

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CAUSE FOR BEATIFICATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD

FREDERIC I. BARAGA FIRST BISHOP OF MARQUETTE

- 1930** Founding of the Bishop Baraga Association to promote the cause for the beatification and canonization of Bishop Frederic Baraga.
- 1930** Joseph Gregorich begins locating, microfilming, translating, cataloging of historical documentation of Bishop Baraga's life/activities and personal correspondence from 1831-1967. Documents were obtained from 5 countries and were translated from 3 languages. This process took the next 40 years.
- 1952** (June) Bishop Thomas Noa establishes a Diocesan Historical Commission to collect the documents concerning the life, ministry and writings of Bishop Baraga.
- 1970** Joseph Gregorich completes the work of compiling documentation on the life and labor of Bishop Baraga.
- 1972** The Ordinary Process of the diocesan phase is conducted in the Diocese of Marquette under the direction of Bishop Charles Salatka, and the acts are transmitted to the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints.
- 1972** At the November U.S. Bishops' meeting, under the presidency of Cardinal John Krol, 194 bishops present sign a petition to Pope Paul VI, asking that the cause for the beatification and canonization of Bishop Baraga, apostle to the Indians in the upper Great Lakes region and first Bishop of Marquette, be expedited.
- 1988** (October) The Congregation for Causes of Saints validates the diocesan process.
- 1998** The Positio on the life, the reputation for sanctity and the virtues of Bishop Baraga is completed and accepted by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.
- 1998** (December) The Positio receives the overwhelming approval of the historical consultants to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

- 2010** (July) A diocesan process to investigate an alleged miracle through the intercession of Bishop Baraga is concluded with a positive judgment, and the acts of the process are transmitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.
- 2011** (February) The Congregation for the Causes of saints decrees that the acts and process of the diocesan investigation into the alleged miracle attributed to Bishop Baraga is valid.
- 2011** (March) The theological consultants to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints give their unanimous vote in favor of the heroic virtue of Bishop Baraga, noting especially his missionary zeal, and recommend his cause proceed to beatification.
- 2012** (May) The Holy Father authorized the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the official decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Bishop Frederic Baraga, first Bishop of Marquette. Bishop Baraga now carries the title "Venerable".
- 2013** Construction begins on the new Baraga Chapel built as an addition to St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.
- 2014** The mortal remains of Venerable Bishop Baraga are transferred from the St. Peter Cathedral crypt to the sarcophagus in the new Baraga Chapel.
- 2014** (Oct 18) Most Rev. John F. Doerfler, Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, MI blesses the new Baraga Chapel located at St. Peter Cathedral.
- 2018** (Nov. 9) An inquiry into a new case of a potentially unexplainable cure is opened by the postulator