

St. John Eudes

St. John Eudes was born in Normandy, France, in November 1601. He attended a Jesuit college and joined the Congregation of the Oratory of France. A priest, missionary and preacher, he ministered to plague victims. The saint also established seminaries. In 1643 he founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (the Eudists), but he never received papal approval. He later founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and authored the liturgical devotion of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. St. John Eudes died in 1680 and was canonized in 1925.