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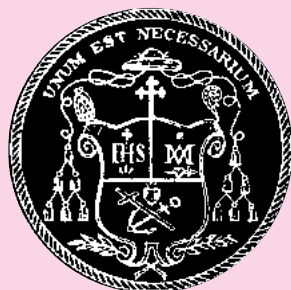
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Archbishop Sample does the laying on of hands, the essential element of the ordination. Photo by John Fee.

## *A Message From Our Executive Director*

### *Reverend Benedetto Paris' Homily for Bishop Baraga Mass Holiday, Florida ~ Saturday, February 15, 2014*

I would like to begin by offering my prayerful thanks to Fr. Bill Fickel and the gracious parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish here in Holiday, Florida. They have been very gracious in hosting our group today.

A woman called me the other day and asked if she could have her child baptized. I told her that I was presently out of the office and would speak with her when I returned. She apologized and I told her that no apology was necessary. In fact, I have not had a baptism in quite some time so it would be wonderful to baptize a new little "child of God". Then, I began to think of Bishop Baraga. He did not have to make serious preparations for baptism. In fact, he almost baptized someone wherever he went. It was not just one person receiving the Sacrament either. It was always a large group. After his arrival at Arber Croche (now known as Harbor Springs) Bishop Baraga baptized seventy persons to start with; but by the end of the year 1831, he had increased the number to one hundred thirty one (Apostle of the Chippewas [AC], page 28).

Bishop Baraga was baptizing groups of people. Bishop Baraga was doing what The Lord Jesus Christ had done: he was feeding the people. But he was doing it on a large scale. The Gospel story that we heard today is similar to the one in this same Gospel just a couple of chapters before, Mark 6. There are some differences though. The first account took place among 5000 in Jewish territory. This miracle took place amongst the Gentiles. Biblical scholars believe that this story was retold by Mark to emphasize that the ministry of Jesus was not only to the Jews, but the Gentiles. Jesus took it upon himself to provide his people with the bread that they needed to emphasize clearly how dependent the people were upon him (much like the Native Americans became dependent upon Bishop Baraga in his time). Jesus provided for all their means. Why? Because Jesus is the Bread of Life (John 6:35).

Mark makes it very clear that this miracle took place in the desert which was far away from any town or civilization. I had been in the desert a couple of years ago when we went to Israel. It can be a desolate and somewhat dangerous place. Bishop Baraga came to the United States in 1831, and at that time it was like a desert to him. Bishop Baraga came a long way to the United States to work with the Native Americans here. At that time, the land that Bishop Baraga came to ultimately was a barren land in a spiritual sense. The land that the Gentiles came to when they saw Jesus was a barren land as well.

Yet, Jesus fed the Gentiles, just in the same way that Bishop Baraga spiritually fed the Native Americans. The Gentiles did not live under the covenant that God had made with the Israelites; however, they were invited to partake of the grace that Jesus came to bring. When Bishop Baraga began his ministry, he was very zealous. In fact, his work had been done so well that the people did not want him to leave his native land. However, God had called him to something more. There was a starving group in the new land of the United States who longed to hear the words of the Salvation of The Lord, Jesus Christ. In our Gospel today, Jesus said: "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd..." Bishop Baraga's heart was moved not only with pity, but with mercy for the crowds that he had encountered while ministering in Arber Croche, Grand River (now Grand Rapids), Beaver Island, Manistique, Ashland, La Pointe, Sault de Ste. Marie (my hometown), L'Anse, and of course, Marquette, which ultimately became the see of the diocese.

Jesus fed the four thousand people with seven loaves and a few fish. Baraga fed the people in a spiritual way with the meager means that he had. Oh, later he was able to obtain the financial help that he needed; but initially, he had nothing. Yet, the impact of his work amongst the Native peoples of the Upper Peninsula and surrounding environs impacts us even today. We are truly blessed to be celebrating our saintly Bishop Baraga who gave of himself tirelessly to work in the Northern United States at a most difficult time.

