

St Brother Andre Bessette

Food—Tuesday

Bonjour! Welcome! Please come and sit down. I am Brother Andre from Montreal, Canada. I am the 8th person in a family of 12. (Yes, I have 11 brothers and sisters!) When I was 6 my father was killed in a logging accident. I was very sick when I was born and my father baptized me soon after birth because he was afraid that I wouldn't survive. Even though the weakness and sickness stayed with me my whole life, I lived to be 91. Can you imagine? I spent lots of hours talking with the parish priest. He helped me to learn about the Eucharist and St. Joseph too! When I was 18 I moved to Connecticut because I thought that the weather there would be better for my health. I moved around a lot and worked many different jobs. I spent all my free time praying to God and having conversations with St. Joseph. When I came back to Montreal, I was introduced to the Congregation of the Holy Cross. There were six spiritual brothers there that ran a school for some 80 students. I was illiterate. I couldn't read or write. I was afraid there was no place for me in this group of brothers but was soon convinced that there was a need for janitors and laborers in their midst. I became the doorman. I took care of the facility and they taught me to read and write. The first place I was assigned after I took my profession, was the college of Notre Dame in Montreal. Soon after arriving there miracles began to happen. People would be healed. I was busy washing the floor one day when two men came in helping a woman to walk. I told them to let her walk and she stood straight and was cured of her illness. This sort of thing happened many times.

I teach that the smallest and sickest people among us can do great things through prayer.

Chocolate Éclairs

Potato Chips

Fruit and chocolate sauce