



Beatification of Fr. Marie-Eugène of the Child Jesus

A HISTORIC EVENT

Saturday 19 November 2016

BEATIFICATION

of Fr. Marie-Eugène of the Child Jesus

at the Parc des Expositions in Avignon



Henri Grialou, 1894-1967

during an
INTERNATIONAL MASS
presided by Cardinal Angelo AMATO
delegated by POPE FRANCIS



SUMMARY

- History of the life and of the beatification
- Complete program of the beatification celebrations
- Q&A on the beatification
- Useful links and contacts
- The miracle and the prayer of Fr. Marie-Eugène

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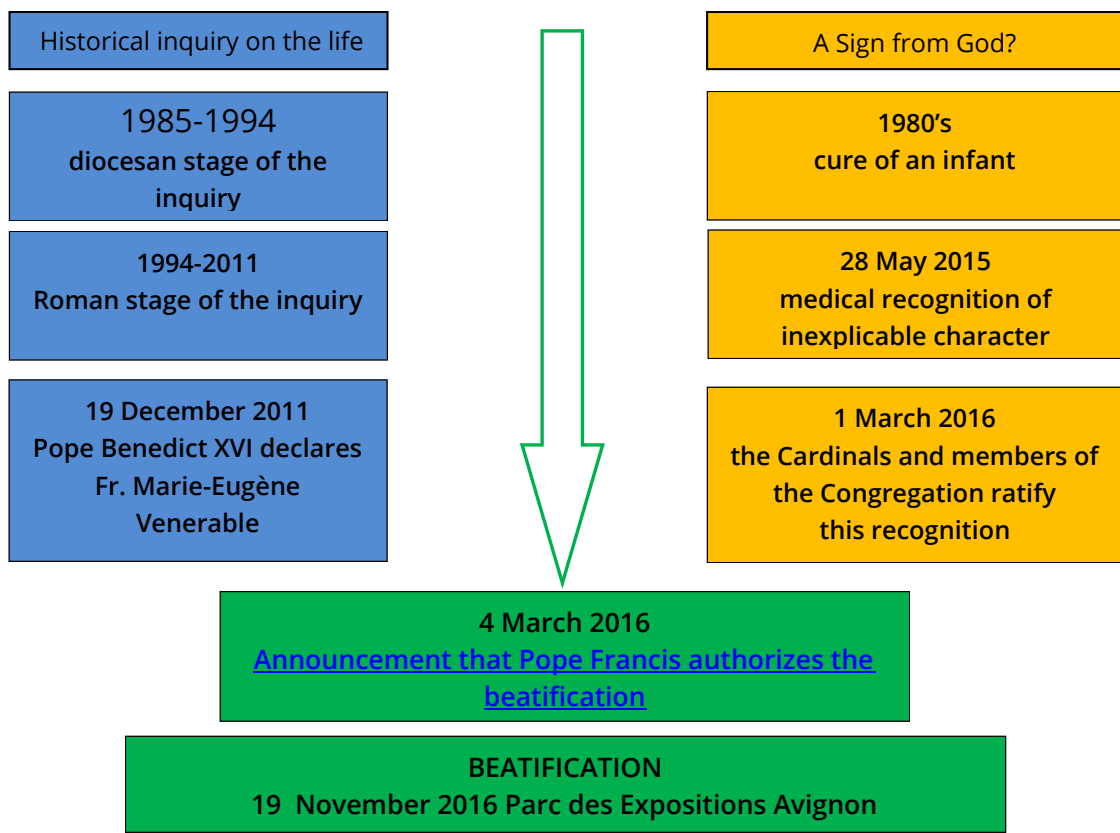
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HISTORY

Stages of his life

2 December 1894: Birth of Henri Grialou at Le Gua in Aveyron
 1904: Death of his father
 1908: He discovers Thérèse of Lisieux
 and her way of total confidence in the God of Mercy
 1911: He enters the seminary of Rodez
 1913-1919: Military service followed by the war
 1922: He is ordained priest at Rodez on February 4
 He enters the Carmel of Avon on February 24
 1924-1937: Lille – Tarascon – Agen - Monaco
 1932: He founds Notre-Dame de Vie, recognized in 1948 as a Secular Institute
 1937-1955: He assumes top responsibilities in Rome for the Order of Carmel
 (he travels to : Middle East, Asia, North America)
 1949-1951: He publishes his great work : *I Want to See God*
 1957-1960; 1963-1967: Superior of the Province of Avignon Aquitaine (many trips)
 1962: Notre-Dame de Vie gets pontifical right recognition
 27 March 1967: He dies at Notre-Dame de Vie in Venasque

