



Father  
**John Leo  
Dehon, scj**

*Passionately  
preach the  
love of God*



Birthplace of Fr. Giovanni Leone Dehon, scj  
La Capelle (France)



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Leo Dehon was born in La Capelle (France) on March 14, 1843. At the age of 21, he earned a degree in civil law in Paris, but his vocation was not to be a lawyer.

Later, and against his father's plans, he went to Rome to study Theology. He was ordained a priest in the Basilica St. John Lateran on December 19, 1868. He was a direct witness of the First Vatican Council, in which he participated as a stenographer.

He returned to the Diocese of Soissons, in San Quentin. Here he saw the social and religious needs of the city and launched several initiatives: the Society of St. Joseph, St. John's College and a magazine. In this way, he intended to deal with the social concerns around him.

In 1878 he founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (SCJ). He dedicated the rest of his life and all his efforts to it.

He died on 12 August 1925 in Brussels. In his spiritual testament he left a great gift: "I leave you the most wonderful treasure, the Heart of Jesus".



## Prayer

O God Almighty and Eternal,  
in your saints you always work wonderful things,  
let your faithful servant Leo Dehon,  
radiate examples of virtue and zeal,  
who worked so hard for the salvation of youth,  
and studied so much to spread devotion to the  
Divine Heart of Jesus,  
be raised to the honor of the altars;  
and by his intercession, and solely for your glory,  
grant me grace...,  
which I ardently desire. Amen.

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