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## *A Message From Our Executive Director*

Dear friends,

Happy Spring! I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Baraga Bulletin*. As you can see, it is a combined Winter 2017/Spring 2018 edition. The Association has been blessed with so many great opportunities, many of which are highlighted in this Bulletin but there are so many more that I would like to share with you.

The interest in our beloved Venerable Bishop Baraga continues to grow. *Lake Superior Magazine* is working on a beautiful multi page story of Bishop Baraga and his journey towards sainthood. It will be in the April/May 2018 magazine. On March 6, 2018 *Aleteia*, an online Christian publication distributed in seven languages published an article on Curtis Chambers and his connection to Bishop Baraga. The Association was asked to provide an article (up to 10,000 words - the equivalent of 20 single spaced pages) to be sent to the Pontifical Missionary Societies in Rome. In addition to the EWTN documentary that is being released April 20 - 21, 2018 we are also in talks with a producer from Ljubljana who would like to create a second documentary on the life and labors of God's Faithful Servant.

Fr. Tim Ferguson and I enjoyed our time in Florida to celebrate Bishop Baraga with the Michigan Knights of Columbus, Michigan snowbirds, and others who have come to know and love our saintly friend. We were received with great enthusiasm and interest as we traveled south of Tampa to new parishes in the Port Richey/Holiday, FL. Area, Marco Island and Ave Maria University. May we continue to teach others about Bishop Baraga and may they be inspired to follow Baraga in his zeal and love for Jesus Christ.

This is all so exciting but I am constantly reminded of Bishop Baraga's own words in a letter dated February 4, 1855 that he penned to his sister Amalia. He writes, "God knows that I write only for His glory and for encouraging and inflaming the zeal of my neighbor. In fact, I beg Him to allow all my letters to be lost if they cannot fulfill these objectives." As we move forward on these projects and many others let us always keep Christ the focus. May we use Venerable Bishop Baraga as the conduit that he wished to be to bring others to Christ.

A quick update on the progress of the Baraga Educational Center. Given the fact that this is such a large undertaking for the Association, we are approaching this in several phases. The first phase is the restoration of the Baraga House and creating the shell for the Educational Center. To that end, the security system and the fire suppression system have been installed! The contractors will now be working on the second floor of the building to create office/work space for the BBA. As we progress with the Capital Campaign we will be ordering archival cases to ensure all artifacts are displayed and preserved properly. As you will see later in this edition, our goal is to open the Educational Center to the public by mid-summer with a dedication tentatively set to occur during Baraga Days, August 18-19, 2018. In order to accomplish that goal we need your help! We must raise \$300,000 of our goal. Every contribution counts! And is so gratefully appreciated.

If you would like more information on the Baraga Educational Center and the Capital Campaign or you are interested in hosting an event in your area to help us teach others about our mission, please contact the Bishop Baraga Association at 906-227-9117 or [lmckeen@dioceseofmarquette.org](mailto:lmckeen@dioceseofmarquette.org).

Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to continuing the mission sent forth by Venerable Bishop Baraga. May we continue to *follow in his footsteps!*

May God Bless you all!

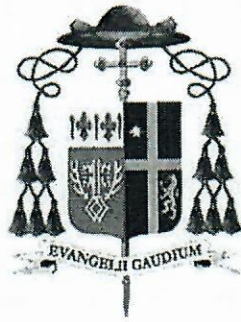
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EPISCOPUS MARQUETTENSIS

## PROCLAMATION OF A YEAR OF SERVICE IN HONOR OF THE VENERABLE BISHOP FREDERIC BARAGA

Whereas the Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga died one hundred and fifty years ago today, on January 19, 1868;

Whereas it states in Matthew 25: 34-36: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Whereas the Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga spent his life to spread the Gospel and serve those in need;

Whereas the life of heroic virtue of the Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga inspires us to share our Catholic faith with others and serve those in need;

I hereby proclaim the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen to be a year of service in which we reach out to the least among us with the love of Jesus in honor of the Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga.

Given at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette, MI, January 19, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'John F. Doerfler', with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL  
Bishop of Marquette

Signed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Daniel J. Moll', with a cross at the beginning.  
Very Reverend Daniel J. Moll, Chancellor



## 150th Anniversary of the Passing of Bishop Frederic Baraga

On January 19th and 20th, at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, the Bishop Baraga Association (BBA) sponsored a 2 day event to honor the life and times of Bishop Baraga. The date of January 19th is significantly remembered in that Bishop Baraga passed away in Marquette at the Bishop Baraga home on January 19, 1868. This event was very well attended by hundreds of people from not only the Marquette area, but also from throughout the Upper Peninsula, from Wisconsin, and including two priests from Slovenia.

Friday evening was especially exciting as the EWTN documentary on the life and labor of Venerable Bishop Baraga was premiered to over 300 attendees. Michael O'Neill emceed the premiere of *They Might Be Saints: Bishop Frederic Baraga*. Michael is the creator and host of the new EWTN docu-series "They Might Be Saints" which examines the lives of men and women of faith on the path to sainthood. He is the host of the weekly Relevant Radio® program "The Miracle Hunter®" and a frequent contributor to *The Drew Mariani Show*.

Michael and his videographer, Mark Davis spent 4 days in late October filming re-enactments and footage of the Upper Peninsula for the documentary. His interviews with local personnel and ongoing assessment of potential miracles attributed to the intercession of Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga were very enlightening and captured the interest of all.

