

Nedelja, 28. avg: 22. NEDELJA MED LETOM

Psalm »V svoji dobroti, o Bog, si pripravil dom ubožcu.«
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.30 + Iz družine Grguraš, *Mary Grguraš*
+ Ernest Vrečič Sr. in Jr., *družina*
+ Jože Kastelic, *Bob in Dorene Zajc*
+ Vinko Kociančič, *Brat Silvan z družino*
+ Dragica in Bernarda, *sestra Elenora K.*
+ Beta Bostjančič, *družina Baša*
+ Slavka in Lojze Gračner, *Jaka in Anica Opresnik*
+ Vida Kvaternik, *Jaka in Anica Opresnik*
+ Štefan Bokan, *družina*
+ John Žunič, *Matija Žunič z družino*

10.00 *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Ignac Kersnik, *wife and family*
+ Ivan Mahne, *wife and family*

6.30 pm *Devetdnevnica k škofu Frideriku Baragi*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

10.00 *Za žive in pokojne župljane*

+ Terezija Petek, *družina Slavka Levstik*
+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*
+ Miha Šivec, *družina*
+ Jožef Kozlar, *žena Terezija in hčerka Darinka*
+ Jože Por, *Maria Por*
+ Anica Mihevc, *mož Jože Mihevc*

11.45 Letovišče

+ Marija in Štefan Ulčar, *družina Boris Ulčar*
+ Jože in Lidiya Jaklič, *družina*
+ Lojze Svetina, *družina*
+ Ernie Grzinčič, *družina*
Za našo mladino, da bi ostala zvesta Kristusu in Cerkvi.

12.30 Holiday Gardens, Pickering

Poned., 29. avg: MUČENIŠTVO JANEZA KRSTNIKA

8.00 + Magda Udovč, *družina Ugovšek*
+ Angela Ovčjak - 4 obl., *družina Ovčjak*
+ Edi Jarkovič, *družina Jarkovič*

6.30 pm *Devetdnevnica k škofu Frideriku Baragi*

Torek, 30. avg: FELIKS (SREŠKO), mučenec

8.00 + Jackie Rozman, *M.B.*

+ Alenka Markež, *Sonja Markež*

6.30 pm *Devetdnevnica k škofu Frideriku Baragi*

Sreda, 31. avg: PAVLIN, škof

8.00+ Marija Udovč, *družina Ugovšek*
+ Rajko Starc, *Maria Medved*

8.30 - 6 pm Celodnevno češčenje - All day adoration

6.30 pm *Devetdnevnica k škofu Frideriku Baragi*

Četrtek, 1. sep: EGIDIJ (TILEN), opat

8.00 + Beta Boštjančič, *Doris, John z družinami*
+ John in Cecilia Bain, *J.C.B.*

6.30 pm *Devetdnevnica k škofu Frideriku Baragi*

PRVI PETEK, 2. sep: MARJETA, devica
Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.00 + Mimi in Stane Ugovšek, *družina*
+ Pepca in Jože Zalar, *P.J.Z.*

6.30 pm *Devetdnevnica k škofu Frideriku Baragi*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

10.00 + Beverly and Miha Kumprey, *Lucas*
+ Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*
+ Franc in Francka Videgar, *oporoka*
V zahvalo naše duhovnike, N.N.

Sobota, 3. sep: BARAGA DAYS - GREGOR VELIKI, papež-uč.

8.00 + Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *I.F.P.*

5.00 + Ivan Pepelnak - obl., *družina*

+ Krystyna Dix, *M. Bučar*
+ Mia Ferkul, *Kavita*
+ Maks, Matilda in Urban Petrovič, *L. M. Soršak*

Nedelja, 4. sep: 23. NEDELJA MED LETOM - BARAGA DAYS

Psalm »Gospod, ti si naše prebivališče od roda do roda.«
Lord, you have been in our dwelling place in all generations.

Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

10.00 *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Ernest Contola - 4 obl., *daughters and families*
+ Ivan Litrop, *Štefan Vinčec*
+ Anton in Ana Novak, *family Novak Leger*
+ Beta Bostjančič, *Doris, John and family*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

10.00 *Za žive in pokojne župljane*

+ Janez Levstik, *družina Slavka Levstik*
+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*
+ Terezija Gornik, *Rosemary Jevnikar*
+ Iz družine Por in Majerič, *Maria Por*

11.45 Letovišče - NO MASS

Poned., 5. sep: MATI TEREZIJA, redovnica

8.00 + Weronika Dobrarowski, *hčerka Aleksandra*
+ Štefanija Letonja, *družina Zupančič*

Torek, 6. sep: ZAHARIJA, prerok

8.00 + Gabrijela Jamernik, *Maria Medved*
+ Jože in Angela Glivar, *J.A.G.*

Sreda, 7. sep: REGINA, mučenka

8.00+ Danica Ančimer, *D.A.*
+ Peter in Ana Kotze, *hčerke*
+ John Adamich, *družina*
+ Anton Sluga, *Anica in Ed Sluga z družino*

8.30 - 6 pm Celodnevno češčenje - All day adoration

Četrtek, 8. sep: ROJSTVO DEVICE MARIJE

8.00 + Rafko Rezar, *S. Mirta Rezar*
+ Rev. Fred Scinto C.R., *Aleksandra*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

10.00 *Za blagoslov naše župnije*

Petek, 9. sep: PETER KLAVER, redovnik
ŽUPNIJA BREZMADEŽNE:

8.00 Zavhalo 50 let poroke Ivanka in Ivan Papa

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

10.00 + Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*

+ Janez in Mara Muhič, *oporoka*

Po namenu Darka Bostjančič, *družina*

Sobota, 10. sep: NIKOLAJ TOLENTINSKI, spokornik

8.00 + John in Cecilia Bain, *J.C.B.*

12.00 Poroka Pasquina Tedesco in Filip Petrovič pri OLMM

12.00 **Martyrs Shrine, Midland**

+ Andrej Pahulje, *cerkveni pevski zbor*

+ Rudy in Anica Resnik, *družina*

+ Silvi Kolarič, *družina*

+ Angela in Jože Ovčjak, *družina*

5.00 + Mimi Hudovernik, *Silva Hudovernik*

+ Ciril Verdnik in sorodniki, *M. L. Soršak*

Nedelja, 11. sep: 24. NEDELJA MED LETOM

Psalm »Vstal bom in šel k Očetu.«

I will get up and go to my Father.

Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.30 + Ernest Vrečič Sr. in Jr., *družina*

+ Frank Križaj, *žena Anica in hčerke*

+ Brate Vičič, *sestra z družino*

+ Franc in Ivana Sterle, *K. Sterle*

+ Martin Sterle, *hčerka*

+ Ani in Edi Ferkul, *družina*

+ Matija in Dorothy Perko, *Rudy Perko*

+ John Žunič, *otroci*

+ Frank Nagode, *žena Francka z družino*

+ Beta Bostjančič, *Rozalija in Majda Pušič*

+ Fanika Logar, *Anton Logar*

10.00 *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Rezi Genorio, *family Ferkul*

+ Jože Kastelic, *Pepca Kastelic*

+ Emily Ulčar, *oče Jože Mihevc*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

