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## **History of the Process for the Glorification of William Joseph Chaminade**

### The Progression of Our Founder's Cause

#### Diocesan Levels

##### A. Diocesan Processes

1. 1909-1912 in Bordeaux, France
2. 1909-1912 in Vitoria, Spain

##### B. Interrogation Commissions

1. 1910 in Auch and Paris, France
2. 1910 in Malines, Belgium

##### C. 1911-1914 Examination of his writings

##### D. 1911-1912 Process on the Absence of Public Veneration

#### Vatican City/Rome

December 13, 1916      Decree recognizing the orthodoxy of the writings of the Servant of God

May 18, 1918          Decree introducing the cause in Rome

June 7, 1919          Decree recognizing the absence of public veneration

June 22, 1926	Decree declaring the validity of the diocesan processes
July 21, 1931	Congregation examines the virtues of the Servant of God; decides to hold another session
November 24, 1936	In the second session the Congregation returns the case to the Historical Section for the study of some particular points
1968	Father Vincent Vasey, S.M., Postulator of the Cause, asks the Historical Section to complete the requested study
July 14, 1970	Historical Section completes its report
February 6, 1973	A special meeting of the consulting theologians of the Congregation is favorable to declaring the heroicity of the virtues of the Servant of God
June 5, 1973	The cardinals and bishops of the Congregation agree on the heroicity of virtues
October 18, 1973	Pope Paul VI ratifies the decision and in an official decree announces to the world that “on the strength of all the evidence, the Servant of God William Joseph Chaminade practiced to a heroic degree the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity toward God

and toward his neighbor, and also the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.” Declared Venerable.

1995-1996	Exploratory process in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the reported miracle guided by Father Enrique Torres, S.M., Postulator General
October 11, 1996	Decree validating the diocesan inquiry about the reported miracle
November 20, 1997	First medical consultation by the Congregation
November 19, 1998	Second medical consultation
January 14, 1999	Medical Council considers the healing of Elena Otero as “scientifically inexplicable”
March 1999	Exposition of the Miracle presented to the Congregation
May 11, 1999	Congress of Theologians and Promoter of the Faith considered the cure of Elena Otero as a miracle attributed to Venerable Chaminade
October 5, 1999	Ordinary Congregation of Cardinals and Bishops of the Congregation voted unanimously in favor of the miraculous healing of Elena Otero
December 20, 1999	Promulgation of the Decree of Approbation

of the miracle

September 3, 2000

Pope John Paul II beatifies Blessed William  
Joseph Chaminade in Rome

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