Saturday morning before leading a snowshoe walk through Holy Cross Cemetery, Curtis Chambers reviewed the details of his snowshoe trip of 115 miles from Sault Ste. Marie to Marquette. This very significant personal commitment and challenging snowshoe trip was designed to "follow in the footsteps" of Bishop Baraga. The long trip was completed in well below zero weather. As he traveled along the way, he handed out crosses made of cedar and sweet grass. Curtis has snow shod over 1,000 miles in Bishop Baraga's footsteps and he shared the remarkable connection it has given him to Venerable Bishop Baraga. Curtis is a member of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and former tribal chairman, and he is a member of St. Mary-St. Charles Parish in Cheboygan MI.

Saturday afternoon Fr. Corey Litzner capped off the

presentations with an enlightening discussion of Bishop Baraga's first pastoral letter. The letter was written in 1853 and is the only pastoral letter to be written in two languages (English and the Native Ojibwa language). Fr. Corey's passion and love for Venerable Bishop Baraga was evident throughout his presentation. Fr. Corey was ordained to the priesthood in 2004. A native of St. Ignatius parish in St. Ignace, he has served St. Sebastian, Bessemer; Immaculate Conception, Wakefield; St. Catherine, Marinesco; St. Thomas, Escanaba; St. Anthony, Wells; Precious Blood, Stephenson; Holy Redeemer, Menominee; Sacred Heart, L'Anse; St. Ann, Baraga; Holy Name of Jesus, Assinins.

In addition to the presentations, information booths were set up by the Baraga Shrine Foundation - L'Anse, MI; Holy Angels Catholic Church - Sugar Island, MI; the Chippewa Historical Society - Sault Ste. Marie, MI; the Assinins - Baraga Mission Center - Assinins, MI; and Sacred Heart Religious Goods store - Marquette, MI. This allowed attendees to learn about Baraga's influence across the Upper Peninsula.

A Native drum circle, praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy chaplet as well as confession were among the many activities of the weekend. A special opportunity to privately venerate the stole worn by Venerable Bishop Baraga was also provided.

Almost 400 students from our Catholic & Home Schools participated in the celebration by creating artwork and other forms of media that were influenced by Bishop Baraga. Third grade students from L'Anse created a 15 minute video presentation on the timeline of Baraga's life. Fr. Marquette eight grade students presented short vignettes on Baraga's life. Other creative works included a quilt, snowshoes refurbished with ceramic tiles that were decorated by the students, many drawings, and a mosaic replica of a stain glass window in the Baraga chapel.

The weekend provided a wonderful opportunity for attendees to learn more about Bishop Baraga and the impact he had on the Great Lakes Region as well as a call to action for everyone to Follow in His Footsteps.

By: James Surrell, MD & Lenora McKeen



## *Snapshots from the 150th Celebration...*

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AND KATELYN MCKEEN





*Following is an excerpt from one of Fr. Frederic Baraga's letters written to his older sister, Amalia Gressel. This letter was written while the young Fr. Baraga was traveling to Europe.*

London, December 3. 1836

My Dearest Amalia!

I have come to write this letter to you in the largest and most populated city in Europe to which my wish to see this world famous city has brought me, and with the intention to perfect myself in the English language which to me, in America, is very useful.

Now I must give you a brief description of my journey to here. On Sept. 29 I left my mission station on Lake Superior and on Oct. 15 I arrived in Detroit. There I spent a week, because Bishop Fenwick had given me many letters to take with me and so many commissions for Paris, Lyon, Munich, Vienna, Rome and Naples that it took him a week before he was finished. He is very pleased with my journey to Europe and during my stay in Detroit has given me certain signs of his satisfaction. From Detroit I went to New-York where I arrived on Oct. 30. On the way, on Oct. 25, I visited the biggest and most famous waterfalls in the world, namely, the Niagara Falls, about which more orally. In New-York I drew two large sums of money, sent to me through the Leopoldine Society, but, without doubt, through your efforts, my dearest Amalia! More orally. On November 3 I boarded a ship in New-York and in the short time of 23 days, and after a very stormy but safe ocean journey, I arrived in Liverpool, (in the western part of England). I made this detour to England to know this most famous country in Europe and in all the world, and to take advanced lessons for the improvement of my English. And, in fact, for me this journey was an excellent school, because all my fellow-travelers on the ship were English, (whereas on a ship to Havre de Grace I would have had only French and German fellow-travelers), but also here in England I hear and speak nothing else but English. From Liverpool I went by land to London where I arrived on December 1st. More about this orally for it would cost me too much time to report to you in writing what I have seen on his journey that is noteworthy.

Nevertheless, I must tell you this about my journey from Detroit; to New-York I rode about 100 miles on a railroad. The speed at which the travelers (usually 200 to 300 at one time) are being driven ahead is astonishing. On one side of the railroad mile posts are placed; I took my watch in hand and convinced myself that every two minutes we passed over one English mile, that is, an hour's walk every six minutes! - It is understandable that such fast travel cannot be done with horses. It is also true that no horses were used on this railroad; on the foremost car is a steam-engine, and to this car 10-15 large coaches, each for 24 persons, are chained.

I must also tell you that the speed of my voyage on the ocean was also noteworthy. We usually traveled at the rate of 10 and sometimes 12 miles an hour.

From my previous letter you know that my main object for this journey is the printing of two Indian works (a prayer-book with a catechism and the Life of Jesus), which I wanted to have printed in Ljubljana; but according to the order of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, I will have them printed in Paris, and if not there, then in Rome, and only after the completion of the printing of the Indian books I will travel further. This will certainly delay the happy moment of our meeting again, but consider that I did not come back to Europe to gratify my feelings, but to realize my missionary objects as well as possible.