In the Gospel, Jesus gave thanks before dividing up the seven loaves and a few fish. Bishop Baraga gave thanks as well. In fact, it is reported that after arriving in the United States, then-Fr. Baraga wrote to his sister Amalia: "It is unspeakably joyful and consoling to be here...I cannot sufficiently thank God for my coming here where so much good can be done" (Apostle of the Chippewas, Page 30).

Is one baptism enough? Well, in light of the work of Jesus and Bishop Baraga, it may not seem so. But I and my brother priests in the diocese of Marquette just like they do here in the diocese of St. Petersburg and all around the world are bringing souls to Christ, one Christian at a time. In fact, our Holy Father, Pope Francis recently affirmed that being Church "Doesn't mean administration, but going out, being missionaries, bringing people the light of faith and the joy of the Gospel...God's children do not hide; rather, they bring their joy as children of a God to the world." Our own newly ordained bishop, the Most Reverend John F. Doerfler stated at the end of the Ordination/Installation Mass the "charge" if you will for those of us in the diocese of Marquette: "Be a friend of Jesus, meet a friend, and introduce that friend to Jesus." Bishop Baraga, just like The Lord Jesus Christ whom Baraga loved and emulated, continues to inspire us to work for The Lord. May our loving God continue to bless us as we wait in joyful hope for his sainthood.

# Bishop Doerfler Ordained for Catholic Diocese of Marquette

by Loreene Zeno Koskey

With St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette filled to capacity, Bishop John F. Doerfler (pronounced DER-fler) was ordained and installed as the thirteenth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette on February 11, 2014. Bishop Doerfler was the Vicar General of the Diocese of Green Bay when he was appointed bishop of Marquette on Dec. 17, 2013.

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit, was the principal ordaining bishop at the episcopal ordination and installation. He was joined by the former bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of Portland in Oregon, and Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay as co-consecrating bishops.

During the first portion of the Mass, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigan, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, read the apostolic letter from Pope Francis confirming the Holy Father's appointment of Bishop Doerfler.

Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh delivered the homily. Bishop Doerfler served as a priest under Bishop Zubik when he was bishop of Green Bay from 2003 to 2007.

In his homily, Bishop Zubik addressed Bishop Doerfler, telling him, "Prayerfully, I am so very proud of you

today...Thank you for saying 'yes' to the Lord's call to you." Then he noted that this was the second time in the Diocese of Marquette's 160-year history that it has received its bishop from the Diocese of



**Venerable Frederic Baraga's chalice is raised by Bishop Doerfler during his ordination mass.**



**Bishop John F. Doerfler is installed as the 13th Bishop of Marquette. Photos by John Fee.**

Green Bay. The late Bishop Mark F. Schmitt was the auxiliary bishop of Green Bay before he was installed as the tenth bishop of Marquette in 1978.

Following the homily, Archbishop Vigneron imposed his hands on Bishop Doerfler's head, expressing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The laying on of hands is the heart of the ordination rite. As co-consecrators, Archbishop Sample and Bishop Ricken did the same, followed by the many bishops present, who came from lower Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, New Jersey and Oregon.

Archbishop Vigneron then anointed Bishop Doerfler's head with sacred chrism as a sign of the bishop's distinctive share in the priesthood of Christ. The archbishop also presented Bishop Doerfler with the Book of the Gospels as a symbol of his preaching and teaching ministry. Finally, the bishop received the following symbols of his pastoral office: the episcopal ring, signifying his fidelity to the church, the Bride of Christ; the mitre, a liturgical headdress, traditionally signifying the bishop's reception of wisdom; and the crozier, a pastoral staff that reflects his role as one who gathers and shepherds the People of God. The crozier was made by Father Allen Mott of Gwinn and was a gift from the priests of the diocese.

Next, Archbishop Vigneron invited Bishop Doerfler to sit in the bishop's chair, called the cathedra. At that moment, he was officially installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette.

