

## Blessed John Committee Report – 9/24/20 To the NAHNS Virtual Convention

As you know, Blessed John was beatified on September 7, 1903 by Pope St. Pius X. This was 620 years following Blessed John's death, and this year will be the 737th anniversary of his death. At the time of the beatification, he was beatified by a process that is technically called equivalent beatification. There was no examination of miracles. Rather at the request of the Bishop of Vercelli, the master of the order, the master of friar's minor and their presentation of documentary evidence, it was demonstrated that, from time immortal before the year 1634, there did exist a cult - a veneration - of Blessed John of Vercelli. It was on that basis that the sacred congregation recommended to Pope St. Pius X that he beatify Blessed John, which he did.

Now the fact that he was beatified equivalently has relevance to the process of canonization that we seek. What is going to be required?

1. There must be demonstrated a genuine interest and devotion to Blessed John.

The NAHNS BJV Committee is currently in the process of scanning and cataloguing their archives and combining them with the St. Joseph Province archives at Providence College.

We ask each Holy Name Union to research their devotion to Blessed John of Vercelli.

The Committee will be issuing a new digital BJV Prayer Petition Form. We ask that our Holy Name Unions email this form to their Holy Name Parishes for their use at their parish meetings. It is requested that the Unions/Parishes print the form for members without computers. See attached form.

2. There must be a critical study and history of the life of Blessed John.

This primarily will be the work of the historians of the Order, it must be technically accurate. There must be investigations of the writings, the records and so on.

3. There must be a certified miracle. (Cure with no scientific explanation)

Something that has occurred by the grace of God through the intercession of a Venerable or Blessed which is scientifically inexplicable.

We are currently working on obtaining a medical dossier on Joseph J. Borowski from Fair Lawn, NJ who was cured of an aggressive form of rheumatoid arthritis.