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Vincent of Krakow (* c. 1150 – † 8 Mar 1223)

1. Name variants: Vincentius Kadłubek, V. Kadlubek, Wincent Bogusławicz

2. Places: Krakow, Jędrzejów, Stopnica, Paris, Bologna, Sandomierz

3. Biography: V. was born as a member of a southern Polish noble family around the middle of the 12th c. He went to school in nearby Stopnica and later, designated for a clerical career, to the cathedral school in Krakow. V. later studied in Paris and Bologna, where he earned a master's degree around 1183. He returned to the Vistula, where he worked as a notary at the court chancellery of King Casimir II, "the Righteous." After the king's death, V. became provost at the collegiate church in Sandomierz. On 8 Mar 1208 Pope Innocent III. appointed him Bishop of Krakow. V. was the first bishop to be elected by canons in the history of the church in Poland. In 1218 he renounced the office of bishop, gave up his property, and retired to the Cistercian monastery in Jędrzejów. V. spent a large part of his life writing Poland's history. Despite his controversial sources, V. is considered to be one of the first and most outstanding Polish historians. He was buried in Jędrzejów. Pope Clemens XIII beatified him in 1764.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: Relics of Blessed W. are venerated in over 140 places in Poland and around the world, including France, Italy, and the United States. Main parts of the relics are in Jędrzejów monastery. Some are in the Andrew Chapel of Krakow Cathedral and in Sandomierz Cathedral.

b. Liturgical commemoration: 9 Oct, 8 Mar (LThK)

c. Patronage: W. is the patron of the Archdiocese of Warmia and the Dioceses of Kielce and Sandomierz. In addition, he was named patron of the city of Jędrzejow in 2013. In Karwów a chapel and a water spring are named after him.

d. Attributes: Crosier and mitre at his feet.

5. Fontes: *Magistri Vincentii dicti Kadłubek Chronica Polonorum*, ed. M. PLEZIA, in: *Monumenta Poloniae Historica* 11, Kraków 1994; *Vita et Miracula Servi Die Vincentii Kadlubkonis*, ed. S. STAROWOLSKI, Kraków 1642.

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7. Illustrations: Portraits by Aleksander Lesser, Muzeum Narodowe, Warszawa, c. 19th c.; sketch by Jan Matejko, Muzeum Narodowe, Kraków, 1872; copper engraving by an unknown artist, National Library of Poland, Warszawa, 18th c. (H. WIDACKA / A. ŽENDARA, *Katalog portretów osobistości polskich i obcych w Polsce działających* 5, Warsaw 1995, position 5809); painting by an unknown artist is located above the reliquary in the monastery church Jędrzejów, ca. 18th c.

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