During the portion of the Mass where the sign of peace is exchanged among those in attendance, Bishop Doerfler exchanged the sign of peace with various representatives of the community, including Father Louis Bracket (oldest member of the diocesan clergy) Father James Ziminski (a seminary classmate of the new bishop), Deacons Thomas Corrigan and Stephen Gualdoni (deacon community), Sister Gloria Schultz (religious), Connie Sagataw (Native Americans), Robert Niemi, mayor of Marquette (community), Bishop Thomas Skrenes of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop Rayford Ray of the Episcopal Church, Rev. Elbert Dulworth of the United Methodist Church, and Dr. Daniel Arnold of the Jewish Community (religious community).

Near the end of the Mass, Bishop Doerfler addressed the people for the first time as their bishop. "What a joy it is to be with you today," he said. Then he shared with those present the core of his intended pastoral thrust in the diocese. "I have a three-fold invitation to you. Be a friend of Jesus, make a friend, and introduce your friend to Jesus." After asking for and receiving everyone's assent to do that, Bishop Doerfler said, "Wonderful! That will keep us busy until Christ comes again."

Following the liturgy, hundreds of people from across the Upper Peninsula greeted the new bishop at a reception held in the cathedral parish hall.

## Venerable Frederic Baraga & Milwaukee

by Michael J. Dunn

When we think of the states and one Canadian province that are notable in the career of Venerable Frederic Baraga, we think of Michigan where he served as bishop. Ohio, where he began his priestly years in America. Minnesota and Ontario where he had widely scattered missions, and Wisconsin, where the Lake Superior phase of his missionary career had its origin in 1835 at LaPointe in the Apostle Islands.

The northernmost village in Wisconsin when he arrived there in summer, 1835, LaPointe was also the farthest outpost of Catholicism in the new statewide diocese of Milwaukee when it was authorized in 1843 or organized early the next year. LaPointe had one of the very few Catholic churches in the diocese and the only one north of a line between Prairie du Chien on the Mississippi River and Green Bay on Lake Michigan.

Surprisingly, even though the see city of that time was located almost at the opposite corner of the state, Milwaukee offers some interesting connections that can be made with Baraga. Part of it stems from the warm bond that dated between the then Father Baraga and the new bishop of Milwaukee and had begun with Bishop John Martin Henni's brave and thoughtful gesture of making one of the earliest of his official episcopal visitations to his most isolated and lonely priest and his mission on Lake Superior, LaPointe. (Baraga was spending the month of August there from his new mission at L'Anse, Michigan). By a combination of steamer, birch bark canoe and sailing schooner Henni made the exhausting trip to LaPointe just in time to confirm 122 well prepared confirmands on the feast of the Assumption and preach to the mission's Chippewa Indians while Baraga translated the bishop's words for them.

Henni could stay only a couple days because he was traveling by the courtesy of the American Fur Company on its working trading schooner which had as its purpose the delivery of merchandise and supplies to its warehouses at LaPointe for further distribution to its trading posts and fishing camps along Lake Superior, and then loading on board the few furs and the large supply of dried fish for shipment off Lake Superior via the company's base at Sault Ste. Marie. Henni could stay only as long as it took for the unloading and reloading of the *John Jacob Astor*, the vessel, to finish its duties at the company's dock in

LaPointe.

Nonetheless a warm friendship developed between the missionary and his slightly younger bishop who had shared the same experience of emigrating from Europe to America and then beginning his early American priestly career in Cincinnati. It was Henni who earlier intimated to Baraga by letter in 1852 that the missionary was very likely to be appointed as the vicar or bishop in charge of his sprawling missions. It was Henni, too, in whose diocese Baraga was still devoting some of his energy to the state's missions at LaPointe and at the Lakehead, who served as co-consecrator at Baraga's ordination as bishop.

In 1853 when Baraga had finished the manuscript of his Chippewa language dictionary, he headed off from Lake Superior to seek a printer for his book, which he expected would materialize in Detroit. The only way to leave the Upper Peninsula was by water, since no railroad had yet been built north to the UP beyond Green Bay. So the railroad arranged for travelers to reach its railhead by its own vessels in summer and sleigh in winter. So he had to travel by sleigh. The sleigh on which he and other travelers were covering suddenly broke through soft ice and dipped them into the water, the dunking was not severe enough to soak his manuscript, but arriving at Green Bay must have been a relief. He was planning to go via Milwaukee and spend a few days there as a guest of Bishop Henni, and arrived there on March eleventh, for about a week's stay. (He eventually found his printer in Cincinnati).

