

## *VI Notable Poor Clares*



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***Agata, +1283/93. Verdun, France.***

Foundress of the Monastery of St. Clare in Verdun.

***Resources:***

*MartFran*, June 10; *SerMart*, June 10.

***Agnes d'Aquillenqui, O.S.C. Cap., 1602-1672,  
Aquillenquy, France.***

***Resources:***

*A Mère Agnès d'Aquillenquy d'Aix-en Provence*. Marseille, 1673.  
*BF*, 1114, n. 4202 (1954-1957).

Pélessanne, Constant de, O.F.M. *Une Capuchine illustre: Agnès  
d'Aquillenqui*. Saint-Étienne, Loire: Éditions Dumas, 1954.

***Agnes di Bavaria, + 1352. Bavaria.***

Daughter of Lodovico IV, the Emperor of Rome. Monastery of Anger.

***Resources:***

Habig, 988; *MartFran*, November 11.

***Agnes of Bohemia, +1320. Znoyma. Moravia  
(Bohemia).***

Daughter of King Ottokar III. [Note: This is not the daughter of Ottokar I who corresponded with saint Clare of Assisi.]

***Resources:***

*MartFran*, August 12; *SerMart*, August 12.

***Agnes Penenda, (Peranda), Abbess, ca. +1281. Assisi /  
Barcelona, Spain.***

Sent to Spain by Saint Clare of Assisi to found the Monastery of San Antonio in Barcelona. [She was the niece of another Chiara at St. Damian's, not Saint Clare of Assisi.]

***Resources:***

Habig, 988; *MartFran* September 17; *SerMart*, February 28.

*Santa Inés Peranda de Asís. Fundadora y primera abadesa del Monasterio de San Antonio y Santa Clara de Barcelona y Santa Clara de Porta una de sus primeras discípulas. Barcelona: Biblioteca Franciscana, 1912.*  
[Booklet found in the following collection at the Franciscan Institute library: *Franciscana Gammelband vol. 29, no. 4.*]

***Agnese de Opportunulo di Bernardo +1261. Assisi, Italy.***

Early companion of St. Clare.

***Resources:***

Locatelli-Paolucci, Tommaso. *Vita breve di S. Chiara d'Assisi vergine e fondatrice dell'Ordine delle Clarisse.* Assisi: Sansi, 1882: 35-6.

Marianus 135-46; *MartFran*, February 1; *SerMart*, February 1.

***Ana a S. Bernardo, O.S.C.Cap., ca. 16th cen. Puebla, Mexico.***

***Resources:***

*BF*, 856, n. 4098 (1950 -1953).

Chauvet, Fidel de J., O.F.M. *Floreccillas de las hijas de Santa Clara en la Nueva España.* Mexico: Coyoacán, D.F., Editorial Junípero Serra, 1953.

***Ana de la Cruz Osoreo, Abbess, 1596 (?) Gandia.***

Niece of St. Francis Borja.

***Writings:***

History of the Convent and Life of the Foundress, Sor Ana de la Cruz. Zamora: Ediciones Monte Casino, 1981.

***Anathoile-François Thoulin, Collettine, 1645-1672. Poligny, France.***

***Resources:***

BF, 689, n. 3613 (1938-39).

Désiré des Planches, O.F.M. Cap. *Le rachat des âmes. Soeur Anathoile-Françoise Thoulier, Clarisse-Colettine du convent de Poligny (1645-1672)*. [The Ransomer of souls. Sister Anathoile-François Thoulier, Clarisse-Colettine of the convent of Poligny (1645-1672)]. Paris: Libraire St. François, 1938.

***Angela da Spoleto, + 1490. Spoleto, Italy.***

Note: There are two Poor Clares named Angela of Spoleto. Marianus, 350-1; *MartFran*, June 29.

***Angele de la Croix. Perigeux, France.***

***Resources:***

Bergerac, Ambroise de. *Vie de Soeur Angele de la Croix Pauvre Clarisse du Couvent de Perigeux et Biographie de Mille. Jeanne Blondel en religion Mere Jeanne de Saint-Paul, Fondatrice du meme Couvent*. Paris: V. Poussielgue, 1867.

