## **St. Vincent Ferrer**

St. Vincent Ferrer was born in Valencia, Spain, in 1350. He became a Dominican friar at age 18 despite his family's disapproval. He was a priest and missionary who taught theology. A great preacher, he converted many people across Europe, including people in France, Italy, Spain, Germany, England and Scotland, among others. He worked to end the schism in the church and saw it end before he died. St. Vincent Ferrer is patron saint of builders because helped to "build up" the church.