That visit gave Baraga a good taste of Milwaukee—a treat for anyone as comfortable with German language and customs as he was, and it occurred alongside a landmark that is still there for us to enjoy if we wish. Henni's cathedral which had just that year been completed and dedicated. He must have said mass there and maybe even indulged in his German language skill.

On the exterior, the cathedral—St. John's—looked then quite a bit like the lovely edifice it is today, except only for a different steeple. The cathedral embodied the style known as *zopfstil* that was a relative of baroque and was popular at the time; the tower was topped by sort of an onion-like segment, which has been replaced since then by a particularly lovely,

slim spire. Like St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette, this one was the victim of a devastating fire that gutted nearly everything but the walls during the 1930's. St. John's emerged lovely as ever from the restoration. One final detail for us in our relating the cathedral to Baraga is that this cathedral, like Marquette's has a lower level crypt where deceased bishops could be entombed. The public here, though, has no access to the crypt or to Henni's place in the crypt except when tours are scheduled in the cathedral on selected Sundays.

A more unconventional little landmark that directly honors Baraga is identified by small green street signs that identify Baraga Street. When the city streets south of downtown Milwaukee were reconfigured to become an expressway as the route to Chicago, small new frontage streets resulted at certain spots. Alongside the west or southbound side of the expressway a frontage road only about two blocks long was named Baraga Street by the city authorities during the 1968 centennial of his death. It does not have any business addresses or residences directly on it, just some parking lots. It is located north of Greenfield Avenue and a few blocks directly west of the most notable landmark of Milwaukee's South Side, along the Lake Michigan and harbor waterfront area. That is the office and manufacturing complex of Rockwell Automation but to most Milwaukeeans it is still popularly referred to as the Allen Bradley Clock for the company that built it. It is a very wide and tall clock tower, large enough to hold a huge illuminated four faced clock visible way out on Lake Michigan and reputed to be one of the largest of its kind anywhere.

Two cemeteries in Milwaukee provide a few more tenuous links to Baraga. He would never have seen them but the two have interesting if subtle interest to Baraga devotees, and passages in his diary pave the way for our including them.

His entry in the diary for September 12, 1860 (diary, p. 192) reads "*The Lady Elgin* is lost. More than 300 human lives." The personal significance of the incident to Baraga is not just the huge toll but the fact that less than ten days previously he had just stepped off her at the harbor of Marquette after boarding her at Eagle Harbor, and knew some of the crew who were lost and had served him and made him comfortable. The *Lady* was a passenger, mail and freight steamer employed on a regular route between Chicago and Superior, and in addition to her normal

clientele of travelers off Lake Superior she had picked up a huge company of excursionists from Milwaukee who had planned a fun day in Chicago. Bringing them home along with her customary burden of ordinary travelers, freight and even cattle, she was overtaken by a sudden squall and was struck by another vessel and sank almost at once. Most of the dead were excursionists from Milwaukee, who had been young members of the Irish militia with their families. For days bodies were collected and the cathedral, St. John's in Milwaukee resounded with requiem masses of the host of victims. Calvary Cemetery, the city's new Catholic cemetery, was the destination of most of the victims and even today worn gravestones scattered around Calvary bear the same date of death.

Forest Home Cemetery is Milwaukee's Protestant or non-denominational counterpart of the Catholic Calvary and dates back roughly to the same time span, the 1850's. For several years in the 1980s and 1990s I was a history volunteer at history-rich Forest Home and occasionally when I passed the tall monument of Michael Dousman, it would occur to me, "That man must have known Baraga" because he came to Milwaukee from Mackinac Island during the 1800s.

