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Placid of Roio († 12 June 1248)

1. Name variants: –

2. Places: Roio, Abruzzo, Ocre, Diocese of Penne, Monastery of S. Maria di Casanova

3. Biography: Hagiographic sources claim that P. was born into a poor family in Roio, Italy. P. began as a hermit and later made pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela, S. Michele sul Gargano, and then Rome. Later, he retired to the mountains of Abruzzo. In 1222, Berardus of Ocre gave him land and P. founded a Cistercian abbey. Nearing death, P. entrusted his community to the nearby Cistercian monastery of St. Mary's, Casanova, in Penne Diocese.

4. Cultus: There are few fragmented textual references available about P.'s cult.

a. Relics: Currently kept in the convent of S. Giuliano dell' Aquila.

b. Liturgical commemoration: Second Sunday of Easter (Monastery of Ocre); 24 Jul (Diocese of L'Aquila); 12 Jun (AS)

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: AS, Iunii 3, Paris / Roma 1866, 105–111.

6. Literature: R. PACIOCCO, I monasteri cistercensi in Abruzzo. Le linee generali di uno sviluppo (fine sec. XII–inizi sec. XIV), in: H. HOUBEN / B. VETTERE Vetere (ed.), *I Cistercensi nel Mezzogiorno medioevale*, Galatina 1994, 205–242; D. PICCIRILLI, Gli affreschi del beato Placido nel monastero di Santo Spirito d'Ocre, in: *Iconographica* 2 (2003), 82–107; D. PICCIRILLI, Presenze eremitiche in Abruzzo tra XII e XIII secolo. Il caso di Placido da Roio, in: M. G. DEL FUOCO / L. PELLEGRINI (ed.), *Da Celestino V all' "Ordo coelestinorum"*, L' Aquila 2005, 203–234.

7. Illustrations: Two cycles of frescoes are in the monastery of Santo Spirito di Ocre (PICCIRILLI, in: *Iconographica* 2 (2003), 82–107).

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