

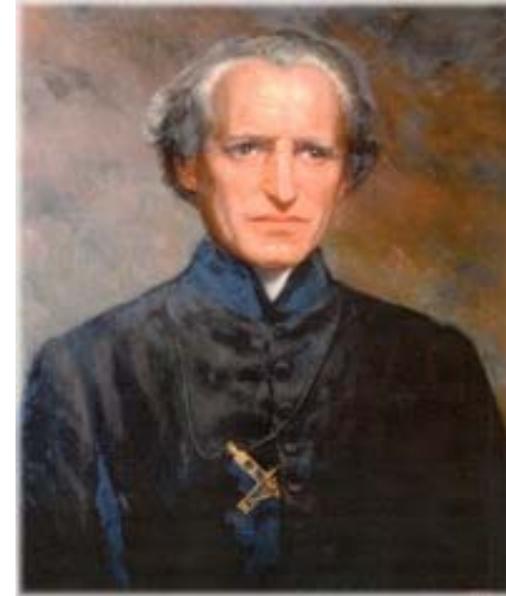
Beatification

The word beatification comes from the Latin *beatus* and *facere* i.e., to make blessed. Beatification is the official ecclesiastical title, granted preliminary to canonization as a saint, by the Church after sufficient investigation has proven that the virtuous life of the “Venerable Servant of God” has been both heroic and exemplary, and that a major miracle has been performed through the intercession of the one being declared “Blessed.” Beatification is the third and significant step on the way to canonization. The first two steps are the recognition after death that a holy person has lived a life worthy of being called a “Servant of God.” The second step is the attributing the title of “Venerable” to the “Servant of God.”

The declaration of “Blessed” is preceded by a two-fold process. The first (local process) is conducted under the supervision of the Local Bishop to examine and determine whether the life, writings, and deeds of the deceased person are worthy of the title of “Servant of God.” A miracle is required for this process; however, in the case of a martyr, no miracle is necessary. The second process (the Apostolic process) is conducted by the Vatican in order to determine if the first case process indicated a strong likelihood of proving that the “Servant of God” practised virtue to an heroic degree, or [died](#) by the heroic death of [martyrdom](#). For the other stages including beatification and canonization, miracles are required for both martyrs and non-martyrs.

Pope Benedict XVI has decentralized beatifications, now allowing for a beatification to take place in the country where the Venerable Servant of God lived and died. In the past beatifications have been presided over by the Pope and have taken place at St. Peter’s in Rome. “The Holy Father Benedict XVI’s recent decision not to preside personally at beatification rites is a response to the widely felt need to: i) give greater emphasis in the celebration to the substantial difference between beatification and canonization; and ii) to involve the particular Churches more visibly in the beatification rites of their respective Servants of God” (New Procedures in the Rite of Beatification, Congregation for the Causes of Saints, May 2005).

The Mass and Rite of Beatification will take place on Saturday, September 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the Centre Antarès. The liturgy will be presided by Bishop Jacques Faivre, bishop of Le Mans. Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, will represent His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI at the Rite of Beatification and will present the official papal decree proclaiming Basil Moreau blessed.



Beatification of the Venerable Basil Anthony Mary Moreau, C.S.C.

Prayer Service
Our Lady of Holy Cross College
Moreau Center
Friday, September 14, 2007
12:00 noon

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Opening Song: Find Us Faithful

Welcome

The History and Significance of
Beatification

Readings from Basil Moreau,
written by Gary MacEoin

Holy Cross Family Symbolic Candle
Lighting

Opening Prayer

First Scripture Reading * - John 15:4-5

Second Scripture Reading * - Mark 8:34-35

Song: Go Light Your World

Brief History of Fr. Moreau

Presentation on the pedagogy of Fr. Moreau

Third Reading* - John 17:20-24

Rededication of the Moreau Center
Unveiling and Blessing of the Plaque
Blessing of the Moreau Center

Closing Prayer

Our Lady of Holy Cross College
Alma Mater

*Selected Readings are some of Fr. Moreau's
personal favorites.

Lunch will be served immediately
following the service.

Powerpoint presentation
compliments of Sr. Murielle

