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The holocaust was a horrible event, with death nearby for anyone who interfered. One would think that nobody would try to help the Jewish escape the Holocaust, and yet many did. Joseph André was one of these rescuers is very inspirational. He rescued hundreds of children from the clutches of the Holocaust. André risked his life to save these children without a second thought.

Joseph André was a Catholic priest who resided in Belgium. Because of his beliefs, André could not let the Holocaust be ignored. There were several problems for André, though. One; Belgium was controlled by Germany, and two; his parish, or the church that also served as his house, was right next to a gestapo station, or a German police station.

Joseph André saved children by getting to his parish, where he hid them. Wisley, he only took twenty children at a time, so he wouldn't have to worry about having to feed too many. Even though André only took groups of twenty children, the amount of food he needed was tremendous. Since André did not make enough money to supply this many children, he had to go out and beg for food. This is the most inspiring part of Joseph André's story. As soon as he got the children to his parish, though, he would give them to families whom he trusted to support them better than he could.

Through his actions, André has shown himself to be an inspiration to many. Not only did he save jewish children from the Holocaust, but he did it while having his life in danger. While

he could not save every jewish person, he did what he could, and for that, he earned the greatest honor any man can get, even if not many people knew it.