

Mario Loffredo

**John of Caramola**

DOI: [10.25716/amad-85314](https://doi.org/10.25716/amad-85314)

Lexikonartikel | Article in a reference book, 2022

**Empfohlene Zitierweise | Suggested Citation:**

Mario Loffredo, John of Caramola, in: Dictionary of Cistercian Saints, hrsg. von Mirko Breitenstein, Jörg Sonntag und Alkuin Schachenmayr, Frankfurt am Main: AMAD, 2022. DOI: [10.25716/amad-85314](https://doi.org/10.25716/amad-85314).



Dieses Werk ist lizenziert unter einer [Creative Commons Namensnennung - CC0 1.0 Universal \(CC0 1.0\)](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/).

This work is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution-CC0 1.0 Universal \(CC0 1.0\) Public Domain Dedication](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/).

Gefördert durch

 Deutsche  
Forschungsgemeinschaft



hebis.

**John of Caramola** († 26 Aug 1339)

1. Name variants: –

2. Places: Anglona, Caramola (Mount), Chiaromonte, monastery of S. Maria del Sagittario, Toulouse

3. Biography: J. was probably born in Toulouse. Once in Italy, he settled in the county of Chiaromonte as a hermit in the mountains. After moving to Mount Caramola, his life intertwines with the history of the Monastery of S. Maria del Sagittario, in the Anglona Diocese, where he became a lay brother. J. was known for his prophecies and ascetic life. At the hour of his death, a miracle is said to have occurred: a great storm struck the Monastery of Sagittario, but the torches lighting J.'s cell continued to burn.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: Church of S. Giovanni Battista, in Chiaromonte (LO FRANO, 50–51).

b. Liturgical commemoration: 26 Aug. Veneration in Chiaromonte and surroundings is still active; pilgrimages take place to the supposed hermitage (LO FRANO).

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: Carrying a pilgrim's staff.

5. Fontes: V. LO FRANO, *Vita del Beato Giovanni da Caramola. Tra storia ed immaginazione*, Lagonegro 2009; G. PERCOCO, *L'Officium del Beato Giovanni da Caramola in un messale pergameneo dell'abbazia cistercense di S. Maria di Sagittario di Chiaromonte (Potenza) Italia*, in: *Cîteaux* 53 (2002), 167–173; *Vita B. Ioannis a Caramola*, ed. G. DE LAURO, Naples 1660; *AS Augustii* 5, Paris/Rome 1866, 860–862.

6. Literature: G. STIGLIANO, *Il beato Giovanni da Caramola, converso cistercense*, in: *RiCi* 14 (1997), 73–79; G. PERCOCO, *Il beato Giovanni da Caramola (sec. XIV). Il culto di un converso cistercense qui canonizatus non est ab Ecclesia nec expresse beatificatus*, in: *RiCi* 21 (2004), 65–109.

7. Illustrations: Seatback in wooden choir, church of S. Giacomo Apostolo, Lauria Inferiore, ca. 1554 (cf. LO FRANO volume cover).

Mario Loffredo