

## Answers to Requirements

- 1) St. Joseph. ([www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org))
- 2) When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. ([www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org))
- 3) “Some day, St. Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!” ([www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org))
- 4) Planted medals of St. Joseph. ([www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org))
- 5) 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. ([www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org))
- 6) January 6<sup>th</sup>. ([www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))

Visit [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://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 earning this activity?**

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

### **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.

### **Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?**

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

## Footsteps of American Saints



### **André Bessette Activity Patch**



**National Catholic  
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## Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds, and devotion to prayer and sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the U.S. church calendar, 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 there; however their lives and work had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

### Requirements for André Bessette Activity Patch

**All** – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org) and [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org). Feel free to use other resources.

**1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** – Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities.

**6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 5 requirements and 3 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 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 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 his accuracy and to insure his understanding.
- 4) Fill out the order form for this American Saint Activity and send it along with the fee to NCCS.

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

- [www.Catholic.org](http://www.Catholic.org)
- [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)
- [www.catholicism.about.com](http://www.catholicism.about.com)
- [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)
- [www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints](http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)