

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, a martyr, was born in Germany in 1577. He was a lawyer and a philosophy teacher. However, he was appalled by the corruption of his fellow lawyers, and he decided to leave his profession to become a priest and Franciscan friar. He gave away his wealth to poor people, particularly poor seminarians. St. Fidelis guarded his friary and healed soldiers. He also preached to Calvinists and others in Switzerland. St. Fidelis was murdered April 24, 1622, in Switzerland because of his preaching.