



For Members of the Worldwide Father Peyton Prayer Guild

United in Prayer for a Spiritual Cause



Feast Days:

- All Saints Day,
November 1
- All Souls' Day,
November 2
- Memorial of St. Charles
Borromeo,
November 4
- Feast of the Dedication
of the Lateran Basilica,
November 9
- Memorial of St. Leo the
Great, **November 10**
- Memorial of St. Martin
of Tours, **November 11**
- Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ,
November 21
- Memorial of St. Cecilia,
November 22
- First Sunday of Advent,
November 28
- Feast of St. Andrew,
November 30

From the Vice Postulator/Guild Director

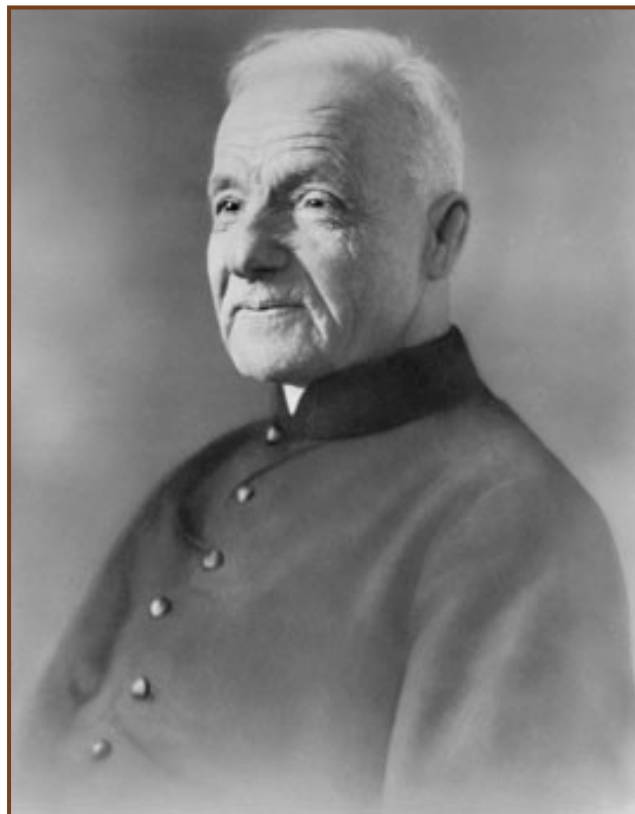
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is a time to reflect upon, give thanks, and pray for those who have gone home to God. This month's celebration of All Souls' Day and All Saints Day is the occasion for looking at the lives of six holy men of the Congregation of Holy Cross and their Causes for Beatification and Canonization.

Saint (Brother) André Bessette (1845–1937), the humble brother who was known as the "Miracle Man of Montreal," became the Congregation's first canonized Saint on October 17, 2010.

Alfred Bessette, born in Quebec on August 9, 1845, orphaned at age 12, worked to support himself with little formal education, had a lively faith and a strong devotion to St. Joseph. His childhood pastor encouraged him to consider a vocation to religious life, sent a note along with him to the Congregation of Holy Cross that said, "I am sending you a saint." Like St. Therese of Lisieux, Brother André would humbly touch countless souls without traveling, first as doorkeeper of Notre Dame College in Montreal, then at the trolley station, and ultimately at the Oratory of St. Joseph that he helped build. He would listen to people's needs and then ask for St. Joseph's intercession, with miraculous results drawing even more pilgrims.

(Servant of God 1940, Venerable 1978, Blessed 1982, and Saint October 17, 2010)



Saint André Bessette (1845-1937)

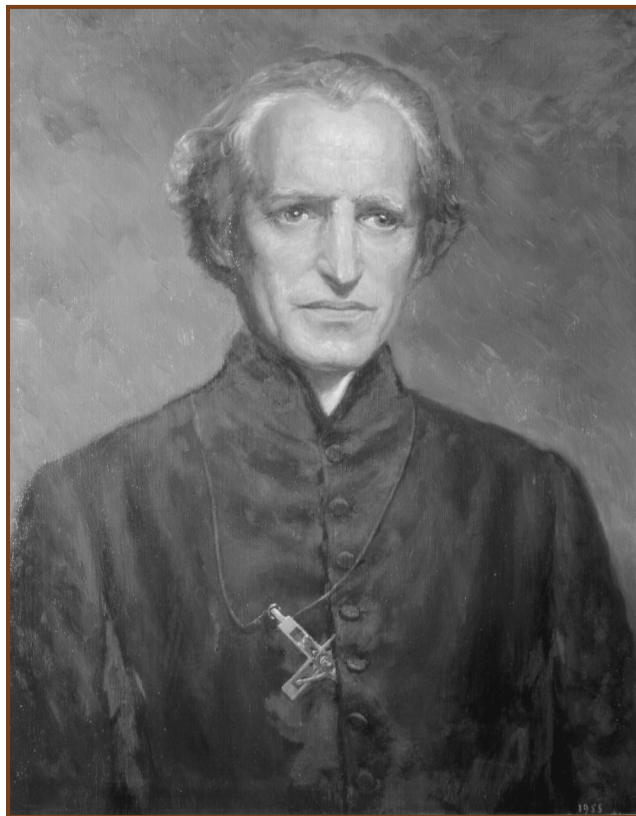
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"Sinners and saints, kings and queens, rich and poor, the learned and the unschooled, men, women and children alike find in the Rosary the perfect prayer." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