So much from London, the rest from Paris.

Your ever and sincerely loving brother,

Frederic Baraga,  
Missioner.

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# *Save the Date*

## **Baraga Days**

### **August 18 & 19, 2018**

### **Marquette, MI**

Look for the full schedule of events coming soon to the Bishop Baraga website  
at [www.bishopbaraga.org](http://www.bishopbaraga.org) and in the summer Baraga Bulletin

### ***Marquette Accommodations:***

(Ask for the Baraga Days rate, if applicable) All rates are without tax.

**Ramada Inn- Phone: (906) 629-6887**

412 W. Washington Street

Book through Expedia.com, Hotels.com \$127/ night

**Holiday Inn – Phone (906) 225-1351**

1951 US 41 West.

Book through Expedia.com, Hotels.com \$158/ night

**Cedar Motor Inn - (906) 228-2280**

2523 US 41 West

Continental Breakfast, AA A rated, First Come First Serve  
More than 2 people in the room would result in an extra charge of \$5.00 per person.

**Country Inn & Suites – (906) 225-1300**

2472 US 41 West

\$119 – 2 Queen Beds

\$119 – 1 King Bed with pull out couch

Mention Baraga Days for the discount price

Rooms are blocked until June 19th, 2018

**Days Inn – (906) 225-1393**

2403 US 41 West

Book through Expedia.com, Hotels.com \$122/ night  
Continental Breakfast

**Landmark Inn (906) 226-2580**

230 N. Front St.

No Special Rate. Prices Vary

**Birchmont Motel - (906) 228-7538 or 1-877-458-7805.**

2090 US 41, Overlooking Lake Superior

Call for current rates.

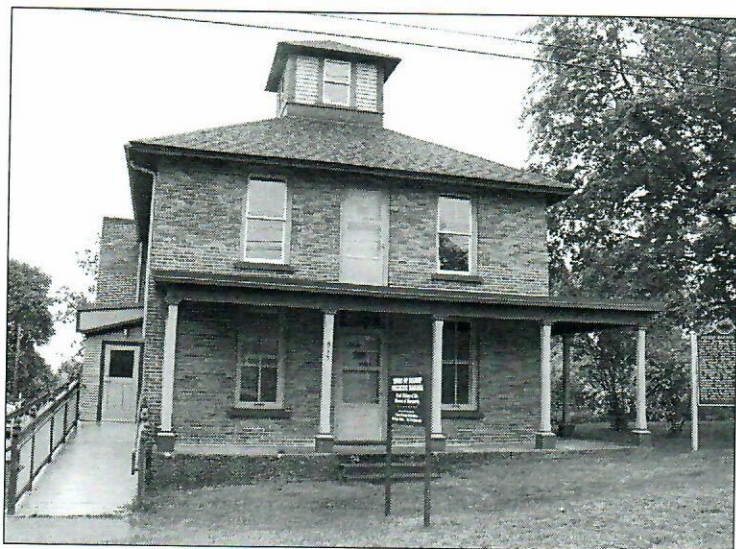


*Saturday morning snowshoe walk honoring Bishop Baraga on the 150th Anniversary of his passing.*



## Our Capital Campaign

Through the intercession of Venerable Bishop Baraga we have come to know Christ better. The Center will become a pilgrimage destination for the Holy Spirit to form every one of us into spirit-filled evangelizers as we continue to pray for Bishop Baraga's Canonization. Help us help others "follow in his footsteps".



## The Baraga Educational Center

The house in which Bishop Baraga resided as Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette was originally built in 1857 to be used as a church and home. It was a two-story, clapboard home located behind St. Peter Cathedral which had been built in 1864. Unadorned and sparse, the house reflected the man himself. He moved there in 1866 where he died peacefully on January 19, 1868.

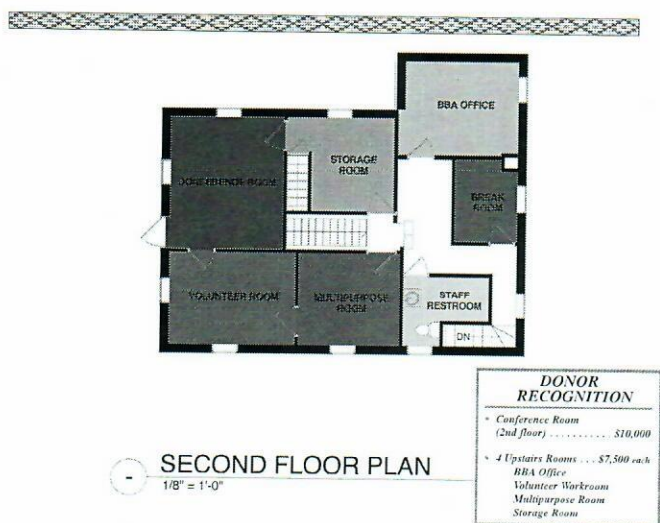
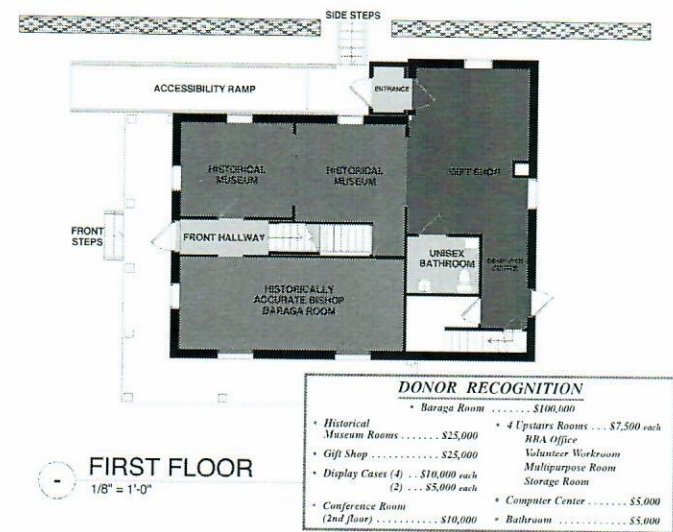
In 1872 the house was moved to its present location. It was attached to an existing building and the entire structure clad in brick. The Fleury family made it their home from 1909 until 1988. The Diocese reacquired it and it has remained relatively unused and vacant.

