

St. Genesius of Rome

Died: beheaded c.303 at Rome, Italy

Patronage: actors, against epilepsy, epileptics, attorneys, barristers, lawyers, clowns, comedians, comediennes, comics, converts, dancers, musicians, printers, stenographers, torture victims.

Also known as Gelasinus, Gelasius

Genesius was an actor who worked in a series of plays that mocked Christianity. One day while performing in a work that made fun of Baptism he received sudden wisdom from God, realized the truth of Christianity, and had a conversion experience on stage. He announced his new faith, and refused to renounce it, even when ordered to do so by emperor Diocletian. Martyr.

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