

HAYKER Franz X.

Was born in Kernitz in the archdiocese of Olmütz on 4th December 1802. After having first tried his vocation with the Premonstratensians in his native land he went to Vienna in 1823 to become a Redemptorist. He took his vows on 2nd February 1825 and was ordained priest on 8th September 1827. After ordination he was sent to teach in the new studenstate in Mautern, which was to be his occupation for the rest of his life. In 1834 while teaching Sacred Scripture he gained his doctorate in theology. He also taught at various times moral and pastoral theology. In addition to writings on these subjects he also published works of ascetical theology which won much praise. His manual of pastoral theology, published in 1846 and reissued in 1847 and 1856 was possibly the most successful of his works. In addition to his many occupations Father Hayker was always devoted to the confessional, where he showed himself a skillful spiritual director. He died in Mautern on 2nd August 1885.

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