

St. Paul Miki

St. Paul Miki was born in Japan and joined the Jesuits in 1580. He preached despite an anti-Christian sentiment in the political atmosphere. Along with 25 other Catholics, he was crucified Feb. 5, 1597, in Nagasaki, Japan, during a persecution of Christians. He was canonized as a martyr of Japan in 1862 by Pope Pius IX.