Blessed (Father) Basile Moreau (1799–1873), founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Born February 11, 1799, Laigne-en-Belin, Diocese of Le Mans, he was ordained a diocesan priest in 1821, became an inspiring seminary professor, active in parish work, faithful to Christ through prayer, personal asceticism, and service. Responding to the effects of the French Revolution (loss of 2/3 of France's clergy and religious), he organized Auxiliary Priests to meet the needs of the faithful. In 1835, his bishop asked him to oversee the Brothers of Saint Joseph's rural education efforts. Consistent with his vision of modeling this association on the Holy Family, he founded the Marianites (religious sisters), whose mission was evangelization and education. Word spread, and soon priests, brothers, and sisters served in Algeria, the United States, Canada, and Bangladesh. In 1857, the Holy See approved the association's Constitutions and declared the Congregation of Holy Cross (requiring the sisters to form their own Congregation.)

(Servant of God 1955, Venerable 2003, Blessed September 15, 2007)



Blessed (Father) Basile Moreau (1799–1873)



Venerable (Father) Patrick Peyton (1909-1992)

Venerable (Father) Patrick Peyton (1909-1992) is known worldwide as the "Rosary Priest" who tirelessly promoted the powerful family prayer of the Rosary.

Born January 9, 1909, Attymass, County Mayo, Ireland, one of nine children, his family faced financial struggles which limited his formal education and prompted him and his brother's emigration to the U.S.A. His parent's nightly family Rosary prayer and unshakable faith were the foundation for his priestly ministry to millions worldwide. His miraculous recovery from tuberculosis inspired his founding of Family Rosary and Family Theater Productions and propelled him to lead Rosary Rallies that would be attended by 28 million pilgrims who came to believe that **"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together"** and **"A World at Prayer is a World at Peace."**

A proposed medical miracle needed for Beatification is being studied by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. (Servant of God 2001, Venerable December 18, 2017)

Servant of God (Bishop) Theotonius Ganguly (1920-1977) is known as a holy, learned, and groundbreaking shepherd of Bengal.

Born February 18, 1920, the feast day of his patron saint, his family added the Bengali name, Amal, which means "spotless" or "innocent." He was educated by the Brothers of Holy Cross in Bandura, attended St. Albert's Seminary, India, and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Dhaka, 1946. He would travel to the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, U.S.A., where he became the first Bengali Christian to earn a doctorate and where he came to know and sense the call to join the Congregation of Holy Cross. He returned home, teaching at Notre Dame College, Dhaka, and serving administratively. He was well respected and named Auxiliary Bishop of Dhaka; on October 7, 1960, the first Bengali Bishop in history, serving as pastor and treasurer. On November 23, 1967, he became the Archbishop of Dhaka. Known for his respect for the dignity of each person, a strong religious spirit, and a gentlemanly character, which helped him shepherd the Archdiocese through the trials of the Bangladesh Liberation War, 1971.

(Servant of God, September 2006. A Positio for Venerability is being prepared.)



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Servant of God (Bishop) Theotonius Ganguly (1920-1977)

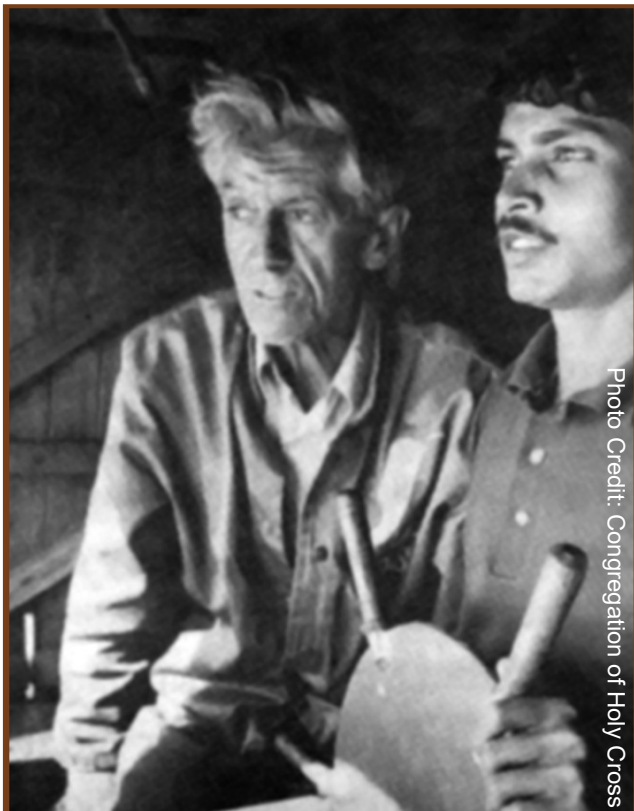


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Servant of God (Brother) Flavian Laplante, (1907-1981)

