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Adelina of Savigny († before 1122)

1. Name variants: –

2. Places: Savigny, Mortain, L'abbaye blanche

3. Biography: During the time Vitalis of Savigny was preaching in the area, a men's monastery, was founded near Mortain. Associated with it was a women's community that came to be known as "L'abbaye blanche." It has sometimes been said that the superior of this community was Adelina, a sister of Vitalis. This does not seem to be true. L'abbaye blanche does seem to have had a relative of his named Amerlina as its superior; she died before 1122.

4. Cultus: Another Adelina, a woman noted for sanctity, died before 1181/6 and like William Niobé, the novice, was considered one of the saints of Savigny. However, when the other five were moved to the new abbey church in 1243, her remains stayed in the chapel of St. Catherine, which burned down about 1705.

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: –

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: There are only scattered references to her.

6. Literature: AS, Octobris 8, Brussels 1853; H. FEISS / M. O'BRIEN / R. PEPIN, *The Lives of Monastic Reformers 2: Abbot Vitalis of Savigny, Abbot Godfrey of Savigny, Peter of Avranches, Blessed Hamo, Colleeville* 2014, 14 note 35; J. VAN MOOLENBROECK, *Vital l'ermite, prédicateur itinérant, fondateur de l'abbaye de Savigny*, transl. A.-M. NAMBOT, Assen / Maastricht 1990, 198–199.

7. Illustrations: –

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