10.00 *Za žive in pokojne župljane*

+ Vinko Levstik, *družina Slavka Levstik*

+ Sonja Kokal, *družina*

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*

+ Milka Mate, *Marija Kastelic*

+ Janez in Terezija Gornik, *družina*

+ Iz družine Cerar, *M. Petrovič*

+ Stane Grm, *družina Grm*

+ Frank in Terezija Ritlop, *Regila Halas*

+ Marija Majerič, *Maria Por*

11.45 Letovišče

+ Silvi Kolarič, *družina*

+ Jože Čemas, *družina*

+ Milka Mate, *Ana Kure z družino*

12.00 Večerni Zvon, Bolton



DEVETDNEVNICA K ŠKOFU
FRIDERIKU BARAGI

Od četrтка 25. avgusta do petka 02. septembra bomo imeli, devetdnevnicu k škofu Frideriku Baragi vsak dan pri Brezmadežni ob **6.30 pm** (brez maše). Molitve bodo dvojezične. Boste lahko sledili tudi preko Facebooka na:

www.facebook.com/ourladyofmm 

NOVENA (without mass) TO BISHOP FRIDERIK BARAGA: From Thursday, August 25 to Friday, September 2, every day at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church at **6.30 pm**. Prayers will be bilingual. You will also be able to follow via Facebook.

BARAGA DAYS - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Saturday, September 3rd

4:30 pm Slovenian Litany 5:00 pm Slovenian Mass

6:00 pm Showing of *Walking with Baraga*

7:30 pm Banquet \$45 **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Cash bar will be available at banquet and luncheon.

Sunday, September 4th

There will be no Mass at 11:45 am Mass at Letovišče

9:00 am Showing of *They Might Be Saints* – Bishop Baraga

10:00 am English Mass

11:30 am Luncheon in hall \$30 **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

12.30 Bishop Baraga Association annual meeting

RESERVE meal tickets 416-255-2721

MIDLAND PILGRIMAGE is Saturday, Sept. 10th.

SLOVENSKO ROMANJE V MIDLAND bo v soboto, 10. septembra. Ob **10.30** spovedovanje v cerkvi, ter slovesnot pri križu, v počastitev žrtev vojne in revolucije (društvo Tabor). Za tem križev pot. Ob **12.00 sveta maša**. Sledijo pete litanije Matere Božje in blagoslov. Kuverto za romanje v Midland, ki je priložena rednim kuvertam za nedelje, oddajte v nedeljo v cerkvi pri Brezmadežni ali Marija Pomagaj. Hvala.

FIRST COMMUNION registrations will be **Sunday, Sept. 11** in parish hall 9.30 to 10 am and after Mass. Those born in 2015 or earlier should register.

CONFIRMATION classes will resume **Sept. 25th.**

OTROŠKI KOTIČEK - CHILDRENS CORNER

We need someone willing to teach this young class. We thank Millie Ulcar for her past 39 years of dedication and she is willing to help the new person take over. Contact the parish office 416-255-2721.

THE SLOVENIAN HUNTERS AND ANGLERS CLUB (Lovska Farma in Alliston) invites you to join in celebrating Oktoberfest on **Sunday, September 4th.**

VEČERNI ZVON vas vabi na vinsko trgatve, ki bo **11. septembra** na njihovi pristavi pri Boltonu. Pričetek bo ob 12 uri s sv. mašo, po maši sledi kosilo. Za veselo razpoloženje bo igral *Ansamble Gregoric*.

PRVI PETEK bo 2.septembra. Lepo vabljeni k sv. maši, sv. spovedi, ter k molitvi pred Najsvetejšim.

OLMM ob 8.30 am. Maša bo 8 am.

MARIJA POMAGAJ ob 9.am molitvena ura, sledi sv. maša ob 10.am.

*"If you live justly and so gain
everlasting happiness in
heaven, you have gained all"*

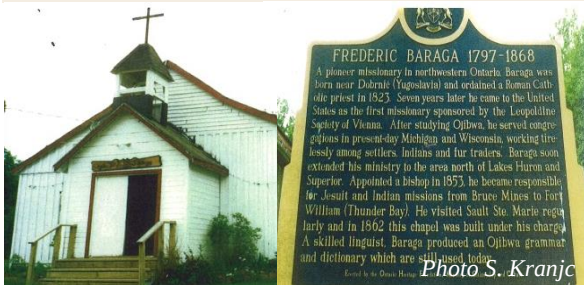
F. Baraga



ONLY ONE THING IS NECESSARY!

