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# SAINT REMI ÉVÊQUE DE REIMS

## SAINT REMI BISHOP OF RHEIMS

« Je serai  
tous les jours  
avec vous »

Saint Remi  
évêque de Reims  
437 - 533

“I will be  
with you  
every day”

Saint Remi  
bishop of Rheims  
437 - 533

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Remi est né en 437 près de Laon, ville dont son père Émile était gouverneur romain, commandant la citadelle. Sa naissance avait été prédite à Céline, sa mère, par le saint ermite Montan. Remi reçoit une éducation traditionnelle, mais rapidement il se retire dans la solitude et la prière, ce qui le préparera à la vie missionnaire qui sera la sienne.

En 459, l'évêque de Reims, Bennade, vient de mourir. La grande piété de Remi incite les rémois à le sortir de sa retraite. Le jeune homme est élu évêque à l'âge de 22 ans. Il y restera jusqu'en 533, date de sa mort, soit à 96 ans.

La personnalité de Remi va jouer un rôle important dans toute la Gaule. Sa renommée devient considérable. Évêque reconnu, ses sermons font référence.

Il s'attache à sa mission de pasteur dans tout son diocèse, ne ménageant pas sa peine pour le parcourir, former des communautés, et combattre le paganisme ou l'hérésie. Il pratique la charité et évangélise les campagnes.

Perclus d'infirmités et même délaissé par les siens, il meurt en 533 saintement, humblement. Il sera enterré dans une petite chapelle dédiée à saint Christophe.



Remi was born near Laon in the year 437. His father, Emile, was a Roman governor, in charge of the citadel. His birth had been predicted to Céline, his mother, by Montan, the holy hermit. Remi was brought up in a traditional way, but he soon retired in solitude and prayer, which prepared him for his future missionary life.

In 459, the bishop of Rheims died and the people of Rheims came and took Remi, who was only 22 years old, from his solitude to place him at their head. He remained there until 533, when he died, at the age of 96.

Remi's personality played an important role in Gaul where his fame soon grew. Throughout Gaul, people read the collection of his sermons.

Remi was deeply dedicated to his mission as a pastor, sparing no effort to travel throughout his diocese and form communities, fight both paganism and heresy, give advice and preach by his example.

With the Gospel in one hand and a purse in the other, he practised charity without compromising justice, in the service of the Gospel and his people.

Crippled with handicaps and abandoned by his own people, he died, holy and humble, in 533. He was buried in a small chapel dedicated to Saint Christopher.

