

Happy Birthday

January 21st

Marie-Anne Fiset

Sr. St. Charles Borromeo

*"All for God, nothing to satisfy myself."*



Marie-Anne Fiset (1826-1886) was born on January 21<sup>st</sup>, in Cap-Santé. She was still a toddler when her father, Pierre Fiset, died. In the family interest, Mrs. Fiset, remarried; but Marie was sent to stay with a paternal aunt in Quebec City. After attending the Ursuline boarding school, she was transferred to the General Hospital boarding school. Among her classmates were the two daughters of a certain Mrs. Roy. On June 12, 1846, Marie-Anne lost her uncle and aunt in the sadly memorable fire of the "Théâtre de Québec". That tragedy made her understand the futility of earthly things and she began to think of a religious vocation. For two years, she taught school in Cap-Santé then entered the novitiate of the Hôtel-Dieu Nuns of Quebec. Her physical health could not withstand the demanding care of the sick, and she had to leave the cloister. After a year of rest, she asked for her entry with the Sisters of Charity of Quebec. While waiting for an answer, she providentially visited St. Magdalen's Refuge. Immediately, she felt attracted. A soft and strong voice whispered in the depth of her soul: "It is here that you will find happiness!" She was admitted on November 21, 1850. She became the first treasurer and secretary of the Good Shepherd Congregation and its Ministries. She would later be named the first local superior outside the Mother House, in Rivière-du-Loup. Her reserved manners and cautious, wise words made her a model for all who met her. She was the first to perfectly mold wax statues of the Child Jesus. She was a woman of order, punctuality and accuracy. On March 6, 1886, she went to join her Creator, serene and without fear, saying, *"I am happy and confident in the mercy of my divine Spouse."*