



## Principal Dates in the Life of Blessed Basil Anthony Mary Moreau, CSC

1792-1795 – Christianity abolished by law in France.

1797 – Deportations of priests; church services held secretly; religious orders of women almost non-existent; religion taught secretly or in the home.

1799 – 11 February 1799 – Father Moreau’s birth at Laigné-en-Belin.

1802 – Agreement is reached between Church and State and the Concordat is signed which permitted re-opening of the churches.

1805-1872 – Joseph Mazzini is head of a political party in Italy that promoted Rome as capital of Italy freed of papal yoke.

1814-1816 – Student at Château-Gontier.

1816-1821 – Student at Saint Vincent’s Seminary.

1820 – 27 May 1820 – Ordination as a Subdeacon.

1821 – 7 April 1821 – Ordination as a Deacon.

1821 – 12 August 1821 – Ordination to Priesthood.

1821 – 1822 – Student St. Sulpice.

1822 – 1823 – Student at Solitude of Issy.

1823 – 1826 – Professor at Seminary of Tessé in Le Mans.

1825 – Death of his mother.

1830 – Death of his father.

1825-1836 – Professor at Saint Vincent’s Seminary.

1833-1858 – Ecclesiastical Superior of the Good Shepherd in Le Mans.

1835 – Superior of the Brothers of Saint Joseph begun by Fr. Jacques Dujarie in 1820.

1835 – Foundation of the Auxiliary Priests.

1836 – Foundation of the school - Notre Dame de Sainte-Croix.

1837 – Fundamental Act uniting Brothers and Priests into the Association of Holy Cross.

1840 – 15 August 1840 – Profession of Vows.

1841 – Inauguration of the Marianites of Holy Cross.

1841 – Statement of his vision for Holy Cross in Circular Letter #14.

1841 – First missionaries to Algeria.

1841 – First missionaries to United States.

1845 – Preaching in 83 missions; Brothers staff 60 schools.

1846 – Title of “Apostolic Missionary” bestowed on Father Moreau.

1846 – Death of Pope Gregory XVI.

1846-1878 – Pope Pius IX flees Rome in November 1848 and struggles with Joseph Mazzini over papal states in Rome.

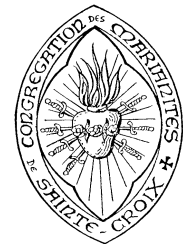


1847 – First missionaries to Canada.  
 1850 – Foundation in Rome.  
 1852 – Foundation in Bengal.  
 1855 – “Dark Night” Experience.  
 1857 – Foundation in Poland.  
 1857 – 17 June 1857 – Consecration of the Church (Notre Dame de Ste Croix)  
 which Fr. Moreau described as the happiest day of his life.  
 1857 – Approbation of the Constitutions of the Priests and Brothers.



1864 – Syllabus of Errors – Pius IX postures the Church against progress, liberalism, and modern civilization. This posture concludes with Vatican Council I and the declaration of papal infallibility.

1866 – Resignation as Superior General accepted by Rome.  
 1867 – Initial approbation of the Constitutions of the Marianites.  
 1869 – Mother house in Le Mans sold.  
 1869 – Separation of the Indiana Sisters.  
 1869 – Father relocated into a house near the school owned by his sisters.  
 1870 – War between France and Prussia.  
 1871 – Apparition at the village of Pontmain in France.  
 1872 – 17 August 1872 – Golden jubilee of ordination .  
 1873 – 20 January 1873 - Death at age 73.



1875 – Third Republic inaugurated violent persecution against Catholic Church in France. Government promoted that genuine democratic principles were anti-Catholic and began to oppose monarchists, clericals, and Catholics.

1883 – Separation of Canadian Sisters.  
 1885 – Final approval of the Constitutions of the Marianites.  
 1903 – Catholic schools closed in France; preachers expelled; 81 women religious congregations forced to disband.  
 1905 – Concordat is signed separating Church and State. Ecclesiastical buildings placed at the disposal of the civil government; goods of dioceses, seminaries, churches are confiscated.

1955 – Cause for canonization opened in Rome.  
 2003 – 12 April 2003 – Declaration of Venerable by Pope John Paul II.  
 2006 – 12 April 2006 – Approval for beatification.  
 2007 – 15 September 2007 – Beatification in Le Mans.

