



Bl. Benvenuta Bojani

Born: 4 May 1254 Cividale del Friuli, Republic of Venice

Died: 30 October 1292 (aged 38) Cividale del Friuli, Republic of Venice

Venerated: in Roman Catholic Church

Beatified: 6 February 1763, Saint Peter's Basilica, Papal States by Pope Clement XIV (cultus confirmed)

Feast: 30 October

Youngest of seven daughters. She refused to play any childhood games that smacked of worldliness or vanity; by age twelve she was voluntarily wearing hair shirts and a rope belt. As she grew, the rope began to cut into her; it had to be removed, but was too embedded to be untied. She prayed over it, and it fell to her feet.

Dominican tertiary as a very young woman. Lived her entire life at home, practicing extreme austerities. Confined to her bed for five years with a serious illness, she had to be carried to daily Mass. During a Mass on the eve of the feast of Saint Dominic de Guzman, the saint appeared to her, and later in the liturgy, she was miraculously healed.

Visionary who had visits from both angels and demons; she could banish the demons by mentioning the name of Our Lady. However, hard life or no, sickness or no, visions and demonic oppression or no, she was known to be always cheerful and confident in God.