



**Roman Martyrology:** In Elnon, Belgium, burial of St. Amandus, Bishop of Maastricht, who preached the word of God through various regions , even reaching the Slavs, and finally built a monastery, ended his life there ( c . 679 ) .

### SHORT BIOGRAPHY

He was born on c.584 at Poitou, France. Lived some time as a hermit, then became a monk at age 20 at the Abbey of Saint Martin at Tours, France.

When he took the cowl, his family tried to kidnap him to bring him home for “deprogramming”, but failed. Given a commission to wander and preach, he evangelized in France, Flanders, Carinthia, Gascony, and Germany, sometimes getting beaten by the locals for his trouble.

Bishop of Maastricht, Netherlands in 649. Founded several monasteries and convents. Abbot of the monastery at Elnone-en-Pevele, France. Friend and spiritual director of Saint Humbert of Pelagius, and was assisted in his work by Saint Acharius. In his declining years he retired to Elnon Abbey and ended his days as a prayerful monk. His association with brewers and vintners and related fields comes from spending so much time preaching and teaching in beer-making and winemaking regions.

He died on c.679 in the monastery at Elnone-en-Pevele (modern Saint-Amand-les-Eaux), France.