

St. John of Capistrano

St. John of Capistrano was born in Italy in 1386. He studied law and became a lawyer in Naples, Italy. However, when Perugia and Malatesta went to war in 1416, St. John became a prisoner after trying to broker peace. The saint later became a Franciscan in October 1416 and a disciple of St. Bernadine of Siena. He preached to thousands across Eastern Europe and began Franciscan renewal communities. When he was 70 years old, he led a march of 70,000 Christian soldiers in a crusade and died in 1456. St. John of Capistrano is patron saint of military chaplains.