

St. Raymond of Penafort

St. Raymond of Penafort was born in Spain in 1175. He was a philosophy teacher and priest who joined the Dominicans in 1218; he also went to law school. He was given the task of collecting the pope's official letters dating back to 1150. He became master general of his order in 1238 and reviewed the group's Rule; he resigned his position in 1240. He helped write church law and is therefore patron saint of lawyers. St. Raymond died in 1275 and was canonized in 1601.