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Dietrich of Treiden (* ca. 1160 – † 15 Jun 1219)

1. Name variants: Theoderich, Tidericus; of Thoreida; of Treyden, of Thoreyda, of Estland

2. Places: Cologne, Daugavgrīva, Ikšķile, Loccum, Lyndanisse, Rome, Tallinn, Turaida

3. Biography: According to BENNINGHOVEN (21–23), D. was a Cistercian from Loccum Abbey who was recruited by the Augustinian missionary Meinhard of Segeberg for the mission in Livonia in 1186. Initially active in missionary work in Turaida on the River Aa, which gave him his name, he travelled several times to Rome to obtain missionary support in the service of Meinhard († 1193) and later of Bishop Albert of Riga. D.'s activities at the Roman Curia triggered the first crusades to Livonia. At the beginning of the 12th c., D. was involved in the foundation of the Cistercian abbey of Daugavgrīva. He became its first abbot in 1205. He was instrumental in the founding of the Livonian Brothers of the Sword (Fratres militiae Christi de Livonia) in 1202. In 1211, D. was consecrated Bishop of Estonia with his seat in Leal. Thereafter, he is documented several times as a suffragan bishop in the Holy Roman Empire. D. died in the service of the Danish king in a battle against Estonians in Lyndanisse.

4. Cultus: –

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: –

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: F. G. VON BUNGE, *Liv-, est- und kurländisches Urkundenbuch nebst Regesten 1*, Reval 1853, 5 (No. 18) and 13–14 (No. 61); R. WILMANS, *Westfälisches Urkundenbuch 3*, Münster / Osnabrück 1871, 40 (No. 76); MGH.SRG 31, 1–222; SRP 2, 21–116; E. BALUZE, *Epistolarum Innocentii III. Romani Pontificis Libri Undecim 2*, Paris 1682, 808–810; Caesarius of Heisterbach, *Dialogus miraculorum 8*, 13 and 8, 80; MGH.SS 23, 631–950, especially 930.

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7. Illustrations: –

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