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Zantedeschia

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Zantedeschia can commemorate one or more people, including Francesco Zantedeschi and Giovanni Zantedeschi. The most likely candidate appears to be in this case uncertain

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an Italian priest and physicist, Abé Francesco Zantedeschi (1797-1873) who after being professor of physics and philosophy in Venice, was then professor of physics at Padua from 1849-1853 prior to his retirement because of failing sight. He anticipated the English chemist and physicist, Michael Faraday's (1791-1867) 1831 discoveries on electromagnetic induction by a couple of years and it is believed that in 1838 Zantedeschi was considering a relationship between light and magnetism before the Scottish physicist, James Clerk Maxwell's (1831-1879) 1873 *Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism*. Some of his physics experiments involved the use of plants. His many works include *Ricerche sul termo-elettricismo dinamico*, and *Trattato del Magnetismo e della Elettricità*.

an Italian physician and botanist, Giovanni Zantedeschi (1773-1846), who was also a practising physician. He wrote many botanical works including ten works on the flora of Lombardy.