Michael Dousman arrived at Mackinac Island from Pennsylvania before 1800, along with his brother John, hoping to get into the fur trade. By 1805 he had settled on land on the island and prepared to farm as well as trade in furs. During the War of 1812 he helped to mitigate the effects of the British takeover of the American fortifications on the island by brokering a bloodless takeover, and subsequently worked both for the American Fur Company, the industry's giant, and then on a smaller scale independently. He also went into the sawmill business on the mainland and operated at least two sailing vessel, the *Michael Dousman* and the *Nancy Dousman* in support of his fur trading activities—in all, he was one of the most prosperous and influential men on the island. Members of his large family gravitated down Lake Michigan to settle in Milwaukee and adjacent Waukesha County; the Milwaukee based son became a physician and leader in the city's medical community while the other was a grain grower and broker of considerable prominence—Dousman, Wisconsin is named in his honor, near where he settled. It was in their wake that the father finally gravitated to the Milwaukee area too, and died near the city in 1854. In late 1858, Talbot C. Dousman, the successful grain

broker son, purchased a large twenty grace plot in Forest Home and had his father's remains removed from the old Milwaukee Cemetery and reinterred here. Michael had died in August, 1854 at the age of 83. At that same time, October 9, 1859, the remains of son Presley (1814-5/1/1843) and daughter Nancy (1803-4/26/1843) were also moved to graves here. That was the Nancy for whom the sailing ship had been named in 1832-33; it sailed on long after her death and had been joined by other craft also named for her brother George and other family members.

In the family plot here, almost all the family members were memorialized by name both on the tall central monument and also on individual headstones on every grave. Whether all those named on the stones were actually buried here I am not sure since at least one more daughter, Catherine, died at Mackinac in 1835 and no removal is indicated for her in cemetery records.

Baraga's mention of Dousman's in his diary is a verification of the family at Mackinac as business people and is in the diary for June 26, 1855, but is hardly a compliment—he wrote cryptically "Arrived at Mackinac (Stupidity because of Dousman's house for \$500)." The family business is probably what he means, and probably in a banking or mercantile capacity.

An interesting coincidence ties the death of

daughter Catherine to the timing of Father Baraga's arrival on Lake Superior. On July 12, 1835 the American Fur Company's manager on Mackinac Island wrote to his counterparts at the Sault, where the company had its warehouse and ship operations for Lake Superior. He asked him to provide certain specific supplies for Father Baraga if he ended up staying on the lake, and to arrange for his travel on a company vessel and indicated that he would stand as guarantor for the payment. As a postscript to his letter, he added that the evening before, Catherine Dousman had "left his world", to the dismay of those who cared about her. When she died on the eleventh, Baraga was already on his westward way on Lake Superior. He had arrived at Mackinac on June 10 from Detroit and during his stay of three weeks he had made a side trip to his old mission at Arbre Croche and then left from Mackinac for the Sault on July 4 and from there on July 10. It took 18 days to reach LaPointe!

Father Baraga's longest stay to date, the one in June, 1835, surely provided occasion to interact with the Dousmans, and an even earlier visit during the winter of 1832-33 when he learned how to snowshoe on an arduous visit to Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, would have found the Michael Dousman family present at its fullest extent, before sons Talbot and John had moved to the Milwaukee area. (Not only is Talbot buried in Forest Home in the lot he purchased

