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Pedro de Moreruela (* c. 1100 – † before c. 1153)

1. Name variants: –

2. Places: Moreruela de Suso, Moreruela de Frades, Zamora, Barcelona, León, Castile, Spain

3. Biography: P. was a disciple of Bernard of Clairvaux chosen by Bernard to start Cistercian life in Spain. He founded there the abbey of Moreruela de Suso in 1132 and is considered to be the first Spanish Cistercian abbot. From later literature, Pedro is said to have prayed for the fertility of queen Berenguela of Barcelona (1116–1149), the wife of Alphonso VII of León and Castile (1105–1157). The birth of Sancho III is attributed to P.'s prayers. P. was considered a saint by scholars in the late 16th–17th c. (e.g. HENRIQUEZ and MANRIQUE). They write of his gifts of prophecy. From the 17th c. on, it was debated whether Moreruela was the first Cistercian monastery in Spain, how many different Moreruelas existed, and when each was constructed.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 1 Aug (HENRIQUEZ 147, YAÑEZ NEIRA)

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

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