

# Chronology

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- July 14, 1789 .....After years of financial struggle and volatile class relations, the French Revolution begins with the storming of the Bastille prison.
- February 13, 1790 .....The National Assembly prohibits monastic vows and abolishes all religious orders, except those dedicated to teaching and charity.
- November 27, 1790 .....Priests throughout France are required to sign an oath of loyalty to the new French nation.
- February 11, 1799 .....Basil Anthony Mary Moreau is born in the French village Laigné-en-Belin.
- July 15, 1801 .....Concordant between Rome and the Emperor Napoleon, restoring Roman Catholicism in France.
- 1814 .....Basil Moreau begins high school and then matriculates to St. Vincent's, the diocesan seminary at Chateau-Gontier.
- July 15, 1820 .....Father Jacques Dujarié founds the Brothers of St. Joseph
- August 12, 1821 .....Moreau is ordained a priest at the Visitation convent in Le Mans, France.
- 1821-1823.....Father Moreau spends two years studying at the seminary St. Sulpice in Paris where he encounters Father Gabriel Mollevaut who serves as his spiritual director for twenty-five years.
- May 26, 1825.....Father Moreau appointed professor of Dogmatic Theology at St. Vincent's Seminary, Le Mans.
- 1833.....Moreau oversees the establishment of the Association of the Good Shepherd, a religious community of Sisters for whom Moreau would be superior until 1858.



- August 31, 1835 .....Father Jacques Dujarié resigns as leader of the Brothers of St. Joseph; Moreau is appointed as the new superior.
- 1835.....Father Moreau founds the Auxiliary Priests.
- March 1, 1837 .....The Brothers of St. Joseph and the Auxiliary Priests unite to form the Association of Holy Cross, a major step toward the formal creation of the family of Holy Cross.
- April 28, 1840 .....First mission to Algeria sets off.
- August 15, 1840 .....Moreau and four other priests profess vows as religious.
- 1840.....Holy Cross sisters founded, known as the Marianites of Holy Cross.
- August 5, 1841 .....Seven Holy Cross religious depart Le Mans to begin a mission in the United States: Father Edward Sorin; Brothers Vincent, Joachim, Lawrence, Mary, Gatien, and Anselm.
- April 1852.....The Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith begins reviewing the affairs of Holy Cross.
- May 13, 1857 .....Pope Pius IX approves the constitutions of Holy Cross but separates the Marianites to develop as an independent congregation.
- 1860-1866 .....Period of financial and institutional struggle for Holy Cross, especially for Father Moreau.
- August 1863 .....General chapter authorizes the creation of both a French and North American Province for the Congregation. French province established.
- May 1865 .....North American Province established at Notre Dame, Indiana.
- June 10, 1866 .....Pope Pius IX accepts Father Moreau's resignation as superior general of Holy Cross.



- February 19, 1867 .....Constitutions and Rule of the Marianites first approved by the Bishop of Le Mans.
- July 1869 .....Marianites in the United States become an independent religious congregation known as the Sisters of the Holy Cross.
- January 20, 1873 .....Father Basil Moreau dies at age seventy-three.
- January 1883 .....Marianites in Canada become an independent religious congregation known as the Sisters of Holy Cross and of the Seven Dolors.
- 1955 .....The Cause of Father Moreau formally opens.
- July 21, 1955 .....Moreau declared “Servant of God,” the first of four stages toward canonization.
- May 1961 .....The Promoter of the Faith for the Cause of Father Moreau submits to the Vatican Congregation of Rites the required supporting documents testifying to Father Moreau’s heroic virtues, which are necessary for declaring him “Venerable.”
- October 1962 .....Pope John XXIII convenes the Second Vatican Council, postponing the Cause toward Moreau’s canonization.
- April 12, 2003 .....Father Moreau is declared “Venerable” by Pope John Paul II.
- April 2006 .....Pope Benedict XVI promulgates an authorized miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Moreau, thus ensuring his beatification.