***Angelica Gonzaga, 1447-1481. Florence, Venice.***

***Resources:***

BF, 851-852, n.4072; 85 (1950-1953);

Giuliani, Innocenzo, O.F.M. "Splendori santità nel Secondo Ordine  
Francescano nelle Venezie." *Venezia Francescana* 20 (1953):  
145-202.

*SerMart*, April 6.

***Angelucia, 13th cen., Assisi, Italy.***

Early companion of St. Clare

Fiege, 110.

***Anna Maria de Ligouri, 1702 ? Napoli, Venice.***

[ It seems she also became a Poor Clare, besides being a Jeronimite Nun. Not clear. ]

***Resources:***

Tellería, Raymundus, C.SS.R. De Maria Anna (Anna Maria) ac de Maria Luisa (Barbara) de Ligouri, sororibus S. Alfonsi, in monasterio S. Hieronymi monialibus. *Spicilegium Historicum Congregationis SSmi Redemptoris* 4 (1956): 7-24.

***Anna Stor, Abbess, ca. 1620. Ulm, Netherlands.***

*SerMart*, January 4.

***Anonymous, ca. + 1565. Benavente, Spain.***

The memory of a Clarisse who first entered the Friars Minor so she could live totally for the Lord and was vested in the habit of the Minors. When this was discovered she entered the monastery of Clarisse Nuns where she practiced every virtue and ended her mortal life in holiness.

*MartFran*, December 5.

***Augusta Nicola, Foundress***

***Resources:***

Zarpellon, Sisto. *Una delle Vergini prudenti, Madre Augustusta Nicola*, Fondatrice del Monastero delle Clarisse Figlie della SS. Trinità. Via Roma, 74 Dosson de Casier /Treviso, Italia

***Balbina Seniore d'Assisi, + 1240. Spello, Italy.***

Disciple of St. Clare, foundress of the Monastery at Spello.

***Resources:***

*SerMart*, February 3; *MartFran*, February 3.

***Barbara of Bavaria, + 1474, Monaco. Bavaria.***

Daughter of Albert the Pius, Duke of Bavaria.

***Resources:***

Habig, 988; *Hist. Abrégée*, 2: 354-5; *MartFran*, June 24.

***Barbara da Bergamo, + 1478. Vercelli | Piemonte, Italy.***

The first Abbess of the Monastery at Vercelli.

***Beatrice Alighieri, 1332-1370. Ravenna.***

***Resources:***

*BF*, 1047, n. 7627, (1964 - 1973)

Ragazzini, Severino, O.F.M. Conv. Suor Beatrice Alighieri, Clarissa in Ravenna. *Misc.Fran*, 72 (1972): 102-16.

***Beatrice Romagnoni, +1530. Vercelli /Piemonte, Italy.***

The daughter of Count Romagnani of Novara.

*MartFran*, May 11.

***Beatriz di Belmonte, +1520. Granada, Spain.***

A descendent of the family of the king of Navarra

*MartFran*, April 11.

***Benedetta d'Assisi, Abbess, 1260. Assisi, Italy.***

The first Abbess of the Monastery of San Damiano after Saint Clare.

***Resources:***

*SerMar*, March 16; *MartFran*, March 16.



*Benedicta Gambarina, O.S.C. Cap. 1610, 1653. Tarvisina, Venice.*

**Resources:**

*Supplementum et castigatio ad Scriptores trium Ordinum S. Francisci a Waddingo aliisque descriptos*, 3 vols. Rome, 1908, 1936. 710.

*Benvenuta da Perugia, +1257. Perugia |Assisi, Italy.*  
A companion of Saint Clare.

**Resources:**

*MartFran*, January 27; *SerMar*, January 27.

*Berengaria (Fernandes Ferraz), Abbess, ca. +1406. Vila do Conde, Portugal.*

BF, 956; n. 4561 (1958-1963)

*Bernardina Orfini ab Incarnatione, Abbess, +1532. Folligno, Italy.*

**Resources:**

*SerMart*, March 25; *MartFran*, March 25.

