

Answers to the Requirements

- 1) St. Joseph. (from www.americancatholic.org)
- 2) When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. (from www.americancatholic.org)
- 3) “Some day, St. Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!” (from www.americancatholic.org)
- 4) Planted medals of St. Joseph. (from www.americancatholic.org)
- 5) Blessed André Bessette built a chapel (Shrine) with a statue of St. Joseph. He built this shrine over a period of many decades...taking small steps to complete the shrine. (from www.americancatholic.org)
- 6) January 6th. (www.catholic.org)

Visit www.NCCS-BSA.org for information on how to order the Footsteps of American Saints patches.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can work on this program?

All youth and adults.

Does the youth need to submit the answers to the requirements when they are done with the activity?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The application and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Will there be more than one Activity Patch?

Yes. There will be an activity patch for every American Saint. Five new activities will be added each year. If a new American saint were to be canonized, that person would be added to the rotation in a timely manner.

How long will this saint be available for me to work on?

Each saint activity will be available for scouts to work on for two years. After that, the activity will be rotated off and replaced with a new saint.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem, and will Cub or Boy Scouts receive their religious knot after completing the form?

No. The activity is considered a religious activity not a religious emblem. Cub and Boy Scouts will not receive a religious knot after completing the form.

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Footsteps of American Saints



Blessed André Bessette Activity



National Catholic
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Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This program honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the church calendar for the United States, some have the rank of "saint" and are venerated by the universal church. Some have the rank of "blessed" and are venerated by the local church. Some have the rank of "venerable" and, while on the way to becoming a "saint", may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in either North or South America. Many lived in what is now the United States. Others never set foot in our country, however their lives and work have had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Blessed André Bessette

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.americancatholic.org and www.catholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 of the activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 of the activities.

Requirements:

- 1) Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to which saint?
- 2) An epidemic broke out at a local college where he lived. What did he do and what were some of the events that transpired?
- 3) When asked why there is a small statue on his windowsill with Mount Royal in the background - what did Blessed André Bessette reply?
- 4) What did Blessed André Bessette and others plant on Mount Royal?
- 5) How was St. Joseph honored on Mount Royal?
- 5) When is the feast day of Blessed André Bessette?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about Blessed André Bessette. What is she known for? How can you be more like her?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of her accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) When he heard someone was ill, he visited them to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. Visit a sick person in your parish and share some laughs.
- 4) Blessed André Bessette spent years planning and developing a shrine. Plan and execute a service project for your parish or community.

Requirements for Adults

- 1) Assist the youth with this Footsteps of American Saints activity
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Saint.
- 3) Review the youth requirements after they have completed the activity.
- 4) Fill out the application for this activity and send it along with the fee to the NCCS.

For more information about this Saint, check out the websites below.

- www.Catholic.org
- www.AmericanCatholic.org
- www.newadvent.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints