Saint Dominic

Spanish (1170-1221)

Founder of the Order of Preachers

Approved by Pope Honorius III on December 22, 1216.
Saint Catherine of Siena
Italian (1347 - 1380)

Dominican lay woman, mystic, and activist.

Declared a doctor of the church by Pope Paul IV in 1970.
Saint John of Gorcum

German (d. 1572)

Martyred for his ministry to clergy in the Netherlands during antipapal revolt.
Ministered to the plague-stricken people of Florence, and as their archbishop cared for them.
Encouraged dialogue with Muslims and Jews, established a school for the study of Arabic languages and the Koran. Escaped from his enemies by miraculously using his staff and his cloak as mast and sail to cross the water.
First Dominican martyr. As he lay dying, he wrote on the ground with his blood "Credo in unum Deum"—I believe in one God.
Saint Thomas Aquinas
Italian (1225-1274)

Author of great theological treatises including "Summa Theologica", patron of universities and Catholic schools, studied under St. Albert the Great.
Saint Agnes of Montepulciano

Italian (1268-1317)

Known for her power of intercession with the Infant Jesus, founded the Dominican convent in her hometown.
Saint Margaret of Hungary

Hungarian (1242-1271)

Daughter of King Bela IV of Hungary. She inspired her sisters by her life of asceticism, her works of mercy, her pursuit of peace, and her humble service.
Saint Pius V

Italian (1504-1572)

Implemented the decrees of the Council of Trent, published a new breviary in 1568 and Missal in 1570, reformed the Roman Curia, issued the Roman Catechism in 1566, and defended Catholic doctrine.
Saint Albert the Great

German (1207-1280)

Master scientist, teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. Helped introduce Aristotelian physics as interpreted by Jewish and Arabian philosophers into Western thought.
Noted for his strong preaching, which attracted hundreds of people; was involved in mediating civil and ecclesiastical disputes.
Saint Catherine de Ricci

Italian (1522-1589)

Had a deep attachment to contemplation of Christ’s passion. She was favored with extraordinary mystical experiences and was particularly gentle with the sick.
Saint Rose of Lima
Peruvian (1586-1617)

Worked out a program of work, prayer, and penance in her own home, and became the first canonized saint of the Americas.
Saint Martin de Porres

Peruvian (1576-1639)

Lived in extraordinary humility, obedience, and charity in Lima, where he was famous for his power of healing.
Saint Hyacinth
Polish (1185-1257)

Among the first Dominicans to serve Poland, other eastern regions of Europe, and Asia. Called the Polish St. Dominic. He had a great love for the Blessed Virgin.
Saint Louis Mary de Montfort

French (1673-1716)

Diocesan priest, member of the Dominican laity. Contributed considerably to the French school of spirituality.
Saint Louis Bertrand
Spanish (1526-1581)

Gifted preacher, missionary to Panama. He later returned to Spain where he served as novice master, prior, and vicar general.