The Bishop Baraga Association is committed to creating an education center that will become a pilgrimage destination, insure preservation of the artifacts and comply with the Norms for Beatification. This center will capture the essence of Baraga, the man, the priest and the Bishop as he ministered throughout the Great Lakes Region. Here you will find an opportunity for prayer, contemplation and inspiration.

## Our Vision

The first floor will be open to the public. To the right of the staircase is the room where Venerable Bishop Baraga worked, slept and later died. The original floors, walls and woodwork will be preserved.

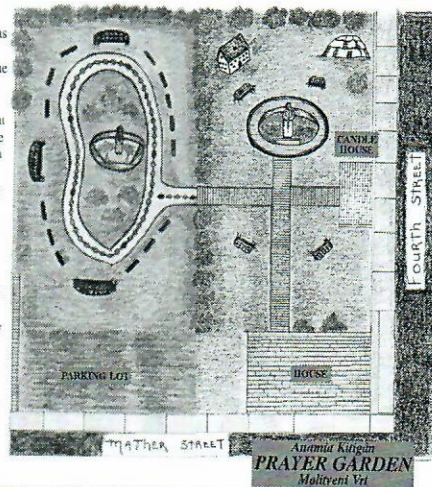
Two rooms to the left of the staircase will showcase artifacts pertaining to his life - ranging from Slovenia, to his ministering to the Native Americans, to items pertaining to



DONOR RECOGNITION	
• Landscaping .....	\$100,000
• Votive House .....	\$50,000
• Native American Dwelling .....	\$25,000
• Mala Vas Replica .....	\$25,000
• Rosary Garden .....	\$25,000
• Individual Station of the Cross .....	\$5,000
• Adirondack Porch Chairs .....	\$1,000
• Benches .....	\$1,000
• Votive House Memory Wall .....	\$500
• Brick - 4" x 8" .....	\$250

Father Baraga was among the first evangelizers to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It was his desire that every person have an encounter with Christ which would draw them into a deeper relationship with Him. Father Baraga saw the face of Christ in everyone. He met and accepted people where they were on their spiritual journey.

Father Baraga knew the importance of daily prayer. He lived the example he taught others by rising daily at 3 (4)am and spending three hours a day in prayer. Bishop Baraga called all to be missionaries ... to spread the Gospel.





his priesthood and his time as the bishop of the Marquette Diocese.

A third room in the back, which was not part of the original house, will be utilized as a small gift shop with computer stations that will allow access to digitized letters, papers, and photos of Baraga's life. Professional documentaries produced in partnership with a national production company, will be available for viewing. An accessible bathroom is already onsite.

The upstairs rooms will house the Bishop Baraga Association, a conference room, classroom, workspace, and storage. An existing small bathroom will be updated.

When completed the Baraga Educational Center will provide visitors with a comprehensive view of Venerable Bishop Baraga's life and a chance to walk on the original floor and follow in his footsteps.

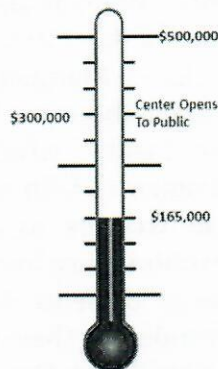
Our Goal is to open the Center to the public by July 2018. In order to reach that goal we must raise \$300,000 of our \$500,000 total. We need to raise \$135,000 to reach that goal.

**We need your help today!**

**Donate online:**  
bishopbaraga.org

**Mail a check to:**  
Baraga Educational Center  
347 Rock St.  
Marquette, MI 49855

**Call the BBA: (906) 227-9117**



**Tom Blake, President/CEO of UP Catholic Credit Union presents a check to Lenora McKeen, Executive Director of the Bishop Baraga Association for the Baraga Educational Center. The UP Catholic Credit Union has pledged a contribution of \$25,000 to the project.**

## FOLLOWING THE *Snowshoe Priest*

### PLEDGE CARD

I/we agree to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the  
**Bishop Baraga Association Capital Campaign.**  
The contribution will be paid over:

☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years ☐ Other

I/we would like to begin payments in \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(MONTH/YEAR)

☐ Annually ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Checks should be made payable to:  
Bishop Baraga Association**

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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*We welcome gifts of securities.* If you would like to leave a bequest to our organization please use our legal name - Bishop Baraga Association. We also welcome gifts. For instructions on stock transfers, bequests, or other questions, please call 906-227-9117.

**THANK YOU!!** Please return this card to:

**Bishop Baraga Association  
1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855**

To receive additional information on the Capital Campaign and naming opportunities available please contact the Bishop Baraga Association 347 Rock St Marquette, MI 49855 906-227-9117.



