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tr.v. **be·at·i·fied**, **be·at·i·fy·ing**, **be·at·i·fies**

1. *Roman Catholic Church* To proclaim (a deceased person) to be one of the blessed and thus worthy of public religious veneration in a particular region or religious congregation.
2. To exalt; glorify: "*There was no dearth of criticism even after Beethoven was beatified*" (Paul Henry Lang).

[French *beatifier*, from Late Latin *beātificāre* : Latin *beātus*, happy; see [BEATIFIC](#) + Latin *-ficāre*, *-fy*.]

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