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Hermann of Waldsassen († 1220)

1. Name variants: –

2. Places: Waldsassen, Cîteaux

3. Biography: H. was the seventh abbot of Waldsassen (from 1212 to 1220). He had a special devotion to angels; his manual ‘Cursus de angelis’ was lost. H. died during the general chapter in Cîteaux and was buried there. There is no evidence of medieval veneration, but Henriquez designates him as blessed in the Menologium Cisterciense.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 29 Sep

c. Patronage: The name H. was regularly given to monks of Waldsassen in the 17th and 18th c. as their name in religion; ‘Hermann’ appears likewise among the nuns as of 1863.

d. Attributes: Writing, with an angel at his side.

5. Fontes: M. DOEBERL, Quellen und Erörterungen zur Geschichte des Nordgaus, in: Verhandlungen des historischen Vereins von Oberpfalz und Regensburg 45 (1893), 113–129; Chronicon Waldsassense, in: A. F. OEFELIUS (ed.): Rerum Boicarum Scriptores Nusquam Antehac Editi..., Augsburg 1763, 49–87; H. GRADL (ed.): Monumenta Egrana. Denkmäler des Egerlandes als Quellen für dessen Geschichte 1 (805–1322), Eger 1886.

6. Literature: C. HENRIQUEZ, Menologium Cisterciense notationibus illustratum, Antwerp 1630, 327–330; C. HENRIQUEZ, Menologium Cisterciense oder Kurtz begrieffene Lebens=Verfassung derer Heiligen und Seligen, wie auch von sonderbarer Andacht und Gottesforcht berühmten Ordens=Personen des Heiligen Cistercienser Ordens, transl. T. ZELBACHER, Prague 1731, 188–189; 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 Johann Jakob Steinfels in Waldsassen abbey church (ca. 1700).

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