

Blessed Marianne Cope A CHRONOLOGY



1838

Born Barbara Koob on January 23 in Heppenheim, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany.

1839

Koob (later changed to Cope) family emigrates to the United States.

1840

Family settles in Utica, N.Y. and become parishioners of St. Joseph's Church.

1855 – 1862

Barbara becomes the main supporter of her family during her father's illness.

1862

After her father's death, Barbara enters convent in Syracuse, N.Y.

1862 – 1863

Sister Marianne professes her vows as a Sister of St. Francis; serves as a member of the leadership group of her religious community and supported the establishment of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica in 1866 and was key in establishing St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse in 1869.

1870 – 1877

Sister Marianne becomes superior of St. Joseph Hospital in Syracuse, and is also elected assistant mother and secretary general in 1871 (held three positions concurrently).

1877

Sister Marianne is elected mother general of the Franciscan congregation and given the title "mother" as was the custom of the time.

1883

Mother Marianne is the only one of 50 religious leaders to respond positively to an emissary from Hawaii who visits her with a request for Catholic sisters to provide health care on the Hawaiian Islands, especially to patients with Hansen's disease (leprosy).

1883

November 8 becomes known as "Landing of the Sisters Day" as six Catholic Franciscan sisters led by Mother Marianne arrive in Honolulu, Hawaii.

1884

Franciscan sisters move to a convent within the hospital for patients with Hansen's disease.

1884

Mother Marianne establishes the first general hospital on the island of Maui.



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1888 Franciscan sisters led by Mother Marianne arrive at Kalaupapa, Molokai, to manage Bishop Home for women and girls.

1889 After Father Damien de Veuster's death, Hawaiian government appoints Mother Marianne in charge of his home for boys at Kalaupapa.

1890 – 1895 New home for boys established at Kalawao under the leadership of Mother Marianne and is renamed Baldwin Home in honor of benefactor.

1918 Mother Marianne dies at Bishop Home and is buried on the grounds.



2003 – 2004 Theologians, cardinals and bishops at Congregation for Causes of Saints unanimously affirm Mother Marianne's heroic virtue and Mother Marianne becomes Venerable Marianne Cope.

2004 Vatican Medical Board rules unanimously that a miracle case is an inexplicable medical recovery.

Theologians rule unanimously that the miracle was due to the intercession of Venerable Marianne Cope.

Pope John Paul II affirms the miracle case, allowing Mother Marianne to be eligible to be declared Blessed.

2005 Mother Marianne's remains return to Syracuse, N.Y. after being exhumed from gravesite at Kalaupapa, Molokai.

2005 Mother Marianne Cope is proclaimed "Blessed" during a ceremony at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, Italy. His Holiness Benedict XVI holds audience for pilgrims attending beatification of Blessed Marianne Cope.

2011 Vatican Medical Board rules unanimously that a second miracle case is an inexplicable medical recovery.

Theologians rule unanimously that the second miracle case was due to the intercession of Blessed Marianne Cope.

The Congregation for Causes of Saints affirms Blessed Marianne for canonization.

Pope Benedict XVI affirms Blessed Marianne for canonization.

2012 **Mother Marianne Cope will be canonized a saint.**