## ***Michigan Knights of Columbus Venerable Frederic Baraga Day in Florida & Bishop Baraga Association “Man of the Year” Presentations***

The 31st annual Florida Baraga Days hosted by the Michigan Knights of Columbus was held in Holiday, Florida on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Hosted by Herbert Wegener, the day began with Mass followed by a luncheon and program.

Very Rev. Timothy Ferguson, Chaplain of the Bishop Baraga Association and Rector of the Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden, MI was the Celebrant for morning Mass. Father Tim's homily was both informative and inspiring, extolling the virtue of patience while we wait for the cause of sainthood to play out.

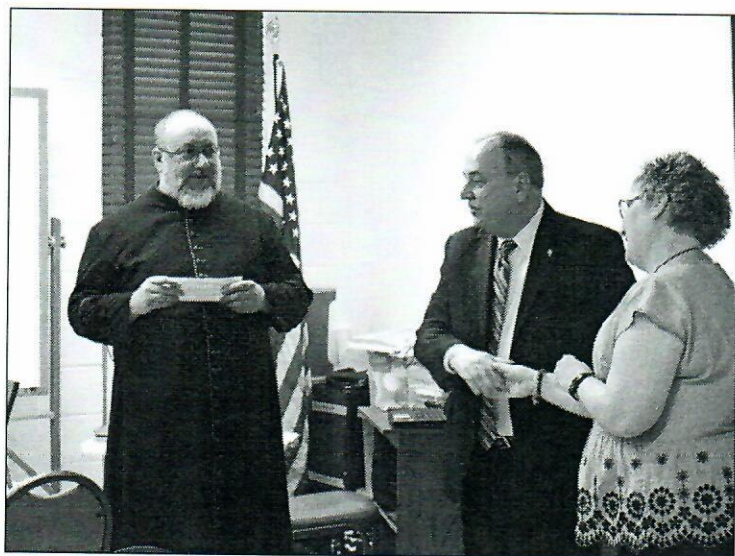
A fine lunch and program followed Mass. Former Supreme Director Thomas M. Wegener, PSD was the Master of Ceremonies. The featured speakers were Father Tim and Lenora McKeen, Executive Director of the Bishop Baraga Association. FSD Wegener brought greetings from State Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink who wished us well and is waiting for the return to Michigan of our Snowbird Brothers.

Mrs. McKeen's presentation included the current status of the development of the Baraga Educational Center which includes the restoration of Bishop Baraga's House. The Bishop Baraga House was built in 1857 adjacent to St. Peter Cathedral on Fourth Street. It became Bishop Baraga's home in 1866, when the

Catholic Diocese of the Upper Peninsula was transferred to Marquette from Sault Ste. Marie. Bishop Frederic Baraga resided in the house until his death January 19, 1868. The building has been vacant for some time.

The Bishop Baraga Association is committed to creating an educational center that will become a pilgrimage destination and insure preservation of the artifacts used during Bishop Baraga's ministry in the Great Lakes Region. The center will capture the essence of Baraga: the man, the priest and the Bishop. Here you will find an opportunity for prayer, contemplation and inspiration. The center is expected to open late summer 2018.

Mrs. McKeen also reported on the successful celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Bishop Baraga's death held in Marquette on January 19, 2018. She then talked about the Bishop Baraga episode of "They Might Be Saints" which examines the lives of men and women of faith on the path to sainthood. "From miracle workers to martyrs and ordinary people living extraordinary lives of heroic virtue, this EWTN original series presents those exemplary people who make us wonder if They Might Be Saints someday" (Michael O'Neill). A Director's Cut of this episode was shown in Marquette and then shown in Florida. The episode



*Fr. Timothy, Thomas Wegener, Lenora McKeen*



*Fr. Timothy Ferguson & Color Corps*



was very well received. The full Bishop Baraga episode is scheduled to air on EWTN on April 20, 2018 at 10:30PM (EST) and April 21, 2018 at 9:00AM (EST). Set your DVRs.

Fr. Timothy's presentation included the steps for canonization, the current structure of becoming a saint and the current status of the cause for sainthood for Bishop Baraga. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints is investigating a possible miracle attributed to the intercession of "The Snowshoe Priest". If the mir-

acle is approved, Bishop Baraga would be beatified and receive the title of "Blessed." In conclusion, Father Timothy stated that we all should continue to pray for success in the Canonization of Bishop Baraga.

The meeting ended with two presentations. First, FSD Wegener presented Father Tim and Mrs. McKeen a check for \$2,500.00 for the Bishop Baraga Association signed by State Deputy Unterbrink from Michigan K of C Charities.

## ***Michigan Knights Awarded 'Man of the Year'*** ***by Bishop Baraga Association***

Second was the dual presentations of Bishop Baraga Association Man of Year Awards by Mrs. McKeen to Herb Wegener and Glenn Barry. Herb Wegener accepted the award and Mrs. Marilyn Richards, daughter of Glenn Barry, accepted the award on behalf of her father who remained in Michigan this winter. Herb, for 22 years, and Glenn, for 20 years, have hosted this annual event after John Matthews from Manistique, MI had hosted it for 9 years.

