

Pope puts Gaudí on path to sainthood

Pope Francis has declared Catalan modernist architect Antoni Gaudí, dubbed “God’s architect” for his work on Barcelona’s Sagrada Família, “Venerable”, marking a pivotal step toward sainthood

ROAD TO SAINTHOOD

■ **1992:** Association for Beatification of Antoni Gaudí, established to gather evidence of his holiness

■ **2003:** Vatican opens cause, granting him title “Servant of God”

■ **2010: Pope Benedict XVI** consecrates Sagrada Família, praising Gaudí’s ability to “build human consciousness, anchored in the world yet open to God”

■ **Apr 14, 2025: Pope Francis** recognises Gaudí’s “heroic virtues”, declaring him “Venerable”

Antoni Gaudí i Cornet
(1852-1926)



Sagrada Família basilica



BEATIFICATION

■ For next step, miracle attributed to him would have to be verified

Archdiocese of Barcelona has submitted case involving woman's recovery from severe eye condition after praying to Gaudí in 2016 to **Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints**. Miracle awaits official confirmation

CANONISATION

■ Confirmation of yet another miracle would be required for Gaudí to be declared first architect saint in Roman Catholic Church. **Process can take years, even centuries**