded, but only on one condition: complete confidence in St. Joseph Once he told a farmer who was painfully injured by a mowing machine, "Put aside your crutches and tomorrow you may resume work." The poor cripple hobbled away without his crutches and on the following day dragged himself behind the plow. He was worse than ever that evening, but he remained confident. The next day he was cured.

To date, there have been reported 23,458 cures and 55,019 favors obtained through the joint intercession of Brother Andre and St. Joseph.

Learn from this humble lay Brother to call upon St. Joseph in your necessities. Wednesday of each week is the day the Church sets aside as St. Joseph's Day. Pray every Wednesday to this great Saint, the foster-father of Christ. He is the patron of a Happy Death and of Workmen. He will secure for you a good wife and he will make you a model husband. But you must pray to him with confidence. And if you go to Joseph with the aid of Brother Andre, you are doubly sure to be answered.

Today is the feast of St. Joseph. Don't retire without first slipping into the chapel to confide your joys and your sorrows to him and Brother Andre.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Dr. Harvey Little; Mother M. Stanislaus (Discalced Carmelite, St. Louis) (Ill) father of Tom and Maurice Ferriter (both OC); William Schneider. Two Special Intentions. Two Thanksgivings.

NO LENTEN SERVICES TONIGHT. INSTEAD CARDINAL PREYSING WILL GIVE BENEDICTION AND A SHORT TALK AT 7:30 P.M. ADORATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL 7:30