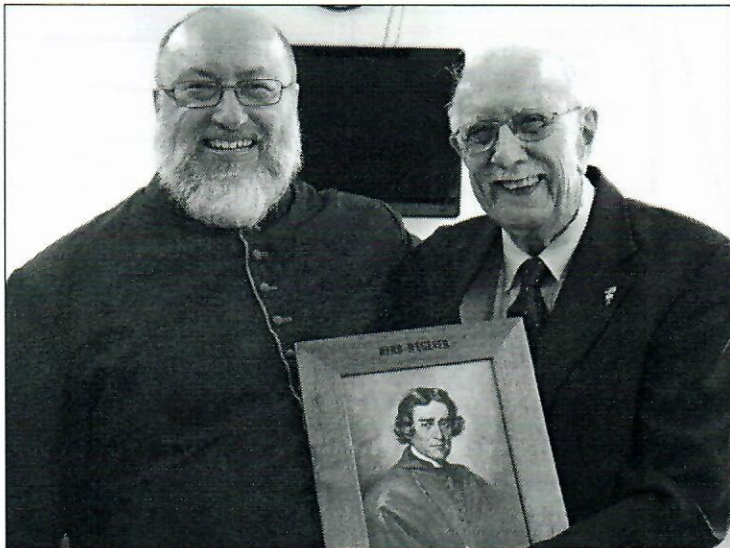
Herb Wegener, Past Grand Knight of Richard Council 788 and Former District Deputy, and Glenn Barry, Past Faithful Navigator of Bishop Albers Assembly 0496 and Former District Master of Michigan Fourth Degree District 2 both 'settled' in New Port Richey, Florida after their respective retirements. They would meet at Father Farrell Council 6476 in Holiday. They would both attend the Michigan KofC Days and Baraga Days events hosted by John Matthews. After taking the helm

of the events they proceeded to hold it each year in Holiday, expanding it one year to Anna Maria Island. A contingent of Slovenians would often attend Mass and the program. Most Rev. Alexander Sample, then the Bishop of Marquette, was able to make the trip one year, and FSD Bob Stebler was the Master of Ceremonies for several years. Mrs. McKeen thanked them for keeping the message and devotion of Bishop Baraga alive for Michiganders who cannot attend the winter Baraga Days events and those devoted to Bishop Baraga.

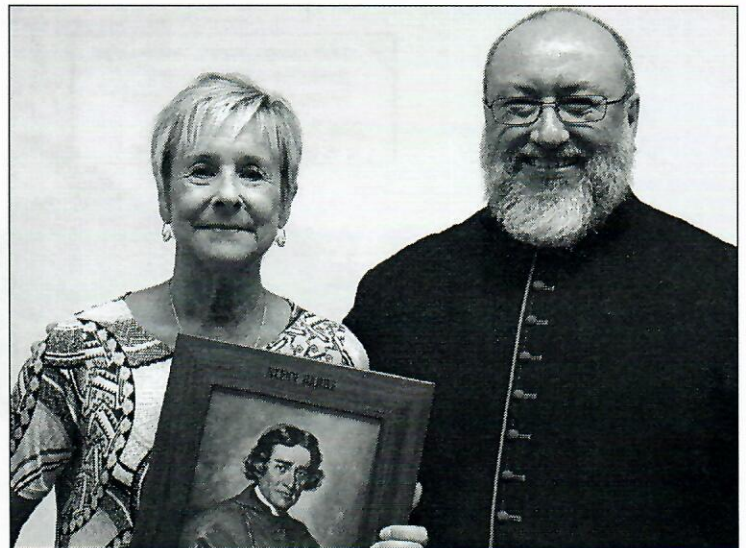
The closing prayer of thanksgiving was led by Fr. Timothy.

As John Mathews, founder of this annual event, would say "If you see someone without a smile, give'em one of yours."

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***Herb Wegener***



***Maryilyn Richards (on behalf of Glenn Barry)***



## ***Venerable Bishop Baraga... Following in his Footsteps ... A self-guided pilgrimage***

By: Sandy Jurkovich

The deep snow, blizzards, icy water, thick forests and swamps teeming with mosquitoes did not stop Bishop Baraga from traversing the Upper Peninsula founding missions and ministering to his people. In this, the 150th year of his death, why not embark on your own pilgrimage (using modern transportation!) to these places. Snowshoes and canoes optional!

What better way to get to know and appreciate Bishop Baraga than to see the places he walked, prayed and brought the joy of Christ to the once isolated Great Lakes Region.

Visit each of six designated sites and collect a different card. The cards were specially designed by a local artist and feature fascinating drawings depicting places and items relating to Bishop Baraga's life.

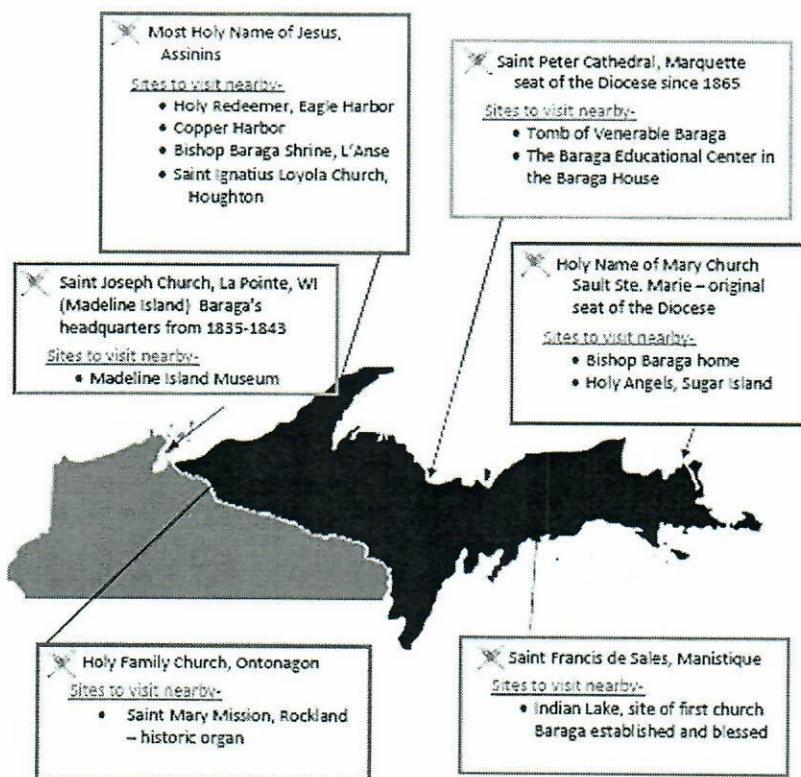
As you travel to each site, look for a banner similar to the one below and you'll know you're in the right place! If you are travelling from outside the Upper Peninsula this is also an opportunity to experience the beauty that Bishop Baraga never tired of, regardless of the season.

