St. Joseph of Cupertino

St. Joseph of Cupertino was born June 17, 1603, in Naples, Italy. When he was 17 years old, he tried to join the Friars Minor Conventuals but was refused because of his lacking education. He also tried to join the Capuchins. Finally, he was accepted as an oblate at a Franciscan convent close to Cupertino. He became a cleric at age 22 and a priest at age 25. The saint had a series of ecstasies throughout his life. They were triggered by the mention of God or a saint, or other people or things related to religion. The saint levitated and heard heavenly music. He died in 1663. St. Joseph of Cupertino is patron saint of air travelers, pilots and astronauts.