

Patron of the College



Saint Francis Xavier, (born April 7, 1506, Xavier Castle, Navarre—died Dec. 3, 1552,

Sancian Island, China; canonized March 12, 1622; feast day December 3), Spanish-born French missionary. Born into a noble Basque family, he was educated at the University of Paris, where he met Ignatius of Loyola and became one of the first seven members of the Jesuits. He was ordained in 1537, and in 1542 he embarked on a three-year mission to India. In 1545 he established missions in the Malay Archipelago, and in 1549 he traveled to Japan, where he was the first to introduce Christianity systematically. He returned to India in 1551 and died the following year while attempting to secure entrance to China. He is believed to have baptized about 30,000 converts; his success was partly due to adaptation to local cultures. In 1927 he was named patron of all missions. Following the legacy of Francis Xavier, SXCB adopts the strategy of being a voice to the voiceless. SXCB becomes the channel of God's love and care.