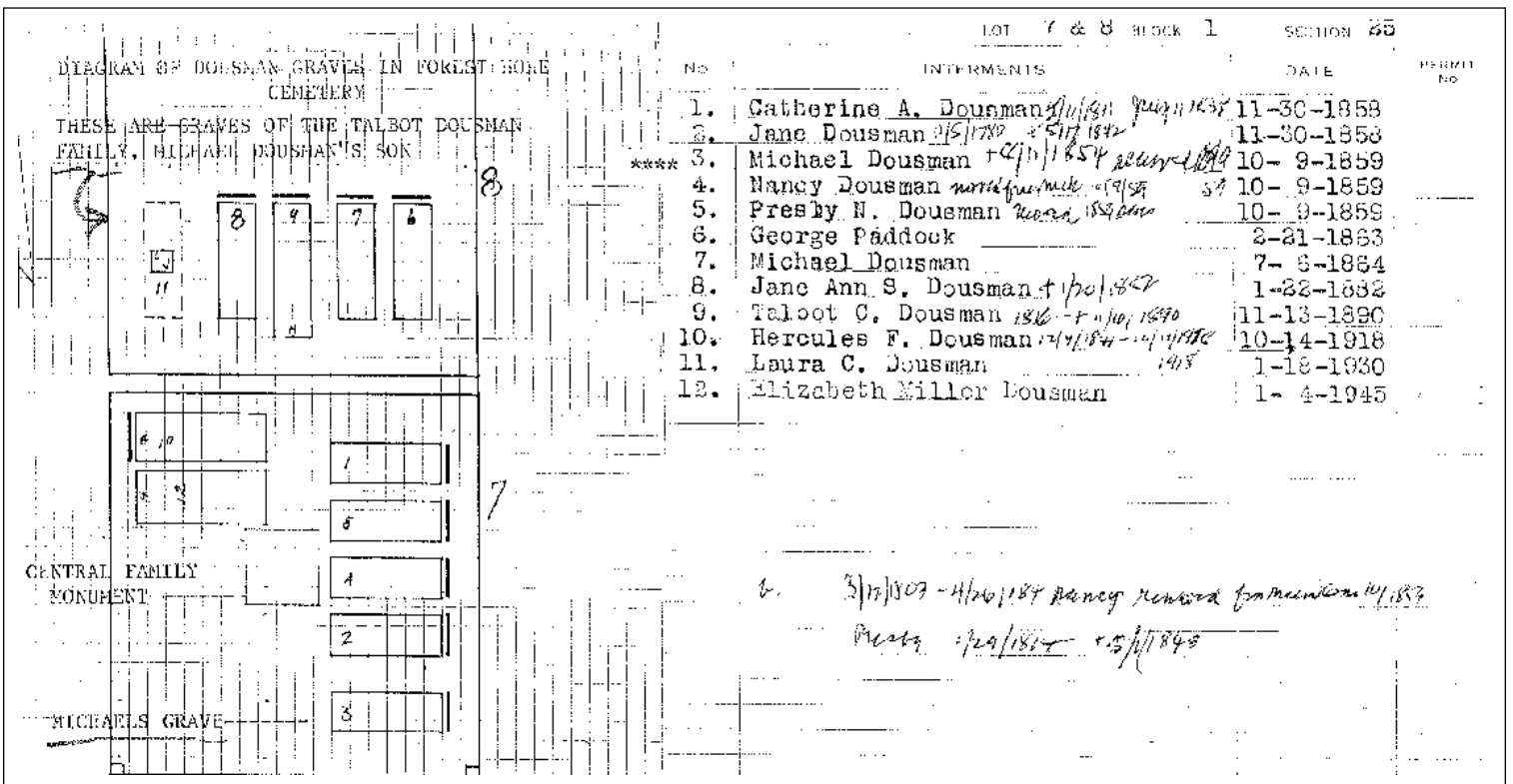


Diagram of Dousman graves in Forest Home Cemetery.

for his father and siblings, but Dr. John Barickman Dousman lies in a lot nearby).

There is a bit of possible confusion about yet the other Dousmans, Michael's brother who came with him from Pennsylvania to Mackinac, but the person of most Catholic interest in this case is his mixed breed wife, Rosalie, who was born on the island in 1796. John Dousman became a farmer and distiller, mainly at Green Bay, after his marriage. Her parents had sent Rosalie to an Ursuline boarding school in Quebec and as a result of his marriage—when John was 22 and Rosalie an unbelievable twelve years of age—

eventually became a convert. After his death in 1825, Rosalie became probably the earliest teacher in any Catholic schoolroom in the Mazzuchelli era (he moved from Mackinac to Green Bay in 1833).

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## *Baraga Days - Florida*

### *February 15, 2014*

On Saturday, February 15th, the Michigan Knights of Columbus hosted the annual Baraga Days in Holiday Florida. Mass was celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul Church by Reverend Benedetto Paris followed by a luncheon and program.

