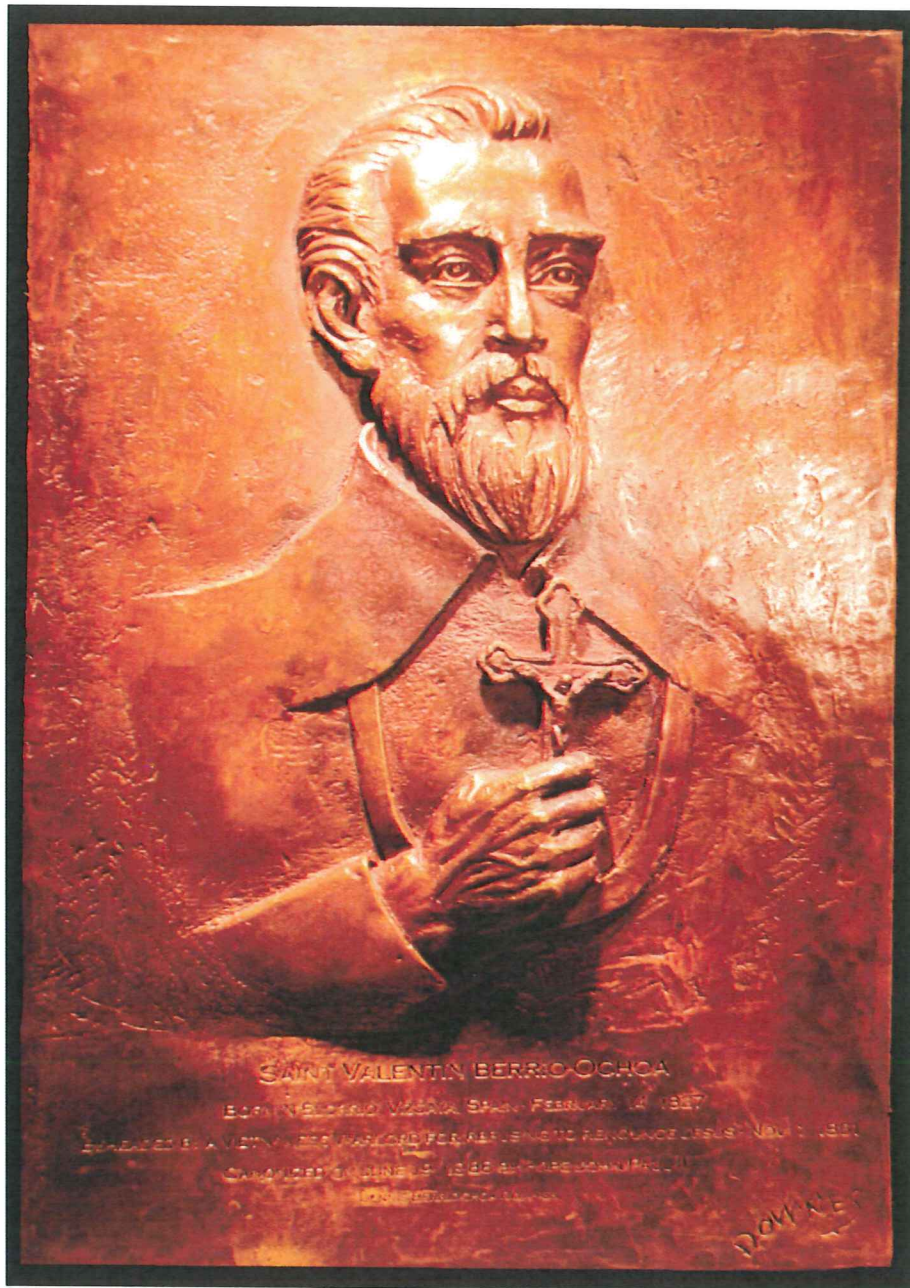


# SAINT VALENTIN BERRIO-OCHOA

*Balentin Berrio-Otxoa Santua*

Born in Elorrio, Bizkaia, Spain – February 14, 1827  
Beheaded in Vietnam for refusing to renounce Jesus –  
November 1, 1861  
Canonized on June 19, 1988 by Pope John Paul II



This bronze sculpture is a gift to the Basque Museum &  
Cultural Center from the Berriochoa Family  
July, 2011

Dennis Berriochoa Downes  
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## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Dennis Berriochoa Downes  
Painter and Sculptor

The main body of Dennis' work has been inspired by research trips to ancient sites and to natural wonders across the Great Lakes Region and Beyond. Dennis' travels began at a young age, taking trips to visit his mother's people, the Basque Berriochoa Clan, living in the Idaho and Montana Rocky Mountain area. His travels have inspired both his paintings and his sculptures. Dennis currently works out of Northeastern Illinois, as well as the Wilderness Coast of Ontario. Each original painting is presented in a handmade frame. Dennis' highly detailed frames contain inlays and unique touches that truly complete the piece. He has participated in over 100 solo, juried, public and private shows in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom over the past 25 years. Several of Dennis' sculptures and paintings are on permanent display at museums, public libraries, historical societies, and national landmarks, as well as private collections across the country.

Some of Dennis Downes' most recent honors in Painting and Sculpting are:

- \*2009 Chicago, "Lakefront Sculpture Exhibition"  
Honorarium and Bronze Sculpture installation in Downtown, Chicago
- \*2008, 2009, 2011 Northbrook Fine Arts, "Art in the Park"  
Award of Excellence, Best of Show
- \*2009 HGTV National Broadcast of Dennis' Artwork  
High Relief Sculptures, Dog Ponies
- \*2010, 2011 AMDUR "Barrington Art Festival" (National Show)  
Best of Show, Painting
- \*2010 Permanent Installation of 8' Realistic Bronze Sculpture, Chicago  
"Captain George "Cap" Wellington Streeter"