*Bernardo, O.S.C.Cap., ca. 16th cen. Puebla, Mexico.*

**Resources:**

BF, 856, n. 4098 (1950 -1953).

Chauvet, Fidel de J., O.F.M. *Floreillas de las hijas de Santa Clara en la Nueva España*. Mexico: Coyoacán, D.F., Editorial Junípero Serra, 1953.

***Brigitta, ca. 1400, Prague, Czech.***

There may be a connection with Agnes of Prague.

***Resources:***

*SerMart*, March 11.

***Camilla Borgia, 1502-1573. Ferrara, Italy.******Resources:***

*BF*, 1107, n. 4171 (1954-1957).

***Camilla Pio, +1511, Carpi/Emilia.***

A descendent from the princes of Savoy, and Foundress of the Monastery of St. Clare in Carpi.

***Resources:***

Colli, A. Garuti-D. *Il monastero di santa Chiara in Carpi*. Carpi: Edizioni Il Portico, 1993: 35.

*MartFran*, April 15

***Caterina a Mendoza, Abbess, + 1580. Astudillo / Palencia, Spain.***

Caterina contributed to the reform of the Monastery of Castro-jériz in the diocese of Burgos.

***Resources:***

*SerMart*, March 19; *MartFran*, March 15.

***Caterina de Pazzi, + ca. 1500. Florence, Italy.***

Disciple of blessed Philippa of the Medici.

*MartFran*, August 15.

**Caterina Zollerin (Zuller), ca. +1350, Bamberg, Bavaria.**

**Resources:**

*SerMart*, March 21; *MartFran*, March 21.

**Catharina, ca. 1381. Wein, Austria.**

The daughter of Duke Ulbrecht II.

**Resources:**

*SerMart*, June 10.

**Cecilia Gonzaga, ca. + 1471 (1425-1451). Mantua, Italy**

**Resources:**

Giuliani, Innocenzo, O.F.M. "Splendori di santità nel Secondo Franciscano nelle venezie." *Venezio Franciscano* 20 (1953): 145-202.  
*MartFran*, September 23.

**Chiara d'Assisi, ca. + 1319, Assisi, Italy | Barcelona, Spain.**

The aunt of Agnes Peranda, with whom she founded the monastery of San Antonio in Barcelona. [Not Saint Clare of Assisi.]

**Resources:**

J of S. Antonio; *MartFran*, February 28.

*Chiara Francesca de Gesù Agonizzante, 1890-1932.  
Messina, Italy.*

*Resources:*

BF, 1109, n. 4179 (1954-1957); 1048, n. 7638 (1964-1973); 674, n. 8501 (1974-1980).

Cultrera, Samuele [Da Chiaramonte], O.F.M.Cap. *Una abitatrice delle caverne. Suor Clara Francesca di Gesù Agonizzante, 1890-1932*. Turin: L.I.C.E., R. Berruti & Co., [1954].

Gori, Severino. "Una santa d'altri tempi vissuta ai nostri giorni." *Italia Francescana* 45 (1970): 110-4.

*Chiara di Mantua, O.S.C. + 123. Mantua, Italy.*

*Resources:*

Giuliani, Innocenzo M., O.F.M. "Splendori di santità nel Secondo Ordine Francescano nelle Venezie." *Venezia Francescana* 20 (1953): 145-202.

*Claire de Marie, O.S.C. Cap. Provence, France.*

*Resources:*

Poor Clare. *La Perle du Vigan: Vie de Mère Claire de Marie, Clarisse*. Published by J. Deterre, Aix-la-Chapelle, Johanniterstrasse 22, Allemagne et Couvent des Clarisses-Capucines, Vaals (Holland), 1910. [From the Collection in the Franciscan Institute Library: *Franciscana Gammeband* vol. 17, no. 10.]

***Clarae Franciscae Theresiae Bassetti Silvestri Ariminen, +1733.***

A Stigmatic.

