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Alberich Rabensteiner (* 28 Jan 1875 – † 2 Apr 1945)

1. Name variants: Alois

2. Places: Heiligenkreuz, Wiener Neustadt

3. Biography: A. was born in Villanders, South Tyrol. He entered the Abbey of Heiligenkreuz in 1898 and was ordained priest on 25 Jul 1903. From 1918 until his death, A. served as parish pastor and the prior of Neukloster in Wiener Neustadt. When on Easter Monday, 2 Apr 1945, the Red Army captured the city, he was recovering corpses in the streets. Presumably, a Russian soldier was watching him and stalked him. It is certain that A. was killed by several shots directly in front of the Mary Altar in Neukloster church.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: In the Neukloster priory in Wiener Neustadt

b. Liturgical commemoration: 2 Apr (WALLNER, 121)

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: Abbey Archives of Heiligenkreuz (StAH 005–AAR), Neukloster Priory Archives (not catalogued).

6. Literature: Blutzeugen des Glaubens. Martyrologium des 20. Jahrhunderts 1, ed. J. MIKRUT, Vienna 1999, 191–199; E. SAUSER, 'Rabensteiner, Alberich', in: BBKL 20 (2002), 1195; J. MANDAK, 50. Todestag P. Prior Alberich Rabensteiner, in: Sancta Crux – Zeitschrift des Stiftes Heiligenkreuz 56 (1995), 164–173; K. WALLNER, Martyrologium Sancrucense 2nd ed., Heiligenkreuz 2008, 121.

7. Illustrations: –

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