



January 2019 Message

Members of the Mattie Guild,

Greetings and blessings during this season Christmas, New Year, and Epiphany celebrations!

Please join us in praying an intercessory prayer to Saint Brother Andre Bessette, whose feast day is Monday, January 7.

The novena to him begins Monday, December 31.

Brother Andre is a kind of unofficial patron saint for Mattie's Cause, as Mattie prayed to Brother Andre in 2001, so that he could leave the hospital and share his message of hope and peace with the world. Mattie said that this message came to him from God, and was to be shared with the world, and he needed more time on earth to fulfill his mission. Despite medical predictions, Mattie survived another three years, and he believed that Brother Andre's prayers of intercession gave him the time he needed to fulfill his life's purpose.

This prayer is offered by St. Joseph's Oratory and the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Brother Andre's order. Please pray for a fruitful year of work for the Guild.

A reminder will be sent on Monday.

Peace of Christmas,
Peg Kolm
Director, Mattie J.T. Stepanek Guild

PRAYER TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL
FAVOUR THROUGH THE
INTERCESSION OF SAINT
BROTHER ANDRÉ

Saint Brother André,
we celebrate your presence among us.

Your loving friendship with
Jesus, Mary and Joseph makes you
another son in the eyes of the Father.

Compassion carries your words
straight to God's heart,
and your prayers are answered
with comfort and healing

Through you,
from our lips to God's ear,
our supplications are heard...

We ask to be made
a part of God's work
in a spirit of prayer,
compassion and humility.

Saint Brother André, pray for us.

