



## St. Joachim Royo

**Born:** 1691 at Teruel Spain

**Died:** tortured and strangled to death on the evening of 28 October 1748 in prison at Fu-tsheu, China, relics enshrined in the church of Saint Dominic in Manila, Philippines

**Venerated:** 6 January 1893 by Pope Leo XIII (decree of martyrdom)

**Beatified:** 14 May 1893 by Pope Leo XIII

**Canonized:** 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II

**Feast:** 28 September as one of the Martyrs of China

Joined the Dominicans in Valencia, Spain in 1709. Missionary to the Philippines in 1712, and then to China in 1715. Worked with Saint Peter Sanz. Priest. He served his parishioners by night, hiding in tombs or secret rooms by day to avoid the government persecutions. Imprisoned for two years for his faith beginning in 1746. Martyr.