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**FUNDRAISER**



**When:** Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7 pm

**Where:** Parish Center, 238 Main St., Bennington

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*Come enjoy a relaxing  
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*On-Time Prize Drawing Promptly at 6pm!!*



Adult: _____ Children: _____ Family: _____		<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b> <b>Bennington Area</b> <b>Habitat for Humanity</b> Adults-\$7.00 Children Under 12-\$4.00 Family Maximum-\$20.00	<b>Sacred Heart St. Francis</b> <b>Parish Center</b> Saturday, September 25th 2010 5:00pm-7:00pm
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**The Announcement of the Canonization of Brother Andre**

Dear Religious (and Friends) of the Family of Holy Cross,

This morning our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, held a consistory of all the Cardinals in Rome to obtain their votum on the canonization of Blessed Andre Bessette, C.S.C. The Cardinals affirmed the Pope's decision and so he announced that Brother Andre will be canonized in Rome on October 17, 2010. Members of the Congregation representing our sisters, brothers and priests were present with other invited guests of those who will be canonized with Brother Andre. I would like to take this joyful occasion for our Holy Cross Family to thank everyone for your prayers leading to this momentous day for Holy Cross and for the Church.

In particular I wish to express our gratitude to the Holy Father, the Cardinals, our postulator Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, our vice-postulator Father Mario Lachapelle, C.S.C., Father Jean-Pierre Aumont, C.S.C., Provincial of the Canadian Province and Father Claude Grou, C.S.C. Rector of St. Joseph's Oratory.



Our entire Congregation of Holy Cross rejoices today with the universal Church. Brother Andre, the miracle worker of Montreal, is the first formally recognized saint among us. Clearly there are countless anonymous saints of Holy Cross as well.

Brother Andre's early life was marked by physical frailty, poverty, illiteracy and family tragedy; amidst them all, prayer was his peace and joy. His parish priest encouraged the orphaned Andre to seek the consecrated life as his vocation for he believed it was there that Andre would find his true home and deepest fulfillment. In recommending Andre his pastor told the Congregation of Holy Cross that he was sending them a saint. And so it was. God chooses the weak and makes them strong. Andre was strong in faith, mighty in zeal. His humility allowed the healing strength of God to fill his being and thus bring healing to others. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, Brother Andre taught us all to pray and so to find the strength needed to live our lives in the truth of God's love.

Brother Andre's Congregation of Holy Cross is international in scope with ministries reaching to the ends of the earth. In every Holy Cross community and chapel, Brother Andre is present and revered. He encourages us to pray always so as to bring God's healing love to all in need. Through the world-wide mission of Holy Cross, Blessed Brother Andre became a universal figure; and now, in his canonization, he will be a saint for the universal Church. He calls all of us to pray unceasingly with him, through St. Joseph, to bring faith and healing to a broken world. May his humble yet persistent determination be our inspiration and our strength! As Brother Andre found his home in the consecrated life may new vocations flourish through his intercession!

I encourage each religious and every local community throughout the Congregation to sponsor a novena of thanksgiving for Brother Andre's canonization leading up to March 19th, the feast of Saint Joseph. Our novena prayer can be repeated in the nine days leading up to Brother Andre's canonization on October 17th. We are all blessed through Brother Andre in our vocation as consecrated religious and we, Blessed Basile Moreau's Family of Holy Cross, are affirmed in the holiness of his life.

Sincerely in Holy Cross,

Father Hugh W. Cleary, C.S.C.  
Superior General

***Rejoice!***

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**Monthly 50/50 Raffle**

Tickets available at parish office

Monday thru Friday – 8:30 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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