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**Paul Charles** (\* 29 Sep 1743 – † 25 Aug 1794)

1. Name variants: Jean (baptismal)

2. Places: Chevigny, Sept-Fons, Montluçon, Moulins, Saintes, Rochefort, Ile Madame

3. Biography: P. is one of 13 Rochefort martyrs listed in the DCS. The others are Philip Brandel, François-Xavier Brunel, Onuphrius Clavier, Elias Desgardins, Stephen d'Huberte, Macarius d'Incamps, Michael-Joseph Dujonquoi, Matthew Gachet, Joseph-Louis Girod, René Leroy, Florentinus Maillet, and Eligius Richy. P. was born in Chevigny. He entered Sept-Fons and later became prior. When the monastery was closed in 1791, the monks went to the Capuchin monastery of Montluçon, but were expelled in 1793. Then came the arrest and deportation of 76 clergy (including five Trappists). P.'s group of prisoners left Moulins on 28 Nov 1793 and arrived at Saintes on 14 Dec 1793, where it was encamped until 29 Mar 1794, reaching the slave ship *Deux-Associés* on 11 Apr 1794. For more background information, see Francis-Xavier Brunel. P. was buried on Ile Madame. His beatification as one of the Rochefort martyrs took place on 1 Oct 1995.

4. Cultus

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 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. 20; A. G. DE MONTLÉON, *Les martyrs de la foi pendant la révolution française ou Martyrologe 2*, Paris 1821, 412; A. LEQUIN, *Manuscrit d'un prêtre rescapé, Saintes 1795*, Nr. 12 ([http://pretres-deportes.rabany.eu/manuscrit\\_d\\_un\\_pretre\\_rescape.html](http://pretres-deportes.rabany.eu/manuscrit_d_un_pretre_rescape.html)); *Martyrologe du clergé français pendant la Révolution*, Paris 1840, 63–64; F. ROUSSEAU, *Moines bénédictins martyrs et confesseurs de la foi pendant la Révolution*, Paris 1926, 244–245.

7. Illustrations: –

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