Honoring His Life and Legacy Padre Eusebio Francisco Kino Our Padre on Horseback

Missionary Explorer

Friend of Native People

Founder of San Xavier and 23 Other Missions

Scientist and Mapmaker

Sainthood Candidate

Arizona's First Cattleman



Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. 1645 — 1711



Mission San Xavier del Bac

Padre Kino was a brilliant Old World scholar who was born in the Italian Alps.

During his last 27 years as a New World missionary, he rode the trails and built missions in Arizona, Sonora and Baja California ministering to its native people.

This year marks the 300th anniversary of his death on March 15, 1711.

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