



## EDICT

### ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE CAUSE FOR GETRUDE A. BARBER

#### LET ALL KNOW THAT:

Whereas the *Association for the Cause of Gertrude A. Barber*, being a lawfully erected public juridic person, presented a *libellus* (petition) seeking to open a cause for the possible canonization of Gertrude A. Barber, a lay member of the faithful who lived her entire life in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in the Diocese of Erie;

Whereas the *libellus* contains all of its required elements (cf. *Sanctorum Mater* Title V, Article 37);

Whereas I have both evaluated and established the existence of an authentic and widespread reputation of holiness and of intercessory power regarding Gertrude A. Barber (cf. *Sanctorum Mater* Title V, Article 40) §1;

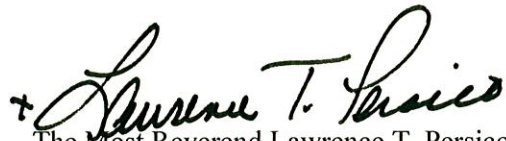
THEREFORE, I have accepted the *libellus* of the *Association for the Cause of Gertrude A. Barber* and I have opened the cause for her possible canonization, focusing on her life, heroic virtues, and reputation of holiness and of intercessory prayer (cf. *Sanctorum Mater* Title V, Article 40).

#### TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING INFORMATION:

I urge anyone with information, either favorable or unfavorable to this cause, to come forward with that information by contacting the Reverend Monsignor Thomas McSweeney. He serves as diocesan Postulator of the cause and the main point of contact for the collection of information. He can be reached at 814-878-5953 or through the website for the cause at [www.DrBarber.org](http://www.DrBarber.org).

I direct that this edict be distributed by the diocesan Communications Office and published in the parishes of the Diocese of Erie, and that it be posted in the Cathedral Church, in accord with Title VII, Article 43 §1 of the Instruction *Sanctorum Mater*.

Given at the Chancery  
Diocese of Erie  
on this 12th day of December, 2019



The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop



The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL  
Chancellor



DIocese of Erie ♦ P.O. Box 10397 ♦ Erie, Pennsylvania 16514-0397

814.824.1120 ♦ FAX 814.824-1124