***Resources:***

J. a San Antonio, 289.

Bosius, Plhiippus Antonius, Min. Conv. *Vitam Ven. Sororis Clarae Franciscae Theresiae Bassetti Silvestri Ariminen.* [A member of the Third Order at first, then of the Clarisses.]

***Clare of the Eucharist, Astrid Mwanbulé, 1960-1984. Kabinda, Zaire, Africa.***

***Resources:***

*Clare of Assisi: Light for the Way.* France: Editions du Signe, 1991: 38.

Frère Marc. *J'ai dit oui au Seigneur: La vie de soeur Claire de l'Eucharistie.* Bar le Duc, France: Editions du Lion de Juda, 1986.

***Claudia Meanse, Abbess, ca. +1484. Geneva, Switzerland.***

First Abbess of the monastery at Geneva.

*MartFran*, August 18.

***Consolación de San Francisco, 1919-1950. Spain.***

***Resources:***

De Pesquera, Eusebio Garcia. *Por la escondita senda. Semblanza espiritual de sor Consolación de San Francisco (1909-1950).* Salamanca: Vida Sobrenatural, 1980.



***Consolata Betrone, 1903-1946.  
Fabriano, Italy.***

***Writings:***

Autobiography, revelations, and diary.

***Publications on the Writings:***

Castiglione, Humani M. "Il messaggio di suor Consolata Betrone.  
*Italia Franc.* 28 (1953): 94-102.

Chiappetta, Timothy, O.F.M.Cap. *A message to you from heaven. The unceasing act of love revealed to the Capuchin nun Sister Mary Consolata (1903-1946). A sequel to system of spirituality of the Carmelite nun Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.* Hoboken, N.Y., 704 Jefferson St., [1963].

***Resources:***

*BF*, 493, n. 2077 (1947-48); 615, n. 2646, 2647 (1949-50); 861, n. 4126-7 (1951-53); 1119, n. 4222-3 (1954-57); 964, n. 4614-6 (1958-63); 1052-3, n. 7684-5 (1964-1973); 677, n. 8548 (1974-1980).

Hammer, Charles, O.F.M.Cap. "A Nun's Story... of Love." *Round Table of Franciscan Research* 25 (1960): 69-75.

Sales, Lorenzo, I. M. C. *Jesus Appeals to the World. The Unceasing Act of Love Revealed to the Capuchin Nun Sister Mary Consolata (1903-1946).* New York: Society of Saint Paul, 1955; second edition [1956]. German: *Jesus spricht zur Welt.* Trans. P. Hippoliti. Freiburg/Schweiz-Konstanz/ Baden-München: Kanisius Verlag, [1956]. French: *Soeur Consolata Betrone. Un message du Christ à une contemporaine.* Pref. Ceslao Pera, O.P. Mulhouse: Editions Salvator. Paris-Tournai: Casterman, 1963

*Suor Maria Consolata Betrone, Clarissa cappuccina, 1903-1946.* Testona, TO: Monastero Sacro Cuore Cappuccine, 1975.

***Corazón de María (J. Benita de Arzurieta), ca. 1800.  
Zarauz, Spain.***

***Resources:***

BF, 1043, n. 7586 (1964-73).

Biografía espiritual de J. Benita de Arrizurieta (en religion Madre Corazón de María) religiosa clarisa del monasterio de Zarauz.

*Scriptorium Victoriense* 14 (1969): 91-124.

***Cristiana d'Assisi, +1258, Assisi, Italy.***

A companion of our holy mother Clare.

*MartFran*, December 21.

***Dominga de san Luis Gonzaga, O.S.C of Divine Providence, 1869-1913. Barcelona, Spain.***

***Resources:***

Jou, L., O.F.M. *El Angel de Levante. Vida admirable de sor Dominga de San Luis Gonzaga. Religiosa Clarisa de la Divina Providencia de Badalona.* Vich, 1919.

Lainati II, 1575-1576.

***Eleanora a S. Francisco, +1651, Toledo, Spain.***

***Resources:***

BF, 1110, n. 4183 (1954-7); 674, n. 8511 (1974-80).

