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## **Christian of Himmerod** († 4 Feb 1222)

1. Name variants: C. of Hemmenrod

2. Places: Lootz in Limburg Province, Himmerod

3. Biography: C. came from a noble background in the county of Lootz. Before becoming a monk in Himmerod, he served the Count of Lootz in today's Belgium, Limburg Province. Caesarius dedicates two chapters to C. because of his great devotion to Mary and gives Walter of Birbech as an oral source, who was a friend of C. He was said to be able to see demons, heal the ill, be a simple-minded man, and that Maria Magdalena once helped him and his horse over a raging river so he could go to mass. When he entered Himmerod, he had visions of the godmother, angels, and demons. C. was known for his virtue of the soul, love, simplicity, and modesty. Because of his two illegitimate sons, Henry of Villiers and John of Himmerod, he saw himself as a sinner and avoided physical contact with the other monks as he did not want to desecrate them. Before he died on 4 Feb in 1222, he had a vision of Mary and Jesus, who helped him with his last confession as he was already too weak.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 4 Feb (HENRIQUEZ 1731, 26)

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: Caesarius of Heisterbach, *Dialogus miraculorum* 5,6 / 7,16.

6. Literature: B. P. MCGUIRE, *Written sources and Cistercian inspiration in Caesarius of Heisterbach*, in: *Analecta Cisterciensia* 35 (1979), 227–282; C. CHALEMOT, *Kurze Lebens Verfassung der Heiligen und Seeligen auch Berühmbten Männer deß Heiligen Cistercienser Ordens*, 1686, 35–36; C. HENRIQUEZ, *Menologium Cisterciense*, 1731, 26; A. ZIMMERMANN, *Kalendarium Benedictinum* 4, 1933, 18.

7. Illustrations: –

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