Servant of God (Brother) Flavian Laplante, (1907-1981) a religious brother with a heart for those in most need: poor, sick, and orphaned, as well as caring for women and local fishermen.

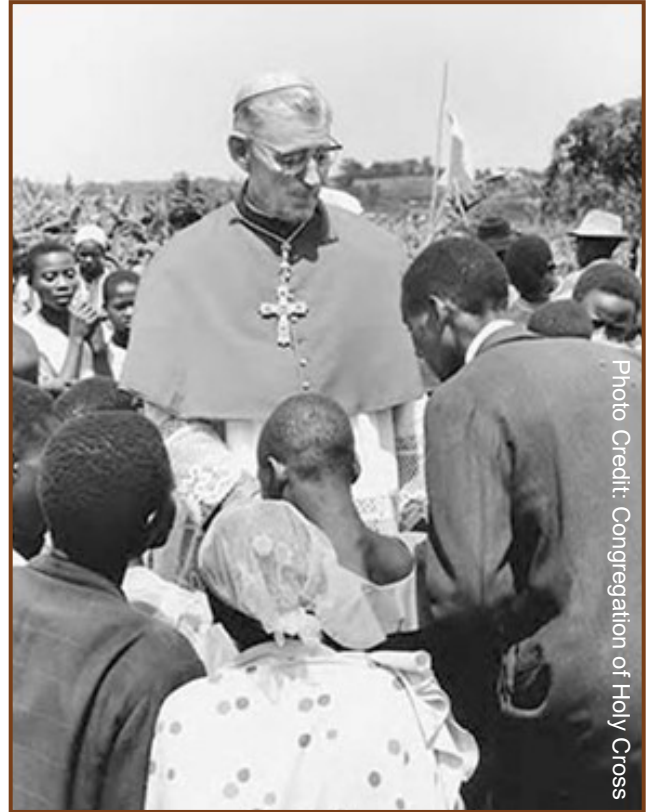
He was born July 27, 1907, St. Louis-de-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada, the 7th of 9 children. After meeting the Holy Cross Brothers in high school, he entered the Congregation at age 16 and took the name Flavian. Upon completing novitiate and studies at St. Joseph's Scholasticate, he professed final vows, August 16, 1928. After serving as teacher and dorm supervisor at Notre Dame College, Quebec, in 1932, he traveled to the missions in East Bengal (Bangladesh and India), where he served at a new high school in Padrishibpur. Japanese Army air raids and severe famine in Chittagong moved him to serve the poor, injured, sick, and local fisherman, to whom he devoted most of his life. In addition, he constructed an orphanage and school in Diang and conducted programs for women and fishermen to improve their lives. His holiness and devotion to our Blessed Mother is marked each February 11 as a major pilgrimage in Bangladesh with a day of prayer in honor of Mary.

(Servant of God, February 13, 2009)

Servant of God (Bishop) Vincent McCauley (1906-1982), a missionary bishop, was both a "bricklayer and architect" for the African people of God.

He was born March 8, 1906, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. His parish school awakened his missionary service and evangelization. Inspired by Holy Cross Priests preaching a parish mission, he entered the seminary at the University of Notre Dame with the Congregation of Holy Cross. Ordained a priest in 1934, he was unable to begin missionary work in Bangladesh and India until 1936 due to fiscal constraints. Illness would bring him back to the U.S.A. in 1944. When recovered, he served at the Foreign Mission Seminary, Washington, D.C., coining the phrase: "Wanted to build a better world: Few architects, more bricklayers." In 1958, he was sent to lead the new mission to Uganda: building the local church through establishment, renovation, and strengthening churches and schools. He was appointed bishop of the newly created Diocese of Fort Portal; he built the diocese from the ground up, including St. Mary's Minor Seminary. He is remembered for compassion and leadership, most notably with countless refugees, widows, and orphans during political turmoil in the 1960-1970's. His establishment of an East African seminary and Catholic University of Eastern Africa remains one of his distinctly Holy Cross legacies that continues to be a Catholic center of gravity for the region.

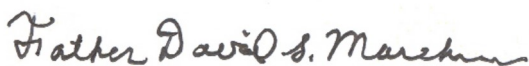
(Servant of God, August 2006)



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In Jesus and Mary,



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