Hereadero, María Encarnación. "Clarisas en Oceanía. Venerable Madre Juana de San Antonio, religiosa clarisa del convento de Santa Isabel de los Reyes, una de las primeras misioneras de Oceanía." *España Mis.* (Madrid) 13 (1957): 54-61.

Teixelra, Manuel. *Galeria de mulheres ilustres em Macau.* Macau: Edição do Centro de Informação e Turismo, 1974.

*Eleonora de Ruggiero, Napoli, Italy.*

**Resources:**

BF 672, n. 8479 (1974-80).

Sylvestri, Alfonso. "I costituiti per l'abiura di suor Eleanora de Ruggiero. Un episodio di possessione diabolica nel monastero de S. Maria Donnaregina in Napoli nell'età della Controriforma." *Riv. Lett. Stor. Eccl.* (Napoli) 10 (1978): 3-32.

*Elia di Pucci (Helia Pulci), +1320, Monticelli/Florence.*

**Resources:**

*P. Antonio* 66; *Marianus* 207-10; *Annales* VI, 1320;  
*MartFran*, June 20.

*Elizabeth du Calvaire (Gaby), P.C.C. ca. 1840-1900.  
Perigueux, | Jerusalem.*

Influenced the Priestly vocation of St. Charles de Foucauld.

**Resources:**

La Révérende Mere Elizabeth du Calvaire. Jerusalem, 1907.



***Elizabetta Toscani da Milano, +1453. Milan, Italy.***

***Resources:***

*BF*, 851-2, n. 4072 (1951-3).

Giuliani, Innocenzo M., O.F.M. Splendori di santità nel Secondo Ordine Francescano nelle Venezie. *Venezia Franciscana* 20, n.3-4 (1953): 145-202.

*MartFran*, July 2.

***Emmanuela Thérèse du Coeur de Jésus, 1696-1750. Germany.***

***Resources:***

*Dictionnaire spiritualite*, Vol. I, col. 605.

*BF*, 954, n. 4545 (1958-63).

Schmitt, Clement, O.F.M. Emanuela Thérèse du Coeur de Jésus, Clarisse Allemande, 1696-1750.

*Dictionnaire de Spiritualité ascétique et mystique*. Paris, 1960, vol. IV, col. 605. [Other resources given here.]

***Ermentrude of Bruges, ca. 1210/1280. Bruges, Belgium.***  
St. Clare corresponded with her.

***Resources:***

De Hooglede, H. "Ermentrude et les origines des Clausses en Belgique." *Neerlandica Franciscana* 2 (1919): 67-84.

DeKok, D., O.F.M. "De Origine Ordinis S. Clarae in Flandris." *AFH* 7 (1914): 234-6.

Fiege, 121-2.

Heyesse, Alban. "Origo et progressus Ordinis S. Clarae in Flandria." *AFH* 37 (1944): 165-201.

The Letters of St. Clare to Ermentrude. *Pro Monialibus* 14 (1969).

***Eufrasia di S. Michael, Abbess, +ca. 1502. Lisbon, Portugal.***

Through her initiative and efforts a monastery of Clares was reformed.

*MartFran*, October 5.

***Filippa Ghisleri, +1257. Assisi, Italy.***

A companion of Saint Clare.

*MartFran*, October 13.

***Fimina Cesi, +1567. Foligno, Italy.***

(Educated in Latin on the level of a University Doctor.)

***Francesca Capitanei de Coldimezzo, ca. 1200. Assisi, Italy.***

One of St. Clare's first companions.

***Resources:***

Fortini, Arnaldo. Il cilizio di vanna di Coldimezzo. *Chiara d'Assisi* 4 (1956): 112-26.

*SerMart*, March 26.

***Francesca Cattaneo della Volta Paleologo, 1812-1891. Napoli, Italy.***

***Resources:***

B. Spila di Subiaco. *Un monumento di Sancia a Napoli*. Napoli, 1901.

Chiara Letizia, O.S.C. *Una nobile figlia di S. Chiara. Madre Francesca Cattaneo*. Napoli, 1969.

Lainati I, 458; II: 1579; Marianus, 338-40.

*Francesca Comitoli da Perugia, +1238. Assisi, Italy.*  
A disciple of Saint Clare.

