

## **MERGÈS Pierre**

Was born in Bruch in the diocese of Luxemburg on 29th March 1832. He was guided to the Redemptorists by the great missionary, Father Ambrosius Zobel. He took his vows in Saint-Nicolas-du-Port on 19th March 1855 and was ordained priest in Téterchen on 18th June 1859. After some experience on the missions in Alsace he was sent to the foundations being made in South America by the province of France and Switzerland. In 1876 he was superior of the foundation in Santiago, the first permanent Redemptorist community established in Chile. He preached missions also in Peru and Ecuador, but his name was associated principally with Chile. He died in Santiago on 7th November 1889.

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