

Edmund Campion: A Scholarly Life

Edmund Campion was an English Jesuit priest and martyr. He was born in 1540 in London, England. He was a brilliant student and attended Oxford University, where he earned a degree in theology. After graduating from Oxford, Campion traveled to Europe, where he studied at the University of Louvain. In 1568, he joined the Society of Jesus, a Catholic religious order founded by Ignatius of Loyola. Campion was ordained a priest in 1573 and returned to England in 1580. He spent the next few years traveling around England, preaching and ministering to Catholics.



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In 1581, Campion was arrested by English authorities and charged with treason. He was tortured and imprisoned, but he refused to renounce his Catholic faith. Campion was eventually executed in 1581 at Tyburn, London.

Campion is considered a martyr by the Catholic Church, and he is one of the 40 English Martyrs who were canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970. Campion's life and work have been the subject of numerous books, articles, and films. He is remembered as a brilliant scholar, a dedicated priest, and a fearless martyr.

Early life and education

Edmund Campion was born in London, England, in 1540. He was the son of a wealthy merchant and a devout Catholic. Campion was a gifted student, and he began his education at the age of seven. He attended Christ's Hospital School in London, where he excelled in his studies. In 1553, Campion won a scholarship to Oxford University. He studied theology at Oxford, and he earned his degree in 1557.

After graduating from Oxford, Campion traveled to Europe, where he continued his studies. He spent time at the University of Louvain, where he studied under the renowned theologian Michael Baius. Campion also visited the University of Paris, where he met the Jesuit priest Robert Parsons. Parsons convinced Campion to join the Society of Jesus, and Campion was ordained a priest in 1573.

Mission to England

In 1580, Campion returned to England as a missionary. He spent the next few years traveling around England, preaching and ministering to

Catholics. Campion was a skilled orator and debater, and he quickly gained a following among English Catholics. He also wrote several books, including *A Treatise on the Eucharist* and *A Dialogue on the Two Natures of Christ*. Campion's writings were widely read and influential, and they helped to strengthen the Catholic faith in England.

Campion's mission in England was not without its dangers. The English government was hostile to Catholicism, and Campion was arrested several times. He was tortured and imprisoned, but he refused to renounce his Catholic faith. Campion was eventually executed in 1581 at Tyburn, London.

Martyrdom

Campion was executed on December 1, 1581, at Tyburn, London. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered. Campion's execution was a brutal and public display of the English government's determination to suppress Catholicism. However, Campion's death only served to strengthen the Catholic faith in England. He became a martyr for the Catholic cause, and his example inspired many others to convert to Catholicism.

Legacy

Edmund Campion is remembered as a brilliant scholar, a dedicated priest, and a fearless martyr. He was a key figure in the Catholic Reformation in England, and his writings and preaching helped to strengthen the Catholic faith in England. Campion is also remembered as a martyr for the Catholic cause, and his example has inspired many others to convert to Catholicism.

Campion has been the subject of numerous books, articles, and films. He is a popular figure among Catholics, and he is often depicted in art and literature. Campion's life and work continue to inspire Catholics today, and he is a reminder of the importance of faith and courage in the face of adversity.



- **Born:** 1540, London, England

- **Died:** 1 December 1581, Tyburn, London, England
- **Feast day:** 1 December
- **Canonized:** 25 October 1970, by Pope Paul VI
- **Patron saint of:** Students, scholars, and England



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