*Resources:*

*MartFran*, March 26.

*Francesca di Rimini, ca. 1350. Rimini, Romania.*

*Resources:*

*Hist. Abrégée*, vol. 2, 336.*MartFran*, October 7.

*Francesca di Perugia, +1468. Foligno, Italy.*

*Resources:*

La Riforma Osservante dei monasterii delle Clarisse nell'Italia Centrale.  
*AFH* 23 (1930): 381-2.

*Franceschetta Calafato, +1484. Messina, Sicily.*

Blood sister of Saint Eustochia of Calafato.

*MartFran*, November 20.

*Franceschina Giussani da Milano, Abbess, +1444. Mantua.*

First Abbess of the Monastery of S. Paola.

*Resources:*

*SerMart*, February 17; *MartFran*, February 17.

***Françoise Taffin, O.S.C.Cap., ca. 1620-1660. France.***

***Resources:***

BF, 337, n. 5283 (940-46).

Schoten, Rogatien de, O.F.M. Cap. A propos d'une centenaire.

Françoise, fondatrice des Capucines (1642-1942). *Étend.*

*Franc.* 44 (1942): 22-6, 215-20.

***Gemma di Sulmone, + 1435. Foligno, Italy.***

***Resources:***

Marianus, 242-261; *MartFran*, April 24.

*Santa Lucia di Foligno, Luciano Canonici.* Maria degli Angeli, 1974.

***Germaine d'Armaing, 1664-1699. Toulouse, France.***

***Resources:***

BF, 1094, n. 4118 (1954-57).

Agathange de Paris, O.F.M. Cap. (+1731]). *Une clarisse de Toulouse au XVII siècle: Sr. Germaine d'Armaing (1664-1699).* Toulouse: Imprimerie Fournié, 1957.

Chapdu, Joannes Baptista, O.F.M.Obs. *La vie et les virtus de la Soeur Germaine d'Armaing.* Pamiers [s. a.]

*Hist. Abrégée*, vol. 2, 312-21.

***Gertrude von Sickingen, +ca. 1517. Hoogstraten.***

***Resources:***

BF 669, n. 8438 (1974-1980).

Fendler, R. *Gertrud von Sickingen, Nonne des Klarissenklosters in Trier uns Abtissin in Hoogstraten [+ante 1517].* *Mitteilungen Hist. Vereins Pfalz Speyer* 77 (1979): 127-43.

***Giovanna Bella, Abbess, +1480. Grenoble, France.***

First Abbess of the monastery of Grenoble.

*MartFran*, January 25.

***Inés María Cuartero, O.S.C. Cap. 1708-1778. Spain.******Resources:***

*BF*, 676, n. 8535 (1974-80).

*Escritoras*, 313.

*Madre Inés María Cuartero, capuchina, 1708-1778. Libro memorial en el segundo centenario de su muerte.* Presentación by Rufino Grández.

Gea de Albaracín: Convento de Capuchinas, 1978.

***Jacoba dal Aquila, 1447-1475. Florence, Italy.***

Companion of Bl. Antonia of Florence.

Marianus, 311-314.

***Jeanne de Saint-Paul (Jeanne Blondell), P.C.C. Perigeux, France.******Resources:***

Bergerac, Ambroise de. *Vie de Soeur Angele de la Croix Pauvre*

*Clarisse du Convent de Perigeux et Biographie de Mille. Jeanne*

*Blondel en religion Mere Jeanne de Saint-Paul, Fondatrice du mene*

*Couvent.* Paris: V. Poussielque, 1867.

***Jeanne Baille. Grenoble, France .[?]******Resources:***

De Franclieu, A. M. *Jeanne Baille et les Clarisses de Grenoble*, 1468-1887

*Juana de Austria, 1535-1573. Madrid, Spain.*

Foundress of Discalced Clares

*Resources:*

BF, 1099, n. 4136

Carrillo, Juan, O.F.M.Obs. *Relación Histórica de la Real Fundación del monasterio de las Descalzas Reales de Santya Clara de Madrid*. Madrid 1616.

