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Gonnario of Torres (* 1114 – † 1178)

1. Name variants: G. of Lacon

2. Places: Cabuabbas, Clairvaux, Jerusalem, S. Maria de Corte, Sindia, Torres, Tours, Sardinia

3. Biography: His parents were presumably Costantino de Lacon, a king or “judge” of Torres from 1127 to 1154, and Maria de Thori, daughter of the Pisan Ugo II Ebriaco. In 1147 G. went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Subsequently – as Herbert of Clairvaux narrates in his *Liber Visionum et Miraculorum Clarevallensium* – G. went to St. Martin of Tours. On the return journey he stopped at Clairvaux and met Bernard. Responding to the latter's requests, G. promoted the Cistercian foundation at Cabuabbas (S. Maria de Corte, today the municipality of Sindia). In 1154 he left his throne at Torres and entered Clairvaux, where he remained until his death. He was buried near the door of the oratory. Starting from the early 17th c., Cistercian hagiographers and historians recovered the figure of G., presenting him as a penitent holy king. There is no explicit affirmation of G.'s sanctity in medieval sources; perhaps for this reason, veneration never spread.

4. Cultus

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 19 Jul

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: *Liber Visionum et Miraculorum Clarevallensium*, ed. G. ZICHI ET AL., 2017; *Exordium Magnum Ordinis Cisterciensis* 3, chapter 29, 229.

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