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From the depths of Little Traverse Bay at Petoskey to a bluff overlooking Burt Lake at Indian River, Michigan has a wide variety of religious attractions for travelers of all faiths.

Perhaps the most unique is the Skin Diver's Shrine at the bottom of Little Traverse Bay. The life-size figure of Christ, standing beneath "50" feet of water, is visited regularly by skin diving clubs.

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Known also as the Mason Chapel, in honor of the late George W. Mason, Michigan philanthropist sportsman who deeded a large tract of Au Sable riverfront property to the state, the Fisherman's Shrine is accessible only by boat or canoe on the famed trout fishing waters.

**THE WORLD'S** largest crucifix, a massive bronze figure of Christ nailed to a 77-foot redwood cross, dominates the inspiring setting in the woods at Indian River.

The crucifix, on a bluff representing Calvary Hill, honors an

# Religious Shrines Attract Travelers In Michigan

Indian girl whose saintly life some three centuries ago won the admiration of Christian missionaries.

Michigan travelers can retrace the steps of Jesuits who joined in the early exploration of North America and established their first Michigan Indian mission at Sault Ste. Marie in 1641.

Monuments at Ludington, Marquette and St. Ignace pay homage to Father Jacques Marquette who established an Indian mission in the latter community in 1671 and was buried there following his untimely death in 1675 at the age of 38.

**BARAGA COUNTY** in the western upper peninsula commemorates the name of another of northern Michigan's best remembered religious workers, Bishop Frederick Baraga. His original mission, pulpit and altar, more than a century old, are preserved at Eagle Harbor.

Two days after the French explorer Antoine Cadillac founded Detroit in 1701, a missionary priest established St. Anne Church, the second oldest,

continuously maintained Catholic parish in the United States.

Father Gabriel Richard, St. Anne's pastor in the early 1800's, is remembered as a leader of efforts to establish educational facilities for Indians and whites, as the only Catholic priest to serve in Congress and as publisher of Michigan's first newspaper, Father Richard and Rev. John Monette, a Presbyterian, organized the University of Michigan in 1817.

**NINTH STREET** Christian Reformed Church in Holland is a reminder of early Reformed and Christian Reformed movements in America. It was built as a Reformed Church by Calvinist refugees who settled in western Michigan in 1846 to escape persecution over religious differences in The Netherlands.

In 1820, following a tightrope question of admitting Freemasons to membership, a majority of the congregation left the Reformed Church and founded the Christian Reformed Church in America. Ottawa,

Kent, Muskegon, Kalamazoo and Allegan counties are now centers of the Reformed and Christian Reformed movements.

The Seventh Day Adventists gained world-wide recognition in the 48 years in which their headquarters were in Battle Creek. The Adventists moved to Michigan from the east in 1855, about 10 years after the sect's formation.

**OTHER MICHIGAN** religious attractions include:

--Chapel in the Pines, Hartwick Pines State Park, five miles northeast of Grayling in the state's only remaining stand of virgin cork white pine.

--St. Mary's of Mt. Carmel Shrine, Manistee. The interior highlights tons of white rough blasted marble, massive roof timbers and 14 stations of the cross featuring oil paintings on copper plate. The granite altar weighs six tons.

--Our Lady of the Woods Shrine, Mio. A monument to Christian endeavor.

--Replica of the Lourdes Grotto at the Church of the

Precious Blood, Stephenson.

--Knights of Pythias Shrine, Eagle Harbor, where original ritual by Justus Rathbone was written about 1880.

--Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, erected by Father Charles E. Coughlin, nationally known in the 1930's as the radio priest.

--Kirk-in-the-Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills, has 77-bell carillon, believed to be the world's largest.

--Large wooden cross along US-131 north of Reed City, identifying the home of Rev. George Bernard, a Methodist, composer of "The Old Rugged Cross." A three-ton, 11-foot granite cross stands in his memory at Pokagon in Cass County where the gospel hymn is believed to have been sung for the first time during a revival service.

--In recent years, Michigan has become a focal point for the Moral Re-Armament movement, with summer headquarters on Mackinac Island.

--St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Tecumseh, the oldest Episcopal church west of the

Allegheny Mountains. Its cornerstone was laid in 1833 and among those who contributed to building costs were Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay and Daniel Webster.

Free information about other Michigan vacation-travel attractions can be obtained by writing the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan.

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## Charitable Trusts Protected

By Amy Gen. Frank J. Kelley, Michigan's public service attorney, explains in general terms a provision of Michigan law that protects the interests of charitable trusts and who wish to determine the effect of that law should consult a private attorney.

The Charitable Trust and Consumers Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General is a little known but very important agency of the State.

There was no single government agency prior to 1961, charged with making certain that the principle and/or income of all of the trusts were safeguarded and used for the intended purposes.

In a charitable trust the income, and sometimes a portion of the principle, is dedicated for the relief of the aged and poor people, needy, crippled or handicapped children; scholarships; medical and scientific research; schools; libraries; religious purposes; to erect hospitals and homes for the aged, and for any purpose "beneficial to mankind and the community."

TO INSURE that the assets of a charitable trust are not wasted, left dormant, or lost, the Michigan legislature in 1961 passed the Supervision of Trustees for Charitable Purposes Act.

The Act provided that the trustees must register the trust with the Attorney General, and authorized the Attorney General to supervise and enforce the provisions of the trust.

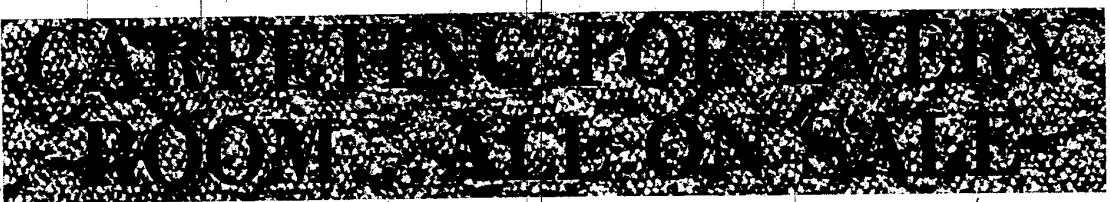
Since the effective date of the Act, the Attorney General has registered 3,400 charitable trusts, having a combined asset and property value of upwards of \$5.3 billion.

A complete registration, and file record of all these trusts are maintained in Lansing which are available to the public for inspection by persons interested in knowing where funds are available for charitable purposes.

AS A LEARNED English judge ruled many years ago: "There is no justification for any charitable trust to operate in a cloak of secrecy; because the cloak can become a shroud, and the property vanish like the snow under the warming rays of the sun."

Continual diligence, investigation and consultations in enforcing the Act has resulted in ever-increasing sums of money being released and used for the benefit and help of citizens of Michigan.

Libraries, scholarships, needy, crippled or handicapped children, hospitals, aged persons, medical care for the needy have all been assisted by the operation of this relatively new but very important division set up to administer the 1961 Act.



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