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Everard of Barres ( * ? – † 12 or 15 Nov 1176)

1. Name variants: Evrard des Barres / Everard / Everhardus / Enarrandus / Eberhard of Clairvaux

2. Places: Clairvaux

3. Biography: E. was born in a noble family of the Champagne or Burgundy and entered the Order of Templars at an unknown age. Probably he fought in Spain before he was elected to be Provincial Master of France in 1147. Together with French king Louis VII and Pope Eugene, E. attended the General Chapter of the Templars held in Paris and helped prepare the Second Crusade. Later, he accompanied European armies to Syria. Louis VII praised E.’s prowess and strategic insight, which saved his army several times. In 1149, E. was elected new Master of the Templars. Petrus Venerabilis of Cluny wrote him an enthusiastic letter, in which he praised the Templars. After the crusade’s failure, E. went back to France, where he resigned from office in 1151. He retired at Clairvaux, where he lived a pious life in fasting and praying, and one day received a vision of Christ. E. died in Clairvaux and was held in high regard in the Cistercian Order.

4. Cultus:
   a. Relics: –
   b. Liturgical commemoration: 15 Nov
   c. Patronage: –
   d. Attributes: –


7. Illustrations: Painting by Granet (1844) in Versailles, Salle des Croisades, showing the chapter held at Paris 1147

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