DESURMONT Achille

Was born in Tourcoing in the diocese of Lille on 23rd December 1828. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St. Trond, Belgium, on 19th March 1851 and was ordained priest in Metz on 24th September 1853. He was superior of the province of France and Switzerland from 1865 to 1887. He was consultor to Father Matthias Raus while the latter was Vicar General from 1893 to 1894. Once more named provincial of France and Switzerland in 1898, he died on 23rd July of the same year in Thury-en-Valois. Father Desurmont's long period of office saw phenomenal expansion of the province into Spain and South America. He also published works on pastoral theology and on Redemptorist spiritual doctrine.

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