During the program, Fr. Ben gave an update on Venerable Frederic Baraga's cause for canonization. In May, the Holy See requested an independent medical review of the potential miracle currently before them. Dr. James Surrell, board certified colorectal surgeon conducted the case review and joined us at Baraga Days to discuss his findings.

Len McKeen, Associate Director of the Bishop Baraga Association in Marquette, Michigan gave a brief update regarding the status of the Association. She reminded people there are three things they can do to help the Association and to promote Baraga's journey towards sainthood. They include:

1. **Prayer.** Pray for the holy see to recognize the potential miracle before them, which would move Venerable Baraga to "Blessed" and one step closer to canonization. Pray for continued growth for the Association, that more people will learn about Bishop Baraga and the impact he had on bringing our faith to the people and that we might have that same impact on others...and pray for the members of the Association.
2. **Bring people to the Association and Baraga's Cause for Canonization.** It is imperative that we teach others, especially our youth, about Venerable Frederic Baraga and his zeal & passion for Jesus Christ.
3. **Please report ALL potential miracles.** Sometimes occurrences happen in our lives that seem miraculous to us, for those that you asked for Baraga's intercession please report them to the Association via phone (906) 227-9117 or email [lmckeen@dioceseofmarquette.org](mailto:lmckeen@dioceseofmarquette.org).

Michael Malinowski, State Deputy for the Michigan Knights of Columbus provided an update on the status of the Knights. This event provides an opportunity for KC members to meet and get acquainted with other Michigan Knights of Columbus members living in or snow birding in Florida.

A huge thank you to the local Knights of Columbus members for serving as Honor Guard during the Baraga Mass and to the Michigan Knights of Columbus for their continued support of the Baraga Association. Once again, the Association was blessed with a \$5,000 donation from the organization that will help promote the cause.

A special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Barry and Mr. Herb Wegener who have been instrumental in planning and organizing this event for many years. If anyone is interested in assisting with this annual event please contact Glenn at 727-375-5342.

Mark your calendars now! Next year's event is Saturday, February 7, 2015.

## MARQUETTE ACCOMMODATIONS

Baraga Days: October 18th & 19th, 2014

(At all locations, request Baraga Days Rate when making reservations. All rates are without tax.)

### Ramada Inn

**412 W. Washington Street - Phone: (906) 315-2150**

Contact Person: Ed - 113 Units

Please call for current room rates.

**Landmark Inn - 230 N. Front St. - (906) 226-2580**

No Special Rate. Prices Vary

### Hampton Inn

**461 South Lakeshore Blvd. - (906) 228-6001**

New waterfront hotel. Full Breakfast Included.

\$199 – 2 Queen Beds (up to 2 people) (Fri. or Sat.)

\$149 – 2 Queen Beds (up to 2 people) (Sunday)

More than 2 people in the room would result in an extra charge of \$10.00 per person.

### Birchmont Motel

**2090 US 41 - (906) 228-7538 or 1-877-458-7805.**

Overlooking Lake Superior - Call for current rates.

### Budget Host-Brentwood Motor Inn

**2609 US 41 - (906) 228-7494, 1-800-999-7055**

They do not block off rooms. 41 Units.

\$53.10 - 1 Queen Bed (1 - 2 people)

\$54.90 - 2 Double Beds (1 - 2 people)

\$58.50 - 2 Double Beds (up to 4 people)

**Cedar Motor Inn - 2523 US 41 West - AA A rated.**

Contact people: Christine (906) 228-2280

First Come First Serve.

www.cedarmi.com 44 Units

\$60.00 - 1 Queen Bed (1 – 2 people)

\$70.00 - 2 Double Beds (1 – 2 people)

\$80.00 - 1 King Bed or 2 Queen (1-2 people)

More than 2 people in the room would result in an extra charge of \$5.00 per person.

**Comfort Suites - 2463 US 41 West - (906) 228-0028**

Contact person: Beth/Pam

83 Units

\$169 - 2 Queen Suite (1-2 people)

Room sleeps up to 6 (has a pull out sofa).

\$10 charge for each additional person.

