

MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS  
FOUNDRRESS OF THE CONGREGATION DE  
NOTRE-DAME OF MONTREAL  
1620—1700

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Marguerite Bourgeoys' parents, Abraham Bourgeoys, an honest merchant of moderate means, and Guillemette Garnier, a typical Christian wife and mother, were townspeople of Troyes in the French province known as "La Champagne." The child who was born and baptized on Good Friday, April 17th 1620, was endowed with unusual gifts. Intelligent, ardent, docile, with a supernatural instinct for humility and mortification, she was one of those chosen souls set apart by the Master for a special work in His Vineyard.

From her earliest years she loved to gather together her little companions for