Frederic Baraga

AN ONTARIAN PLAQUE ERECTED BY THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION,
MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP AND CULTURE



From the plaque:

FREDERIC BARAGA (1797-1868)

A pioneer missionary in northwestern Ontario.

Baraga was born in Dobrnič (on the plaque: Yugoslavia – today Slovenia) and ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1823. Seven years later he came to the United States as the first missionary sponsored by the Leopoldine Society Vienna. After studying Ojibwa, he served congregations in present-day Michigan and Wisconsin, working tirelessly his ministry to the area north of Lakes Huron and Superior. Appointed a bishop in 1853, he became responsible for Jesuit and Indian missions from Bruce Mines to Fort William (Thunder Bay). He visited Sault Ste Marie regularly and in 1862, this chapel was built under his charge. A skilled linguist, Baraga produced an Ojibwa grammar and dictionary which are still used today.

AN INSPIRATION FOR TODAY!

Time to share and promote 225 years of History

By Fr. Leopold Valant, Pastor

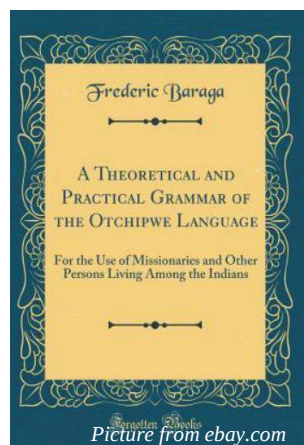
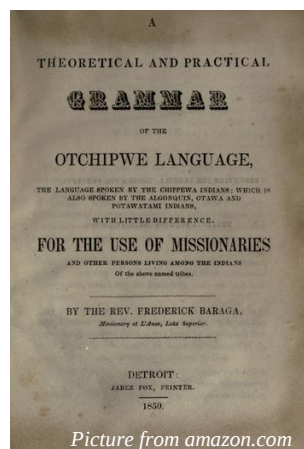
This year marks the 225th anniversary of the birth of the Slovenian missionary, bishop, traveller and grammarian, Frideric Irenaeus Baraga. He was declared "Venerable" in 2012. Baraga Days is an important event to raise awareness and promote the process of Baraga's beatification, attended by Slovenians from Canada and the USA. It is also an opportunity to discover the spirit of this great man, who can be an example and inspiration for our own time.

This summer, Pope Francis, on his apostolic pilgrimage to Canada, said that hope for the Church comes from remembrance, reconciliation and healing. He came to ask forgiveness on behalf of the Church. It would be wrong to forget that Pope Francis also said: "some men and women in the Church have been among the most determined and courageous defenders of the dignity of indigenous peoples, defending them and contributing to the knowledge of their languages and cultures".

Dear friends, among them we can proudly count our Venerable Bishop

We, Slovenians can be proud of him and have nothing to be ashamed of. Frederic Irenaeus Baraga is an extraordinary figure for our time and an example of beautiful, respectful and successful missionary work. Baraga was the most prominent Slovenian missionary of the first half of the 19th century, a religious writer, the founder of the literary language of the Ojibwa and Ottawa Indian tribes. As soon as he arrived in America, he began to study the Ottawa language intensively, and later also the Ojibwa language. (continued...)

