

IOANNES FRANCISCUS

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Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

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.



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

Signed before me this 19th of January, 2018


Very Reverend Daniel J. Moll, Chancellor