

St. Adelaide

St. Adelaide, the daughter of a king of Upper Burgundy, had an arranged marriage. At 16, she married the man who became a king of Italy. He died in 950. She married Otto the Great in 951, and he became emperor in 952. When Otto died in 973, his son, Otto II, became emperor. Otto II and his wife, Theophano, mistreated Adelaide. When Otto II died, his young son, Otto III, became emperor. After Theophano died, Adelaide acted as regent for Otto III until he grew up. She helped the poor and evangelized; she also built churches. She died in 999. St. Adelaide is patron saint of abuse victims, empresses, princesses and step-parents.