He was ordained a bishop in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his first episcopal mission was Sault Ste. Marie, whose seat he transferred to Marquette. He did much to help Europeans learn about and respect the culture of indigenous people. Among other things, he wrote a book in German: 'The History, Character, Customs of the North American Indians', in which Europeans were first introduced to the story of the Indian Princess Pocahontas. Baraga is the character of the good and holy shepherd. He remained very simple and close to indigenous people. He writes in a letter to his sister Amalia: *"Our church, school and my dwelling are all made of wood and covered with tree bark. The Indians made it all themselves, so you can imagine what it is like. If it rains, I have to spread my coat over the table where I keep my books and papers, so that everything doesn't get water on it."*

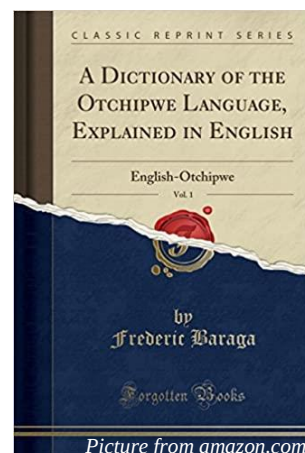


I spread an umbrella over my bed, and I shelter as much as I can in the corner of my room where it drips least. But I am happier in my room than all the emperors and kings of Europe in their golden palaces".

Dear friends and compatriots in Canada and North American! It is time to move forward and to truly revive and spread the figure of the Venerable Bishop Baraga !

I invite you to discover his life and to share with others the example of a Holy Slovenian Catholic Bishop.

"One winter Fr. Baraga traveled on snowshoes from L'Anse to Copper Harbor, a distance of fifty-seven miles through uninhabited region, solely to baptize a child because he had heard that the child would probably die."



"Look not mournfully into the past; it cannot return. Wisely improve the present – it is thine; go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart." F. Baraga



GOOD TO KNOW...

In Slovenian (mother tongue of Baraga) we use two close but clearly different words: *"Indijanci"* to speak about American first nation people and *"Indijci"* to refer to people from India.

This cannot lead to confusion.

We are aware how sensitive this question is in North America.

For us Slovenians, in the context of our Slovenian history, "first people", "first nation", does not refer to the first indigenous people in North America, but these words are used to refer to the first Slavic tribes on the Slovenian territory, or even to the people (Romans, for example) who lived there before. We try to take into account the vocabulary chosen in North America when speaking in English, but for more clarity in our language and less confusion, we respectfully use the two clearly different words mentioned above.

The Significance of Baraga's Missionary Work in the Implementation of the Indian Removal Act of 1830

This is the conclusion of an article written by Irena Marković in Bogoslovni Vestnik / Slovenian Theological Quarterly 79

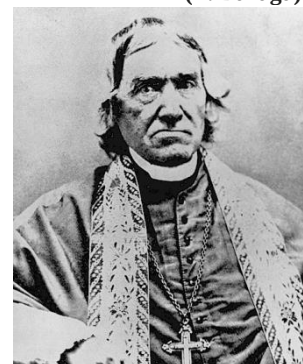
Thomas Jefferson's "civilisation plan" laid the foundations for the ethnic cleansing of Indians east of the Mississippi River, which was directly linked to the federal government's policies and actions towards white settlers. Jefferson's objectives towards the Indians were therefore identical to those of the later US President Andrew Jackson's policy of removing Indian tribes west of the Mississippi River, which was implemented by the federal government in 1830 with the passage of the Indian Removal Act. Today, it can be pointed out that, by organising church life and by producing and printing books in their own language, F. Baraga spread literacy among the Ottawas and Ojibwe and encouraged them to be as independent as possible, so that they would be more effective in defending their territorial rights against the US Government. Baraga's actions indirectly worked against the federal government, which is why the U.S. government did not remove the bulk of the Ottawas and Ojibwe west of the Mississippi River, as provided for in the Indian Removal Act of 1830.

ONE THING IS NECESSARY

But what is that?

It is that we love and serve God well, and so make happy our souls. No occupation (work) on earth is so important as that, that we serve Our Lord God and so go one day to heaven. That is just for what we are on earth .

(F. Baraga)



Bishop Frederic Baraga in Canada

Extracted from a report prepared by Stane Kranjc, previous President of the Canadian Historical Society and by Dr. Anne Urbancic, University of Toronto.

