

St. Catherine of Sweden

St. Catherine of Sweden, born in 1331, was the daughter of St. Bridget of Sweden. Although she married at age 13, she took a vow of chastity. Around 1350, she went to Rome to see her mother and was widowed soon after. The two women went on a series of pilgrimages. When they were not traveling, they worked with the poor. The women also had to fend off would-be suitors. After her mother died, St. Catherine became abbess of the convent her mother had founded, and she wrote a devotional. St. Catherine of Sweden is patron saint against abortion and miscarriages.