**Country Inn & Suites - 2472 US 41 West**

Contact person: Samantha (906) 225-1300

First Come First Serve

\$125 - 2 Queen Bed (up to 4 people)

\$125 – King Bed (1 – 2 people)

**Days Inn - 2403 US 41 West - (906) 225-1393**

\$121 – 2 Double Beds (1 to 2 people)

\$10 charge for each additional person.

**Econo Lodge – 2050 S US 41 - (906) 225-1305**

Continental Breakfast.

\$79 – 1 Queen Bed

\$82 – 2 Double Beds

\$89 – 2 Queen Beds (up to 4 people)

AAA/AARP/Military Discounts available.

Must notify of discount at time of reserving.

**Holiday Inn - 1951 US 41 West - (906) 225-1351**

\$161.52 – 2 Double Beds (up to 4 people)

Block of Rooms reserved up to Sept 1st.

**Settle Inn - 1275 US 41 West - (906) 228-8100**

80 Units - All rooms have Queen Beds

Continental breakfast included.

\$68.99 1 person

\$93.99 2 person

\$25 charge for each additional person.

AAA/AARP/Military Discounts available.

Must notify of discount at time of reserving.

**Value Host Motor Inn - 1101 US 41 W**

**Phone: (906) 225-5000 or 1-800-929-5996**

Contact person: Lynn

Continental breakfast included.

\$49.95 - Queen Bed (1 Adult)

\$56.45 – Queen Bed (2 Adults)

\$60 - 2 Queen Bed (2 Adults)

\$68 - 2 Queen Beds (up to 4 people)

52 Units. Block of rooms reserved up to September 1st.

**Best Western Country Inn - 850 US 41 Ishpeming, MI**

**Phone: (906) 485-6345**

Contact person: Cindy

\$89.40 - 2 Full Sized Beds (up to 4 people)

Block of rooms reserved up to September 1st.

*April 27: "Spring is a joyful time  
for me: I can again undertake mission  
journeys and seek the lost sheep of Christ."*



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At this time mass in the Baraga Chapel has been suspended. We are waiting for direction from Rome regarding the protocol for the new chapel. We will keep you informed as updates come along. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



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### From the Editor...

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. If you are like me you are praying that spring will be here soon and we will be able to put an end to this long, cold winter most of us have been experiencing. I am definitely ready for tulips!

It continues to be a busy time at the Association. Progress on Venerable Frederic Baraga's chapel continues. Mother Nature has not been as cooperative with the project as we hoped. The weather has created a new wrinkle for the construction team to work around. We also ran into a snag with the sandstone when the original supplier fell through. That has since been resolved; however the sandstone from the new supplier must be cut which brings us back to the weather issue. A wet saw is used for this process and requires a warmer temperature than we have been experiencing. In addition to these challenges, we are also waiting for direction from the Holy See as to how we are expected to proceed with moving the body. Once we have received our guidelines from Rome, the team will be able to put together a more precise timeline.

Please note the date of Baraga Days for this year has been moved to October 18th & 19th. It was imperative that we work around our new bishop's schedule so he could join us for this beautiful celebration. We are so blessed to have a new shepherd for the Diocese of Marquette and he is looking forward to his first Baraga Days as our new Bishop.

Watch the next issue of the Baraga Bulletin for the schedule of events for Baraga Days. In the meantime, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Generally, I am in the office all day Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Friday mornings. If it is easier feel free to email me at [lmckeen@dioceseofmarquette.org](mailto:lmckeen@dioceseofmarquette.org).

God Bless,

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### *John A. Matthews*

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to one of our Bishop Baraga supporters. John A. Matthews, 97, from Manistique, MI died March 13, 2014, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique. John was an active member of St. Francis de Sales Church and parish in Manistique. While wintering in Florida, he attended St. Timothy Church in Tampa and the Most Holy Redeemer Church in Tampa. He was a member of the Bishop Baraga Association, being co-chairman of the annual Baraga Day Association meeting. He was chosen as Baraga Association Man of the Year in 1983 and started Baraga Days in Florida over 27 years ago.

