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CHEBOYGAN, MI: Bishop Baraga Catholic School is celebrating 150 years of Catholic education in Cheboygan. In 1856, after several visits to the area, Bishop Frederic Baraga helped establish St. Mary's permanent chapel and school in Cheboygan. The school's first teacher was Nicholas Murry. In 1857, the first school building was purchased for \$30.

On June 18, 2006, in conjunction with the Feast of Corpus Christi, the school will hold sesquicentennial celebration activities. At 1:00 p.m., there will be a Benediction and Eucharistic Procession in the school chapel. At 1:30 p.m., the school's Marketing Committee chair, Steve Brisson, will host a sesquicentennial program in the school gymnasium. Speakers at the program will include Father Paul Megge, Pastor of the Cheboygan Catholic Community; Carol Stempky, Bishop Baraga Catholic School historian; and Curtis Chambers, Tribal Chairman

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of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. At the conclusion of the program, a parish picnic will commence on the school grounds.

Bishop Baraga Catholic School has been in its new building located at the corner of Western and Lincoln Avenues since September 2005.

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