Bishop Frederic Baraga's work as a priest and as a bishop in the United States has been well described by historians and archivists. Far less is mentioned of the importance to Canada's history of his work and his influence.



Kneža vas today - Birthplace of Frederic Baraga

Frederic Baraga was born in Kneža Vas (Castle Mala Vas), a parish of Dobrnič in Slovenia on June 29, 1797. At that time, Slovenia was a region of the Austro Hungarian Empire; later it became part of Yugoslavia. It is presently the Republic of Slovenia.

Having completed his studies in the Humanities in Ljubljana, Baraga went to Vienna, where he enrolled in the Faculty of Law. After graduation in 1821, he returned to Ljubljana (*capital of Slovenia*) where he began to study Theology and there he was ordained a priest in 1823. He was posted first to a Parish in Šmartno near Kranj, and then, in 1828, to Metlika. Soon after, however, Baraga applied for permission to leave the Diocese of Ljubljana. He wanted to serve, instead, in the United States, in Cincinnati. Permission was granted and he arrived in New York, on New Year's Eve of 1830. Baraga was very much aware of the importance of language in his priestly mission. He himself spoke not only his mother tongue, Slovenian, but also English,

German, Spanish, French, Italian and Latin. In Cincinnati he began to learn the languages of the aboriginal peoples to whom he ministered; he soon communicated with the Ottawa and Ojibwe tribes in their own tongue. In deepest winter, in January 1831, Baraga was sent to Arbre Croche (now Harbor Springs, Michigan). He won the hearts of the peoples of the area, indigenous and white, who called him "The Snowshoe Priest" because of his unceasing travels to reach them.



The Snowshoe Priest

Photo: Rick Stedman - www.snowshoemag.com

In 1855, at the urging of Bishop de Charbonnel of Toronto, Baraga accepted the responsibility and administration for a huge diocese that extended along the northern shores of Lake Superior from Fort William (Thunder Bay) to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and to the eastern region of Bruce Mines. About his Canadian posting, Baraga wrote to Mr. Choiselat, secretary to the French Mission Society in Paris: "*The diocese of Upper Michigan includes only the*

northern Peninsula of the State of Michigan, but the neighbouring Bishop of Detroit, of Milwaukee, of St. Paul & of Toronto in Canada, not knowing the Indian language at all, have entrusted in my care, with all the responsibilities attached to episcopal jurisdiction, the following missions (...) from Toronto, Canada, the entire coast which runs from Fort William (Thunder Bay), on the north shore of Lake Superior, up to Bruce Mines.

The two missions established on this immense shoreline, at Fort William & Sault Ste. Marie on the Canadian shore, contained many intermediate stations, very difficult to visit: Lake Nipigon, Pic, Michipigon, Badjuang, Goulais Bay, Garden River, St. Joseph, Bruce Mine, etc. etc....

Baraga's importance to Canadian aboriginal history cannot be undermined. For 38 years, he ministered to the indigenous tribes of the Upper Great Lakes, including those living around Sault Ste. Marie, Goulais River, Goulais Bay and Fort William. He built churches and schools and insisted on the use of the native languages in his religious and cultural celebrations.

He was especially keen on preserving these languages despite a sociopolitical environment that encouraged total cultural and linguistic assimilation.

So deeply was he convinced of the importance of maintaining the native languages that he undertook the enormous task of compiling the first Ojibwe/English dictionary, an indispensable work that is still in use today. Equally treasured are his books of prayers and meditation. In other books, he focused on writing down the difficult Ojibwe grammar.

Many of his publications are preserved in various archives, including at Regis College in Willowdale (Toronto).



final thoughts...

Baraga was much loved and revered by the aboriginal peoples to whom he ministered, often risking his life to serve them. He travelled extensively, sometimes recklessly, to be with them. He courageously defended native rights, supported anti-alcoholism movements, and provided material goods for his people. His work extended beyond evangelization: he taught them to read and write; he provided seed and taught them to cultivate the soil.

