

## **HESPELEIN Johann Baptist**

Was born in Bergrheinfeld in Bavaria on 21st June 1821. Ordained priest in Würzburg on 10th September 1844, he entered the Redemptorist novitiate in Altötting in the same month. While still a novice he was sent to the United States and made his religious profession in Baltimore on 8th September 1845. In Philadelphia with the encouragement of the bishop, St. John Neumann, he assisted in the foundation on 9th April 1855 of the institute of religious women known as the Franciscan Sisters of Glen Riddle. He continued to help the Sisters by his direction in spite of the positions of responsibility he held among the Redemptorists. He died in Philadelphia on 4th December 1899.

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