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Gerhard Scherer

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Gerhard Scherer (* 15 Mar 1892 – 26 Aug 1944)

1. Name variants: Michael (baptismal name)

2. Places: Bronnbach abbey (Baden–Württemberg), Stams abbey (Austria), Lauban monastery, Brieg

3. Biography: G. served as volunteer during World War I. He became a farmer after his return but never took over the family's farm. In 1931, he took his vows as a Cistercian monk at Bronnbach Abbey and was ordained a priest 29 Jun 1934. After his move to Stams Abbey, G. was arrested by the Gestapo in 1939 and remained in prisons for several months. Since 1940, G. served as confessor in Lauban monastery in Sächsisch-Haugsdorf (Nawojów Łużycki). He was arrested again in 1943 and died of unknown causes in captivity in Brieg.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: –

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: Archives of Eichstätt Diocese and Stams Abbey

6. Literature: T. Denter / H. Moll, Pater Raymund Lohausen in: H. Moll, Zeugen für Christus. Das deutsche Martyrologium des 20. Jahrhunderts 2, Paderborn 2019, 880–883; C. Klee, Pater Gerhard (Michael) Scherer OCist, https://eidgv.bistum-eichstaett.de/memoriale/scherer-p-gerhard-michael-ocist/

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