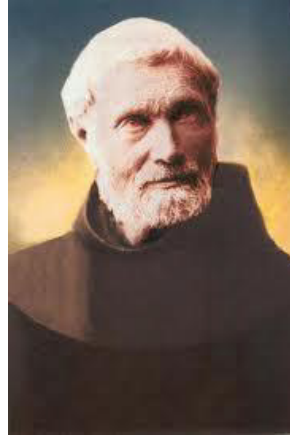
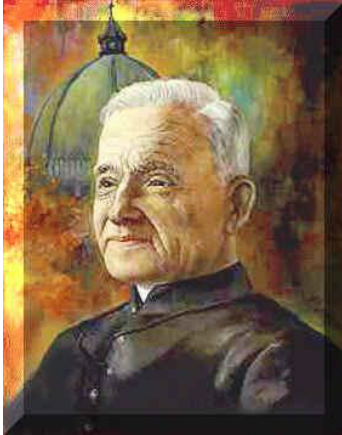


Quebec: *In the footsteps of the saints and the blessed of the New France*



The history of the Catholic Church in Canada is young and goes back to a little over four hundred years. Catholicism has taken root with the arrival of Europeans in the New World, from 1534, on the banks of the Gaspé Peninsula. A French priest accompanying the explorer Jacques Cartier, celebrated Mass for the first time on what would become Canadian soil. This route provides a better understanding of colonization in New France, the establishment of religious communities and the role of these exceptional people who helped and who have helped shape the Church here. Today beatified or canonized, they continue to shine.

8 days / 7 nights

Day 1

MONTREAL and Marguerite Bourgeoys

Panoramic tour of **Montréal** with a stop on Mount Royal to view the location of the city on the shore of the St. Lawrence. From there, explore the, 'ville aux cent clochers' or city of a hundred steeples, with a stop at the **cathédrale Reine-du-Monde**, the seat of the Archdiocese, **St. Patrick's Basilica** and the tercentenary **chapel Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours**, the first sanctuary of **Montréal**. In the afternoon, stroll through **Old Montreal** and visit the **Marguerite-Bourgeoys** Museum tracing the fate of this woman of vision and compassion who worked for women, children and Native Americans. Dinner and overnight in **Montréal**.

Day 2

MONTREAL, Kateri Tekakwitha and Frère André

Travel to **Kahnawake** (south river of **Montréal**) to better understand the course of Blessed **Kateri Tekakwitha**, the shrine which is dedicated to St. Francis Xavier mission. Kateri, known as "the Lily of the Mohawks," was the first indigenous saint to North America. In the afternoon, departure to **Mont St-Grégoire** to discover the birthplace of **frère André** and his home. Return to **Montréal** : *spectacle « Que la Lumière fût » à la Basilique Notre Dame*. Dinner and overnight in **Montréal**.

Day 3

MONTREAL, Frère André and Marguerite d'Youville

Day at **St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal**, the jewel of Canadian Heritage, founded in the early 20th century by **Saint Frère André**, a man of unshakable faith in God. Discover the most beautiful panorama of **Montréal**, crypt, Basilica and votive chapel; listen to the music and sacred songs, the prestigious bronze bells chime and the organ of the basilica. End up in the gardens and the Way of the Cross. In the afternoon, meeting with the **Congrégation des Sœurs grises**

founded in 1737 by **Marguerite d'Youville** recognized for his dedication and *canonization* in 1990. Dinner and overnight in **Montréal**.

Day 4

MONTREAL – TROIS RIVIÈRES

Travel to **Trois-Rivières**. In the afternoon, walk in the city to better understand the implementation of religious institutions in New France. Stop at the **musée des Ursulines** where history recalls a time when prayer, education and care of the sick were an integral part of daily religion. Mass at the **la cathédrale de l'Assomption**, whose windows are ranked among the most beautiful in Quebec. Dinner and overnight in **Trois-Rivières**.

Day 5

TROIS RIVIÈRES

Under the watchful eye of Mary, Mother of Jesus, we spend the day at the **Sanctuaire Notre-Dame-du-Cap**. Visit the small sanctuary noted to be one of the oldest churches in Canada (1720) and the Basilica sheds light on two major events that gripped the site: the Ice Bridge (or Pont des Chapelets) and the 'Prodige des Yeux' which **Father Frederic Jansoone**, declared by Pope John Paul II (1988), was one of the witnesses. In the afternoon, free time to explore the path of pilgrims, prayer, singing and listening. Dinner and overnight at **Trois Rivières**.

Day 6

TROIS- RIVIÈRES – QUÉBEC - STE ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ

Travel to **Québec**. In the afternoon, meet the three founders of the Blessed Catholic Church of Canada in Old Quebec: Mgr François de Laval, the first bishop of Quebec, he founded the cathedral, **Notre-Dame de Québec Marie de l'Incarnation**, founder of the Ursulines of **Québec**, in the **chapel of the Ursulines**, and Catherine de Saint-Augustin, spiritual founder of the **Hôtel-Dieu de Québec**, inside the monastery. Dinner and overnight.

Day 7

SAINTE ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ

Today, take time to discover the Basilica Shrine of **Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré**, which is not only a work of art, but a place where you can do an internal approach by taking the time to enter yourself and letting go with the feeling of peace that prevails. Visit and participation in liturgical celebrations (Mass, Rosary, Stations of the Cross). Dinner and overnight.

Day 8

SAINT ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ - QUÉBEC

This morning, back to the **Old Quebec** to visit the 3 church of **Notre-Dame-des-Victoires**, followed by a visit of the district of **Petit-Champlain** and Place Royale. You're in the same spot that started French civilization and the Catholic faith in North America. Free time in the old town and back to **Montréal**.

