

Jeanne-Marie Chavoin

Jeanne-Marie Chavoin was the foundress of the Marist Sisters. She grew up in a very religious family, who remained devoted to their religion even through the religious persecutions of the French Revolution. This witness to faith, helped Jeanne-Marie decide to devote her life to a life of prayer, devotion and service to others. She was undecided as to which order to join, but it was a call from the fledging Marist Order, that appealed to Jeanne-Marie. She realised that she was being called to this enterprise to do the 'work of Mary' while living in community and being of service to others. Jeanne-Marie's faithfulness, her energy to work for the good of others, her openness to this calling and her many gifts all helped to form the woman who courageously founded and led the female branch of the Society of Mary, known as the Marist Sisters. Jeanne-Marie was "an ordinary woman, who responded in an extraordinary way to the grace of God in her life.



Jeanne-Marie Chavoin (29 August 1786 - 30 June 1858)