

St. Robert of Chaise-Dieu

St. Robert of Chaise-Dieu, a Benedictine abbot and founder, was born in Auvergne, France, in the 11th century. After becoming a priest, he founded a hospice and cared for the poor. He made a pilgrimage to Rome, after which he decided to retire and live as a hermit in Auvergne. He attracted so many followers (about 300) that he began the Benedictine Abbey of Casa Dei (later to be called Chaise-Dieu). He died around the year 1067.