- Endless pine and hardwood forests
- Sandy beaches
- Breathtaking Lake Superior in all her many moods
- Over 100 waterfalls, including Tahquamenon Falls, 3rd highest east of the Mississippi
- The multicolored layers of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

### **Make your pilgrimage complete!**

#### **Visit places outside the Upper Peninsula connected to Bishop Baraga including:**

- Harbor Springs (Arbre Croche)
- Petoskey, St. Francis Indian Mission
- St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH
- Slovenian Cultural Gardens, Cleveland, OH
- Slovenian Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Grand Rapids, St. Andrew Cathedral & Grand Valley State University, Downtown Campus
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, LaCrosse, WI contains a memorial to Bishop Baraga
- The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington DC also has a stunning chapel dedicated to Bishop Baraga



For a full list of participating dioceses, go to: [www.dioceseofmarquette.org/baragapilgrimage2018](http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org/baragapilgrimage2018)



## LIVES TOUCHED BY BARAGA (*cont'd from back page*)

there is no better model than Bishop Baraga for this.

The 150th anniversary commemoration of Bishop Baraga's death did not disappoint, in fact, my life was forever changed by that week-end...in ways that words cannot express. The Holy Spirit and Bishop Baraga's spirit was truly present for the whole week-end, it was palpable and permeated every event, beginning with Mass and ending with the supper on Saturday evening. I was humbled when asked to proclaim the Gospel for the anniversary Mass. I felt the Holy Spirit speak through me and the words came alive as I knew that the man whose death we were commemorating lived the words of that Gospel every day, "When did you see me hungry and feed me, thirsty and give me drink, naked and clothe me". Bishop Baraga not only worked tirelessly to bring the Gospel to the Native people and the immigrants, but he looked after their physical well being as well. Bishop Baraga was a staunch advocate for the Native peoples and looked after their physical wellbeing as well as their souls. The 150th anniversary Mass was one of those times when I felt that we had a little foretaste of heaven, it was glorious.

After Mass, those present had the privilege of seeing the premiere showing of "Bishop Frederic Baraga", which will be aired on EWTN'S series, *They Might Be Saints*. Michael O'Neill, *The Miracle Hunter*, has done an amazing job in putting together a presentation on the life of Bishop Baraga, so that others may learn more about him.

Other events took place throughout the week-end, including a presentation by Curtis Chambers, "Following in the Footsteps of the Snowshoe Priest." Curtis has snowshoed over 1000 miles so far, shared some of his stories along the way, and shared how physically demanding it is, and was for Bishop Baraga. Bishop Baraga snowshoed up to 40 miles in a day, unheard of, just to minister to a dying person or bring needed supplies to one in need.

My brother and I were part of a Native Drum Circle on Saturday, in which the drum was played, and songs sung. Members of the drum circle would speak between songs, and my brother spoke of the tension that still exists in many Native American peoples because of the untold pain and suffering that many Native American people endured at the hands of missionaries that were not like Bishop Baraga, but rather they forced their religion and their ways upon the Native peoples. Many times families were torn apart and the children were sent away to boarding schools where they endured terrible suffering and atrocities, where their hair was cut, and they were not allowed to speak their own tongue. Bishop Baraga was one of many missionaries who truly cared for the people they served, but not all were like him.

I was humbled to be able to play the Native Flute and tell the story of how the flute came to the Anishinabe people, of how the Creator loves us and can speak to us in many ways, including music. The Creator always wants to heal us, and we need to be open to all the ways that the Creator may use to bring that healing about.

The 150th anniversary celebration ended with an amazing supper Saturday evening in which we all gave thanks for the special week-end, for new friends made, for new things learned, and for a better appreciation of who Bishop Baraga was and for what he did.

Whether you are someone who loves the outdoors, a Yooper, from Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota, Slovenia, a catechist, a Native American, someone passionate about evangelizing, a priest, a deacon, or a religious, or someone who wants to grow in holiness, I invite you to learn more about Bishop Baraga. There are many books available from the Bishop Baraga Association, my favorite being "The Life of Bishop Baraga." I do not think you will be disappointed in getting to know this man, who I am sure will one day become a saint. And maybe, just maybe...you too will have a life changing experience as you get to know this saint better.

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Bishop Baraga's death, we are invited to make a pilgrimage to six destinations that are related to Bishop Baraga's ministry, that include five in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and one on Madeline Island in Wisconsin. To learn more about these please contact the Bishop Baraga Association. My brother and I plan to do this this summer, maybe on our Harleys...who knows, maybe we will see you on the way.