Bishop Baraga died in Marquette, MI on January 19, 1868.

Bishop Baraga Day annual celebrations began in Marquette in 1948. Since then he has been remembered in celebrations in various American and Canadian Cities, and at the Slovenian Summer Camp near Bolton, ON. Baraga richly deserves to be memorialized for his deep and constant love of the indigenous peoples of Canada and for his unceasing work in promoting and maintaining their cultures and languages.



Baraga statue at the Slovenian summer camp. Every year this shrine and other shrines are prepared for Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Photo Boris Ulcar

MORE ABOUT BARAGA:

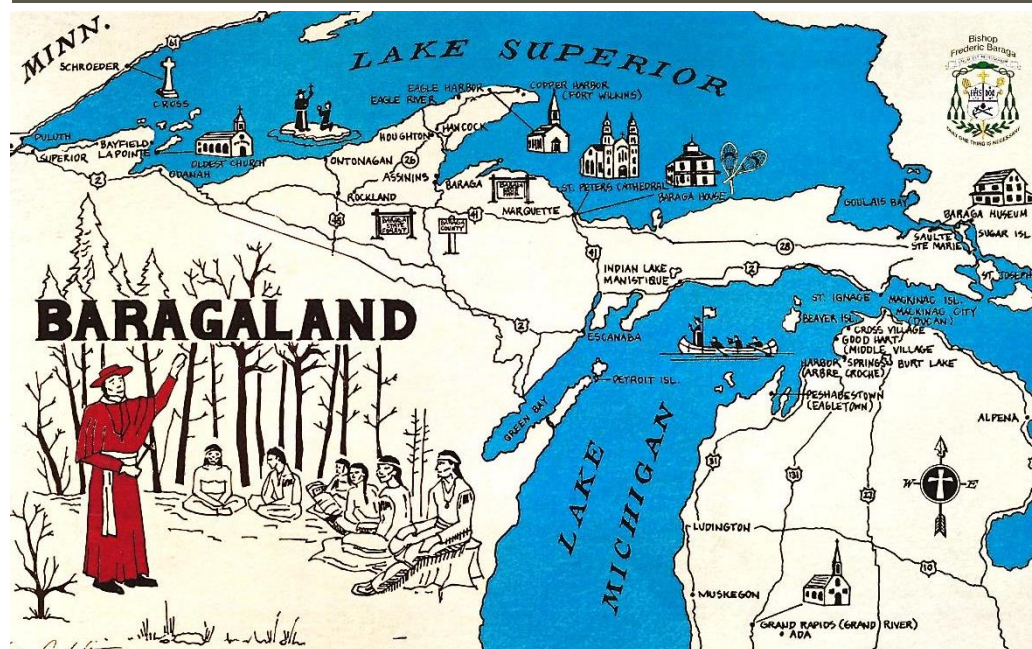
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Until the last day of September 2022

I invite the children of the parish to send a drawing that illustrates the life of Baraga!

The best drawing by age group will receive a surprise! >>>

Lets leave the last words to our Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga from his pastoral letter...

Always truly serve God, whilst you are living a short time on earth; act well as the Lord likes; from your whole heart believe all that Jesus taught us when he came to be a short time on earth; do not reject even one single word. Some things, that Jesus has taught us, are indeed hard (to be comprehended); we would be unable to comprehend them, if we were to employ our reason only; our reason is too weak. But let us use faith; let us strongly believe here on earth all that Jesus said; there in heaven we shall plainly see how all things are. If something is too difficult for you to understand, think immediately: I indeed do not understand this, I do not know how it is, but God, he knows it. Because he said it, therefore I believe. Afterwards in heaven I shall know all.

This special Parish bulletin was prepared by Fr. Leopold Valant, pastor - Thank you to S. Kranjc for his precious contribution.



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