

St. Hyacinth

St. Hyacinth was born in Silesia, Poland, in 1185. He became a priest and saw St. Dominic perform a miracle while in Rome. After befriending St. Dominic, St. Hyacinth became one of the first Dominicans. The saint brought the order to Poland and evangelized his home country and a number of surrounding countries. When a monastery was attacked, St. Hyacinth saved a crucifix and a statue of Mary, though it was a much heavier load than he could have carried at any other time. He died in 1257 in Poland. St. Hyacinth is patron saint of Poland.