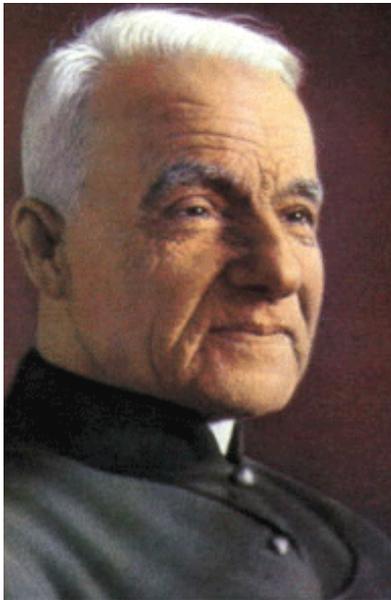


Brother André Bessette, C.S.C., to be canonized as Saint

Pope Benedict XVI announced earlier this year during a gathering of Cardinals in Vatican City that Blessed Brother Andre Bessette, C.S.C., will be proclaimed a Saint in the Catholic Church. The canonization will take place on Sunday, Oct. 17, in Rome.

Beatified by Pope John Paul II in May of 1982, Brother Andre will be the first member of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be declared a Saint.



Brother André Bessette, C.S.C., will be canonized as first saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross on Oct. 17.

Bessette was born in a small farming town, 25 miles south of Montreal. The eighth of Isaac and Clothilde Bessette's 12 children, Brother Andre was born with a chronic stomach ailment that prevented him from attending school.

When he was nine, his father died in a lumbering accident. His mother died three years later from tuberculosis. The children were dispersed and Alfred, barely able to write his own name, was forced to find work and learn a trade.

Brother Andre was assigned to serve as a porter at a Holy Cross sponsored boarding school called College Notre Dame in Montreal. For the next 40 years, he welcomed visitors, washed windows, cleaned the chapel, and cared for the students when they were sick.

He would often stop and visit the sick. When many patients he prayed for soon recovered, word of his healing abilities began to spread and he soon became renowned as a miracle worker, a title he vehemently rejected.

"I am nothing... only a tool in the hands of Providence, a lowly instrument at the service of Saint Joseph," stated Brother Andre. "People are silly to think that I can accomplish miracles! It is God

and Saint Joseph who can heal you, not I."

Brother Andre presented the sick with a medal of Saint Joseph and would also anoint the sick with the oil from a lamp next to a statue of Saint Joseph in the College's chapel.

Known as "Miracle Man of Montreal" for his many healings, Brother Andre is also the founder of Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, the world's largest shrine dedicated to the patron saint of the Universal Church.

When Brother Andre died in January of 1937 at the age of 91, more than a million people climbed the slope of Mount Royal to revere the hands that had healed so many. Today the Oratory is a world famous pilgrimage destination, attracting more than two million visitors a year.

The five other candidates along with Blessed Brother Andre to be canonized are: Blessed Stanislaus Soltys (Kazimierczyk) (1433-89); Blessed Mary MacKillop (1842-1909); Blessed Giulia Salzano (1846-1929); Blessed Camilla Battista da Varano (1458-1524); and Blessed Candida Maria de Jesus Cipitria y Barriola (1845-1912).

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Experiencing The Arts

Campion Literary Society Writing Workshop

Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 3:30 p.m.

Themed, hour-long informal writing classes.

Gold Room, Administration Building

"The Faces and Places We SERVE" exhibit

Oct. 4-29; Meet the artist reception, Oct. 22, 6-8 p.m.

Students and staff will share photographs taken during service trips that reflect the faces and atmosphere of a variety of cultures.

Widmann Gallery, Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center

King's recognized for academic excellence

King's College continues to be highly regarded in rankings published by respected national magazines and reviews for the quality of its academic programs and overall college experience. King's was also recognized for serving and supporting low-income college-bound students and its public service efforts in the local community. Below is a brief summary of some of the college's most recent notable distinctions:

- King's placed in the top half of an exclusive list of American academic institutions compiled for *Forbes* magazine by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity based on multiple factors related to affordability and student and faculty achievement.

The College's ranking improved dramatically, from 366 to 294 of 600 institutions. Less than 10 percent of the nearly 6,600 colleges and universities nationwide are included in *Forbes* third annual ranking of America's Best Colleges.

King's was the only Luzerne County college or university included in the list and one of only two institutions (University of Scranton) in northeastern Pennsylvania.

- King's was also recognized as among the best bachelor

and master degree granting institutions in the country in rankings, which stress service to the community and social mobility of the student body.

King's ranked 30th of all "master's universities" in the United States and one of only four Pennsylvania colleges ranked in the top 50 (Villanova, University of Scranton, and Gannon University). The rankings appear in the current issue of *Washington Monthly* magazine.

- King's has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts every year of its existence and the College was recently included in a national guidebook which highlights educators "committed to serving and supporting today's first-generation, low-income and traditionally underserved college-bound students."
- *U.S. News & World Report* has listed King's among America's best colleges for the 17th consecutive year. King's placed 40th in the 2011 rankings in the northern region. In addition, King's was selected as a "Best Northeastern College" by the *Princeton Review*, a student survey-based measure of quality colleges and universities.

Ward named director of the Office of College Diversity



King's has appointed Nathan Ward director of the Office of College Diversity. His primary responsibilities will be to enhance the multicultural environment of the College community through co-curricular initiatives and programs that address the needs and interests of a culturally diverse population.

He will also develop support services, including advisement, and integrate the academic and

social environment of the College and community for students of color and underrepresented students on campus.

Prior to coming to King's, Ward served as a residence director at Ursinus College, supervising more than 600 students in three residence halls. He also served as a residence coordinator in the University Housing Department at Shawnee State University.

Ward earned a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in leadership and professional advancement with a major in business administration from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He also holds a certificate of sacred study in Evangelism from Eastern Bible Institute.

People at King's

Dr. Joyce Armstrong, associate professor in education, presented a paper, titled "School Intervention/Tutorial Program for English Language Learners," at the International Literacy Coaching Summit at Texas A&M.

Karen Mercincavage and **Dr. Warren Bareiss** of the Mass Communications Department presented their paper, titled "Exploring Digital Innovations and Bridging Perceptive Divides: A Textual Analysis of HIV Community Photos as Ritual Performance," at the National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Greg Bassham, professor and chair of philosophy, published a review of Erik Wielenberg's book, *God and the Reach of Reason*, in the April 2010 issue of *Faith and Philosophy*. His article "Lance Armstrong and True Success," co-written with Chris Krall, was published in *Cycling--Philosophy for Everyone*.

Dr. Ronald Supkowski, associate professor of chemistry, delivered an invited lecture to the Drexel University Chemistry Department in May titled "Use of Thermometric Titration to Characterize Catalyst Supports: Advantages in process control and fundamental understandings of support."

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