



St. Eugendus of Condat

Born: c.449 at Izerore, Ain, France

Died: 1 January 510 at Condat, Switzerland of natural causes

Patronage: Saint-Oyen, Tarentaise, France, Saint-Oyen, Valley of Aoste, Italy, Saint-Oyens, Vaud, Switzerland

Also known as Agendus, Augendus, Eugend, Eugendo, Oyan, Oyand, Oyend, Yan
Additional Memorial 4 January in the diocese of Besançon and diocese of Saint Claude
Profile Taught to read and write at home by his father, a man who became a priest himself. Moved into the Condat Monastery, Mount Jura, Switzerland at age seven, and stayed there the rest of his 61 years.

Learned to read Greek and Latin, and became a noted Scripture authority. He refused to become ordained, saying he was unworthy to be a priest. Chosen abbot of his house c.496; the monastery was later renamed Saint-Oyend in his honour, and still later was known as Saint-Claude. When the wooden monastery burned, he managed to get it rebuilt in stone; it lasted for centuries. Known for the extreme austerity, simplicity, humility and good cheer, and for his life of continual prayer.