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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE BEATIFICATION
OF BROTHER ANDRE AND MOTHER MARIE-ROSE
IN ROME ON MAY 23

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today that the Government of Canada will be officially represented at the beatification ceremonies of Brother André and Mother Marie-Rose, which will be held in Rome on May 23.

The Canadian delegation will be led by the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and will include representatives from the federal government, the government of Quebec, religious communities and municipal authorities of Greater Montreal.

Brother André Bessette was born in Saint-Grégoire d'Iberville, Province of Quebec, on August 9, 1845. He was a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and founded St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. He died on January 6, 1937.

Mother Marie-Rose was born in Saint-Antoine sur Richelieu, Province of Quebec, on October 6, 1811. She established the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary at Longueuil, near Montreal in 1844. This community is mainly concerned with education. Mother Marie-Rose died on October 6, 1849.