Stages of the beatification





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THE PROGRAM OF CELEBRATIONS

18 November 2016

9:00 p.m.: vigils
in different sites of the diocese
Avignon
Notre-Dame de Vie, Venasque

19 November

9:00-11:00 a.m.: welcome and animation
11:00 a.m.: INTERNATIONAL MASS
OF BEATIFICATION
televised retransmission on KTO
at the Parc des Expositions of Avignon
several thousands of persons expected
Animation for the children and youth

20 November

2:00 p.m.: Installation of the reliquary
containing the mortal remains of Fr. Marie-Eugène
in the sanctuary of Notre-Dame de Vie

21 November

11:00 a.m.: First Mass in honor
of the new Blessed at Notre-Dame de Vie

Information & details

www.pere-marie-eugene.org (from 10 June)



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WHAT IS A BEATIFICATION ?

It is an official act of the Catholic Church which declares a person as "blessed". A double inquiry is needed regarding his/her holiness of life and a possible miracle due to his/her intercession.

- **On the life:** A very serious study lasting 30 years, and concluding on 19 December 2011, when Fr. Marie-Eugène was recognized "Venerable".
- **On a possible miracle.** This concerned the sudden and definitive cure of an infant which took place in the 1980's.

WHY FR. MARIE-EUGÈNE ?

- A man seized by love for God and the world
- A man familiar with the Gospel, prophet for the 21st century
- A knowledgeable guide in leading men and women to an encounter with God
- An expert in interior prayer
- A simple, poor man who suffered, close to the simple and those who suffer
- He prayed constantly and powerfully for others
- Untiringly active until his death

DOES IT CHANGE ANYTHING ?

In celebrating his beatification, the Church offers to a greater number of people the possibility of getting to know him and to benefit from his witness. It encourages us to confide our intentions to his prayer.

HOW DOES A BEATIFICATION TAKE PLACE?

The beatification occurs during a solemn Mass presided by the Cardinal who heads the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, with the reading of the decree of beatification.

HAVE OTHER BEATIFICATIONS BEEN HELD IN AVIGNON?

Yes, in the 14th century:

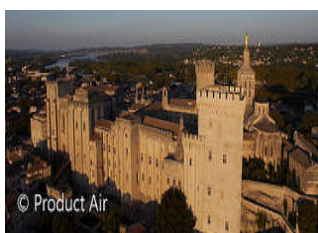
Thomas of Aquinas in 1322

Yves de Tréguier in 1347

were canonized in the Palace of the Popes.

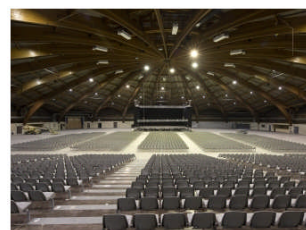
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USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

+ FOR INQUIRIES

REGISTER

register individually
come as a family (activities for the children)
bring a group

PARTICIPATE

choir
orchestra
order of service
installation

OFFER A GIFT

ASK FOR ACCREDITATION

at www.pere-marie-eugene.org starting June 10

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THE MIRACLE THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE FUTURE BLESSED

The sudden and definitive cure of an infant that took place in the 1980's

A deteriorating situation:

This infant was born with large cysts. When he was 11 days old, he was operated on, and at 2 weeks old, had to undergo an emergency operation. A few days later, the surgeon noticed a critical leaking which came from a wound in the thoracic canal. The infant was in a serious state of malnutrition (3.200 kg, at 28 days old). The doctors were worried: the life of the infant was in danger.

The call for heavenly help:

The mother noted in her diary: "We need a miracle." It is this miracle that the infant's great aunt implored through the intercession of Fr. Marie-Eugène, the day she received a letter from the parents telling her that the situation is hopeless.

The unbelievable cure:

Now, it was precisely on that day when, inexplicably and without any previous sign of improvement, the leak, which had not ceased till then, suddenly stopped. The mother wrote on that same day: "The miracle took place today." The following day, the doctors certified that the infant was truly cured. He began to take on weight, "like a plane taking off", according to the doctors. Three days after, he could return home. Since then, he enjoys perfect health.

28 May 2015: The doctors of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints recognized the inexplicable character of this cure, based on present scientific knowledge.

1 December 2015: The theologians of the same Congregation attribute it to the intercession of Fr. Marie-Eugène of the Child Jesus.

On 1 March 2016: the Cardinals and members of the same Congregation ratify this recognition.

On 4 March 2016: the Vatican's official bulletin announces that Pope Francis authorizes the Beatification.



Père **Marie-Eugène** de l'Enfant-Jésus