

Answers to Requirements

All of these answers can be found at www.americancatholic.org

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

Visit www.nccs-bsa.org for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a Religious Emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after completing this activity?

No. This activity is considered a Religious Activity, not a Religious Emblem program. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning this activity patch.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

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

Whom do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

American Saint Series



**Saint André Bessette
Activity Patch**



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American Saint Series Activities

The American Saint Series honors men and women who led heroic lives of faith that have greatly influenced American Catholics. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. Some of these men and women are canonized as "Saints" and are venerated by the Universal Church. Some are beatified as "Blessed" and are venerated by the Local Church. Some are honored as "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 North America in what is now the United States. Some others never set foot in America, however they had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Saint André Bessette Activity Patch

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

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities OR visit an André Bessette Shrine with your family or group.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 activities OR visit an André Bessette Shrine with your family or group.

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 were some of the events that transpired and what did he do?
- 3) When asked why there is a small statue on his windowsill with Mount Royal in the background - what did André Bessette reply?
- 4) What did André Bessette and others plant on Mount Royal?
- 5) How was St. Joseph honored on Mount Royal?
- 6) When is the feast day of André Bessette?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about St. André Bessette. What is he known for? How can you be more like him?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of his 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) 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 American Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm their accuracy and to ensure his/her understanding.
- 4) Complete the order form for this American Saint Activity and submit it with payment for the patch to NCCS.