



Bl. Pierre-Louis de la Rochefoucauld-Bayers

Born: 12 October 1744 in Blanzaguet-Saint-Cybard-le-Peyrat, Charente, France

Died: martyred on 2 September 1792 at the Hôtel des Carmes, Paris, France

Beatified: 17 October 1926 by Pope Pius XI

Born to the French nobility, the son of the lord of Maumont Jean de La Rochefoucauld and Marguerite des Escots; his brother Francois-Joseph became bishop of Beauvais, France, and his sister was abbess of the convent of Notre Dame de Soissons. Priest. Prior commendator of Nanteuil, France in 1770. Chosen general agent of the clergy in 1775. Bishop of Saintes, France in 1781. Organized a bank that functioned like modern fire insurance. Elected deputy of the clergy to the general states for the Sénéchaussée de Saintes on 24 March 1789. One of the Martyrs of September, killed in the anti-Christian excesses of the French Revolution.