

Hungarian Saints

St. Benedict Vaganus (? – 1013)



Also a monk of Zobor abbey became a hermit and retired to a cave in the Skalka forest as Andrew's disciple. Andrew died about 1010 and Benedict returned his body to Zobor for burial. About three years later Benedict suffered martyrdom at the hands of bandits seeking the secrets of his miraculous powers received from God for his holiness of life. His body was thrown into the Vah River. Searching for Benedict for over a year, monks from Zobor miraculously found his incorrupt body in the river. Devotion to the holy monks spread rapidly throughout central Europe from Slovakia to the Kingdoms of Poland, Bohemia, Croatia and Hungary. On July 10, 1083 Pope Gregory VII proclaimed them saints of the Church. Their bodies were carried in solemn procession to the cathedral of St. Emmeram in Nitra where they are entombed to this day.

His feast is celebrated also at July 17.