

About Bishop Frederic Baraga



Frederic Baraga was born on June 29, 1797, in Slovenia. A devout student, lawyer, and artist became a priest at the age of 26 in 1823.

It was not uncommon for him to travel 100+ miles one way to serve the people of the Great Lakes region. He tended not only to the Native Americans but also to the many European settlers and iron/copper miners, who spoke German, French, and English. He's most widely known for his travels throughout the U.P.'s harshest winters on snowshoes, earning him the nickname of the Snowshoe Priest. He was fluent in eight different languages and wrote over 25 books throughout his lifetime including the Dictionary of the Otchipwe language that is still in use today. There are many sites including schools, roads, state parks, and towns that are named after this historic figure.



The Baraga Educational Center and Museum

615 S. Fourth Street
Marquette, MI 49855





The Baraga Educational Center and Museum is open and FREE to the public. The BBA and BECM are completely donor-funded. Donations are graciously accepted.

Hours of Operation:

April 1 - November 30
Monday-Friday: 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

December 1- March 31
Thursday- Friday; 12:00 pm-5:00 pm
Other times by appointment
*Gardens open daily

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2025 Jubilee “Pilgrims of Hope” Bishop Baraga Edition



The 2025 Jubilee “Pilgrims of Hope”

The 2025 Jubilee is centered on the theme “Pilgrims of Hope.”

Pope Francis expressed: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

Bishop Baraga’s hope for his flock and his faith could be seen and felt through his words and actions. Baraga was known for his unwavering spirit and willingness to help others, even when it meant traveling long distances in harsh conditions earning him the nickname of the Snowshoe Priest.

“Pilgrims of Hope” Passport Challenge

This challenge is aimed at inspiring you throughout the 2025 Jubilee spreading hope the way Bishop Baraga would - throughout his daily actions and decisions, prayer and devotions, faith and pilgrimages.

Complete 17 of the 20 tasks and challenges and return the passport to the Bishop Baraga Association in December 2025 with the “passport form” to receive a small gift for completing it!

Say Bishop Baraga’s 9 Day Novena

Tune in to our Facebook page to follow along, visit www.bishopbaraga.org for an electronic copy or grab a hard copy at the Baraga Educational Center and Museum located in Marquette, MI.

- 1. January
- 2. February
- 3. March
- 4. April
- 5. May
- 6. June
- 7. July
- 8. August
- 9. September
- 10. October
- 11. November
- 12. December

Passport Challenges

- 13. Read a book about Bishop Baraga or written by Bishop Baraga
- 14. Join us for our Pilgrimage in June 2025
- 15. Pray for Bishop Baraga’s Cause for Canonization
- 16. Tour the Baraga Educational Center and Museum in Marquette, MI (virtual tours are available on our website)
- 17. Join us for our Pilgrimage in August 2025
- 18. Visit the Baraga Chapel at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, MI (virtual tours are available on our website)
- 19. Join us for our pilgrimage in September 2025
- 20. Like and follow our Facebook page @BishopBaragaAssociation



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**The Bishop Baraga Association is the official organization of Bishop Baraga’s Cause for Canonization*

Pray for Bishop Baraga’s Cause for Canonization

Join us in prayer at www.bishopbaraga.org/cause. After praying, click the blue “pray” button to show your support.

PRAY



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