

community for many years. He is both a spiritual leader and a renowned composer, whose works have been listened to and enjoyed throughout the world of Jewish music. Indeed, on July 6, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra will be giving a concert in celebration of Rabbi Twerski's music.

In addition to his musical accomplishments, Rabbi Twerski has been a leader in his community throughout his lifetime. With the values instilled by his parents, he has reached out to his community to share the teachings of his faith. He led efforts to create an elementary school and Kollel audit learning program in Milwaukee, both of which have been significant to the Orthodox life in the city. Both he and his wife, Rebbetzin Feige Twerski, present programs throughout the world to those who want to learn more about traditional Jewish life and have become known internationally as counselors on difficult personal and religious matters.

Rabbi Twerski not only serves Milwaukee as a religious leader but is a friend, counselor, and teacher to his community and a leader to the Milwaukee community as a whole. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Rabbi Twerski on his many accomplishments and commend him on his service to Milwaukee and people throughout the world.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP FREDERIC
BARAGA

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I have the opportunity this weekend to attend an unusual birthday party in my congressional district in Michigan for a very special individual. This month we celebrate the birth of Frederic Baraga, born 200 years ago in a town called Mala vas in what is now the independent nation of Slovenia.

Frederic Baraga was a pioneer who wandered in the wilds of the Great Lakes area in the early 1800's, braving the snows and bitter winters, the swamps, and swarms of insects of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Frederic Baraga was a teacher; a learned man who mastered Slovenian, English, Latin, German, French, and Italian, he went on to speak the native American Ojibwa language, eventually writing a grammar and an Ojibwa dictionary that is still in use today.

Frederic Baraga was a missionary, whose work was God's work. He left a family that had gained a title of nobility in Europe, taking the vow of poverty and accepting the dangers of a new world to bring the Christian faith to the New World, America.

Frederic Baraga was a man, with the afflictions and failings of a man, but he was unique in his dedication to his mission and to his faith. The dedication of this man, who stood 5 feet, 4 inches tall and referred to himself as "the little missionary," has earned the love and respect of the people of northern Michigan, who are supporting efforts to canonize him a saint in the Catholic Church.

There are many details of his life which have been passed down to us, tales of his falling through thin ice in mid-winter on his religious rounds, stories that paint a picture of a

man with a twinkle in his eye and a tendency to break up a long day of work or travel with a midday nap. With these anecdotes we catch a glimpse through the mists of history of a real person, not merely a symbol of an ideal.

Mr. Speaker, we in northern Michigan look at Bishop Frederic Baraga as more than just our native son. A man of Europe, later a man of the native American people of the Great Lakes area, he may finally become a man of the world, whose humility, dedication, commitment to learning, and qualities of character are a model for all of mankind, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

The nation of Slovenia has honored Bishop Baraga with a commemorative stamp. I have asked the U.S. Postal Service to give new consideration to a similar honor. I know this review process takes time, but I and the supporters of the efforts to honor Bishop Baraga, look forward to the day when we can send our invitations to another birthday party for this very special individual with stamps bearing his visage.

PROVIDING HOPE BY FAITH

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to St. Anthony's Church as they celebrate their centennial anniversary. For the past 100 years the church has been the foundation that has allowed the congregation to serve as a bridge to the community, relentlessly providing their unselfish services not only in times of hardship but also in daily life.

St. Anthony's Church was founded in a farming community to bring together friends and neighbors. The church has helped the community by creating programs that assist those in need. One of the most outstanding programs created by the church is the Center for Families. This center provides emotional or marriage counseling, day care, and a playground for their children. Families supporting one another is the key to a flourishing community, and St. Anthony's has provided the assistance that continues to create strong families, who provide an excellent example for the community as they reach out to their fellow neighbors.

Throughout the past 100 years the congregation has been committed to helping those who have nowhere to turn. For over 20 years, St. Anthony's members have organized a food pantry that gives the less fortunate in the community not only food but hope for the future. Since the first plank of the church was nailed, the congregation has been providing assistance through the Emergency Need Program. This program provides the payment of past due electricity bills, rent payments, and heating bills for families who have fallen on hard times.

The congregation of St. Anthony's Church pass along their strong Christian values to future generations by maintaining a K-5 parochial school. The school is dedicated to teaching the Christian principles to students at an early age, so that they will have their faith to guide them through life's many challenges. Once the youth in Fisherville move toward adulthood, St. Anthony's does not abandon

them. Baccalaureate, a graduation ceremony, is performed by the parish, so that students have a spiritual blessing to continue to guide them through adulthood.

Mr. Speaker, St. Anthony's Church will strive to provide an invaluable base for the community, so I urge you and your colleagues to join me in celebrating St. Anthony of Pauda's centennial anniversary which truly is a journey in faith.

IN HONOR OF WMZQ

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to one of the top rated radio stations in the Washington area, WMZQ. June 22 marks their 20th anniversary on the air as a country music station, serving the musical and community needs of our region.

On June 22, 1977, WMZQ 98.7 FM signed on the air with the song "Are You Ready for the Country?" Since that time, the Washington metropolitan area has benefited from the talent and commitment of their staff. The Country Music Association [CMA] has honored WMZQ's contribution to country music by naming WMZQ the CMA Station of the Year in 1989. The radio industry has also recognized WMZQ's programming excellence with several Achievement in Radio [AIR] Awards.

WMZQ's staff is intertwined with the Greater Washington community. WMZQ has supported many charitable organizations like the American Heart Association, the March of Dimes, Children's Hospital, the American Red Cross and Toys for Tots through event participation and public affairs programming. WMZQ's loyal listeners' generous response to the Annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Radiothon has raised over \$2 million in just 5 years. Listener's contributions during the Coats for Kids campaigns has kept thousands of children warm during the winter months. WMZQ's Christmas in April home renovation projects has provided many elderly, low-income and handicapped neighbors with safer living conditions.

On June 22 of this month, the WMZQ staff and 15,000 of their most loyal fans celebrated the radio station's 20th anniversary at the Bull Run Country Jamboree. This year they were proud to host Paul Brantly, LeAnne Rimes, Neil McCoy, and Wynonna. Over the last 7 years this annual event has raised over \$600,000 for the Northern Virginia Park Authority. This year, WMZQ general manager, Charlie Ochs, rededicated the efforts of the WMZQ staff to better serve the country music listener and to continue to work to make the Washington area a better place to live.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in celebrating the special anniversary of WMZQ. Not only do they provide the region with good country music, but they have supported our community through many volunteer programs. They have enriched the lives of their listeners, have enhanced the quality of life in our region and have grown to be on the of top rated country stations in the Nation.