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Bernard Catalan (*26 Oct 1568 – † 2 Nov 1608)

1. Name variants: Bernardus Catalanus, B. Guillem Català de Valleriola i Vives de Canyamars, B. Catala y Vives de Cañamás, B. Catalan y Valeriola

2. Places: Valencia, Leon

3. Biography: B. was born in Valencia to a family of lesser nobility. He married Constance de Perellós, a union that stirred up social scandal and lawsuits because of the families' opposition. He became a high official of the king of Valencia and ambassador to King Philipp III of Spain. B. also administered the office of Corrigador of Leon, where he was known as "El Corrigador Santo". Together with other nobles, he founded the literary Academia de los Nocturnos in his Valencian home in 1591. His 'Justas poeticas hechas à su devocion' was printed in 1602, but many writings remained unpublished. He was a fervent devotee of the Virgin Mary. In 1604, together with his wife and children, B. was made an oblate of the order by the abbot-general of Cîteaux. Shortly after, he was given the habit of the Order of Calatrava. He is said to have lived a life of virtue, penitence, and love for the poor, despite his secular duties in politics and marriage.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 2 Nov (HENRIQUEZ)

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

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