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Jean Vianney was able to return home and began studies for the priesthood under governmental control. Pope Pius VI required all priests to take an oath agreeing to the placing of the Church under governmental control. When Jean Marie was six years old the king of France, Louis XVI, was beheaded. Napoleon’s army. He fell ill and could not march off with the rest, so he was given permission to come a few days late. While he was following the rest of his companions, travelling on foot, he fell ill again, and a young man came out of the woods who asked him for help. When he arrived at a small village high in the forest, he realized that his guide was part of an organized group of deserters from Napoleon’s armies, and that it was now too late to rejoin the military. Jean Vianney was able to return home and began studies for the priesthood in a seminary. However, he had very little schooling, and his academic troubles were so great that he had to receive years of special tutoring before he finally managed to pass his tests and get ordained in 1815. The Catholic Church was desperate to replace the thousands of priests who had been killed or driven into exile, and the bishop, informed of how poor his academic abilities were, asked if he prayed the rosary. He was assured that Jean Vianney was very pious - and indeed he was! After three years as an assistant priest, he was sent to the little village of Ars, where he stayed on for the rest of his life, dying 41 years later in 1859 at the age of 73. For the last 14 years of his life it was estimated that 20,000 visitors came yearly to see a living saint and especially to go to confession to him.