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Frederic of Leuchtenberg († 1329)

1. Name variants: Friedrich III

2. Places: Waldsassen, Langheim, Ebrach, Eichstätt, Holnstein Castle

3. Biography: F. was a monk in Waldsassen as of 1295. In 1304, he was called to be abbot of Langheim, then of Ebrach in 1306. In 1328, Pope John XXII appointed him bishop of Eichstätt without the consent of the cathedral chapter. F. did not receive episcopal ordination and had to retreat to Holnstein Castle (near Berching); a procurator represented him in Eichstätt. F. died in 1329 and was buried in the abbey church at Waldsassen. There is no evidence of medieval veneration, but Henriquez' 'Menologium Cisterciense' designated him as "blessed."

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 4 Sep

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: Mitre and crozier

5. Fontes: C. Bruschi, *Monasteriorum Germaniæ Præcipuorum ac maxime illustrium*, Ingolstadt 1551, 42.

6. Literature: C. HENRIQUEZ, *Menologium Cisterciense*, Antwerp 1630, 299; A. WENDEHORST, *Das Bistum Eichstätt 1: Die Bischofsreihe bis 1535 (Germania Sacra N. F. 45)* Berlin / New York 2006, 157–158; G. Schrott, „Ihr Schutzpatrone des Stiftlandes...“. Die fünf Waldsassener Seligen und ihre ungewöhnliche Geschichte, *Kallmünz* 2017 (with further references); G. SCHROTT, Die Waldsassener Seligen, in: *CistC* 127 (2020), 53–62.

7. Illustrations: Portrait fresco by Jakob Steinfels in Waldsassen abbey church (shortly before 1700); copper engraving in: *Langhemium claustrum Cistercij in Ordine ut Astrum*, ca. 1720 (no page numbers); shown without nimbus in: *Pontifikale Gundekarianum*, fol. 25 (Eichstätt Diocesan Archive: Codex B 4); J. H. v. FALKENSTEIN: *Antiquitates Nordgavienses Oder Nordgauische Alterthümer und Merckwürdigkeiten/ aufgesucht in der Aureatensischen Kirche/ oder Hiochfürstl. Hochstift Eichstett... 1*, Frankfurt (Main) / Leipzig 1733, next to p. 167.

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