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Louis of Estrada (* ca. 1518 – † 2 June 1581)

1. Name variants: Luis

2. Places: Huerta, Alcala

3. Biography: Abbot of Huerta in three periods (1557–1560, 1572–1575, 1578–1581) and rector of the university at Alcala for four, L. was known for his writing and preaching. His commentaries on the Bible are held in high regard, as are his writings on the Rule of St. Benedict and the rosary. He was an eloquent supporter of the Jesuits and personal friend of Francis Borgia. He had ties to King Phillip II. In keeping with one of the characteristics of the Congregation of Castile, L. was devoted to theological studies. He was in extensive contact with the biblical scholar and Benedictine Benito Arias Montano. L. discovered the tombs of Archbishop Rodrigo Jiménez de Rada of Toledo (1170–1247) and Bishop Martín de Finojosa of Sigüenza (ca. 1140–1213), both are located in Huerta. As a result, veneration for them surged in the 16th c. Louis was said to be especially devoted to helping the poor.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 2 Jun (ZIMMERMANN)

c. Patronage: –

5. Fontes: –

6. Literature: P. GUERIN, Estrada. Diccionario de historia eclesiástica de España 2, Madrid 1972, 880–881; J. G. DE SALAZAR / A. L. DE ESTRADA, Textos e imágenes, Santa María de Huerta 1981; E. F. TEJERO / N. F. MARCOS, “Luis de Estrada y Arias Montano”, in: Biblia y Humanismo, ed. E. F. TEJERO / N. F. MARCOS, Madrid 1997, 193–206.

7. Illustrations: –

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