Deacon John Vincent-Garceau..."Following in His Footsteps".

*Deacon John Vincent-Garceau was born in Ontonagon and attended school in Ishpeming.*

*He served in the military from 1974-1978 and was a Chiropractic physician for 22 years.*

*He was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin in 2005. He served as a hospital chaplain for 8 years and currently ministers to hospice patients in the Green Bay area. Deacon John and his wife Arlene live in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. They have 4 grown children, 8 living grandchildren and a grandchild in heaven.*

*Deacon John enjoys spending time with his family, reading, hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, just being in nature and experiencing God in His creation, playing Native flute and drum, contemplation, and riding his Harley.*



## Association News

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### IN THANKSGIVING

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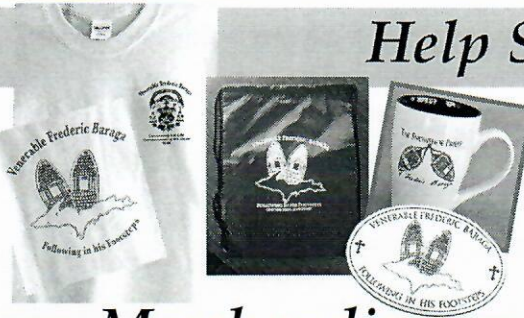
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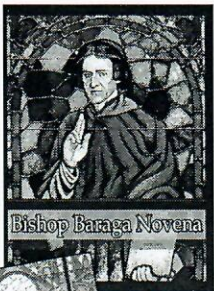
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The Church emphasizes the novena is a pious, spiritual exercise to bolster the faith of the individual, and that the individual should be truly devout, always remembering the goodness of the Lord who answers all of our prayers according to His divine will. Fr. William P. Saunders, [www.EWTN.com](http://www.EWTN.com)

We invite you to use these resources for private devotion to pray for Venerable Frederic Baraga's beatification and canonization.



<b>The Apostle of the Chippewas</b> by Joseph Gregorich (soft cover) . . . . .	\$10.00
<b>Baraga Dictionary of the Ojibway Language</b> (soft cover) . . . . .	\$25.00
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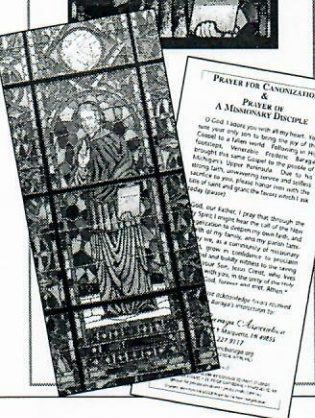
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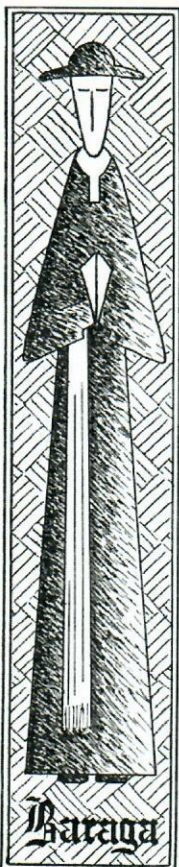




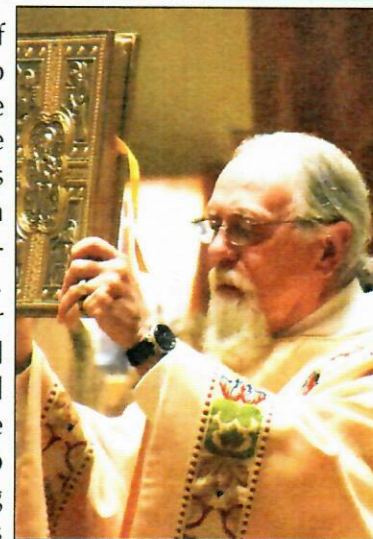
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## LIVES TOUCHED BY BISHOP BARAGA



As the day approached for the 150th anniversary commemoration of Bishop Baraga's death, I could hardly contain myself. I knew, deep down, that this week-end was going to be something special. I have been an admirer and follower of Bishop Baraga for some time, but the more I learned about him, the more I felt a special connection. I was born in Ontonagon and baptized at Holy Family Parish in Ontonagon...a mission/parish that Bishop Baraga served as he ministered to the Anishinabe (Ojibwa) people and the immigrants in that area. As my brother Dan (spirit name...he is a Gray Wolf) researched our genealogy, he has found that some of our French-Canadian and Anishinabe ancestors were baptized and had their marriages witnessed by Bishop Baraga at La Pointe and the surrounding area. In fact, some of our ancestors are mentioned by name in the book, "The Life of Bishop Baraga." Loving the outdoors, hiking, paddling, and snowshoeing among other outdoor interests made me appreciate Bishop Baraga's arduous journeys by foot, by snowshoe, and by boat. This man's fortitude and endurance in the face of many trials and extreme weather, all in the name of bringing the gospel to those who did not yet know Christ, is unmatched. Being an ordained deacon in the diocese of Green Bay, I look to Bishop Baraga as a model in prayer, in evangelization, and in zeal in bringing people closer to Christ. Bishop Baraga worked tirelessly to bring the good news to the Native people and immigrants in the areas that he served. I have the privilege to work as a hospice chaplain, and one of the most satisfying parts of my ministry is helping people who have been away from their faith for many years, reconnect and re-establish their relationship with God and the church and to once again receive the sacraments. We are called to spread the Good News, to bring the Gospel to others, and



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