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Elias Desgardins (* 21 Dec 1750 – † 6 Jul 1794)

1. Name variants: Élie Desgardin, Desjardin; Augustin-Joseph Desgardin (baptismal name)

2. Places: Hénin-Liétard, Sept-Fons, Rochefort

3. Biography: E. is one of 13 Rochefort martyrs listed in the Dictionary of Cistercian Saints. The others are Philip Brandel, François-Xavier Brunel, Paul Charles, Onuphrius Clavier, Stephen d'Huberte, Macarius d'Incamps, Michael-Joseph Dujonquoi, Matthew Gachet, Joseph-Louis Girod, René Leroy, Florentinus Maillet, and Eligius Richy. E. was born in Hénin-Liétard and became a lay brother at Sept-Fons Abbey. For details on his deportation, see Paul Charles. He was part of the third transport onto the slave ship *Deux-Associés*. E. was beatified as one of the Rochefort martyrs on 1 Oct 1995. For background information, see Francis-Xavier Brunel.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoratio: 10 Jun, 18 Aug (OCSO)

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: –

6. Literature (see Francis-Xavier Brunel): Y. BLOMME, Les prêtres déportés sur les pontons de Rochefort, Saint-Jean-d'Angély 1994, Nr. 21; A. G. DE MONTLÉON, Les martyrs de la foi pendant la révolution française ou Martyrologe 2, Paris 1821, 576–577; A. LEQUIN, Manuscrit d'un prêtre rescapé, Saintes 1795, Nr. 29 (http://pretres-deportes.rabany.eu/manuscrit_d_un_pretre_rescape.html); Martyrologe du clergé français pendant la Révolution, Paris 1840, 102.

7. Illustrations: –

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