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**Famian** (\* c. 1090 – † c. 1150)

1. Name variants: Wardo, Quardo, Suardo, Gerhard

2. Places: Cologne, Ebrach, Galicia, Gallese, Italy, Ourense, Rome, S. María de Oseira, Santiago de Compostela.

3. Biography: He was probably born around 1090 in Cologne. A hagiographic text states that during his journey to Santiago de Compostela he decided to become an hermit, but then decided to join the Cistercian Order, in the monastery of S. María de Oseira, in Ourense Diocese. He received permission to live far from the cloister. After being a hermit in Galicia, F. went on pilgrimage to Italy. From Rome, he moved to Gallese, a town north of the city, where he lived briefly until his death. Legend claims that Pope Adrian IV (1154–1159) canonized him four years later and named him “Famian” because of the fame he obtained due to miracles that occurred at his tomb.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: Famian’s body lies in the crypt of the Basilica dedicated to him in Gallese, in a marble sarcophagus.

b. Liturgical commemoration: 8 Aug (AS). The worship of Famian is mainly widespread in Gallese. He is also venerated in the monastery of Oseira.

c. Patronage: Patron of the city of Gallese.

d. Attributes: Pilgrim staff.

5. Fontes: S. A. PENNAZZI, *Vita del glorioso S. Famiano Sacerdote Confessore*, Orvieto 1723; AS, Augusti II, Paris / Rome 1863-1870, 389–395.

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