



St. Guarinus of Sion

Born: c.1065 at Pont-à-Mousson, Lorraine (in modern France)

Died: 27 August 1150 in the Aulps monastery in Savoy (in modern France) of natural causes, relics hidden in 1794 to save them from the anti-Christian excesses of the French Revolution, relics enshrined in the church of the parish of Saint John of the Aulps in 1804, relics moved to the church of Plan d'Avau in Saint-Jean-d'Aulps, Switzerland in 1886, some relics enshrined in Jeuxey, Vosges, France in 1873

Patronage: against plague, cattle

Born to the nobility. Cistercian Benedictine monk at the monastery of Molesmes in Laignes, Côte-d'Or, Burgundy, France. Spiritual student of Saint Robert of Molesmes. Helped found the monastery of Aulps in the Savoy region, diocese of Geneva, Switzerland, and was chosen its second abbot in 1113. In 1120, in order to ensure the house stayed true to its founding principles, he had it moved from the jurisdiction of Molesmes and to that of Clairvaux. Guerrino served as abbot for 37 years during which worked endless for the growth of the abbey and the spiritual development of its monks. In 1138 Guerrino agreed to the requests of Pope Innocent II and became bishop of Sion, Switzerland. Though he had accepted the see reluctantly, he was known for his zeal in spreading and supporting the faith in his diocese, and improving its administration.