Fernández de Retana, Luis, C.SS.R. *Doña Juana de Austria, gobernadora de España, hermana de Felipe II, madre de D. Sebastián el Africano, rey de al El Perpetuo Socorro*, 1955. *Portugal, fundadora de las Descalzas Reales de Madrid (1535-1573)*. Madrid: Editorial El Perpetuo Socorro, 1955.

*Juana de Jesús María, ca. 1670. Madrid, Spain.*

*Resources:*

*Nueva maravilla de la gracia, descubierta en la vida de la V. Madre Sor Juana de Jesús María, Monja del gravísimo convento de Santa Clara.*

*Julie. Tournai, France.*

*Resources:*

Saintrain, Henri, C.SS.R. *Notice sur la vie et les vertus de la Rev. Mere Julie abbess des Pauvres-Clares de Tournai....* Paris: Desclée, 1890.

***Lucía San Juan no Kami, +1620. Manila, Philippine Islands.***

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***Resources:***

De Letona, Bartolome. *Perfecta Religiosa, ... Libro I de la Vida de la Madre Jeromima de la Asuncion*. Pueblo de los Angeles, 1662. [Contains an account of Lucia]

*BF*, 1110, n. 4183 (1954-1957).

Herederro, Mariá Encarnación, O.S.Cl. Clarisas en Oceanía. Venerable Madre Juana de San Antonio, religiosa clarisa del convento de Santa Isabel de los Reyes, una de las primeras misioneras de Oceanía. *España Mis.* (Madrid) 13 (1957): 54-61.

Una clarisa japonesa en Manila: Sor Lucía San Juan no Kami. *Misiones Franc.* 41 (1957): 243-6.

***Ludovica d'Aquila, +1470. Aquila /Abruzzo, Italy.***

Companion of Bl. Antonia of Florence.

***Resources:***

Marianus, 313; *MartFran*, June 17.



*Luitgard of Wittichen, + ca. 1248.  
Wittichen.*

Founder of "God's House."

*Resources:*

BF, 650, n. 8140 (1981-1985)

Ruh, Kurt. Agnes von Ungarn und Liutgart von Wittichen. Zwei Klostergründerinnen des frühen 14. Jahrhunderts. *Philologische Untersuchungen, gewidmet Elfriede Stutz zum 65. Geburtstag*. Wein: Wilhelm Braumüller - Universitäts-Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1984: 3.

*Magdalena de Jaso (Jassu) +1533. Gandia*

Sister of St. Francis Xavier

*Resources:*

DePamplona, Germán, O.F.M. Cap. ¿María de Jassu, hermana de San Francisco Javier? *Lecároz* 2 (1951): 13-8.

\_\_\_\_. Xaveriana. Una supuesta hermana de San Francisco de Javier. *Lecároz* 3 (1952): 23-6.

En el VII centenario de la muerte de Santa Clara. Sor Magdalena de Jaso, clarisa en Gandía. *Siglo de las Misiones* 40 (1953): 452-3, 306-10.

Omaechevarria, Ignacio, O.F.M. *Clarisas entre musulmanes y otros infieles*. Bilbao 1954: 49-53.



*Margarita van Meerbeke. Brussels, Belgium.*

Ruusbroec corresponded with her.

*Resources:*

BF, 1036, n. 7525 (1964-73)

Ampe, A., De bestemmeling van Ruusbroec's Spieghel en Trappen. *Ons Geest. Erf* 45 (1971): 241-89.

Van Ruusbroec, *January Vanden Seven Sloten. Omnia Opera*, vol. 2, Trans: Helen Rolfsen. Belgium: E.J. Brill/Leiden, 1981. Dutch and English. [Written for Poor Clares as a guide for holy living]

*Margarita de la Cruz, 1650-1686. Austria | Madrid, Spain.*

*Publications on the Writings:*

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*De aliis Rosariis Divina largitate, sule devotis concessis.*

[Her work containing eleven treatises, written in Ireland, has been lost. Only one has survived: "*The Narrative*." Copies of this are preserved at the convents of Galway and Madrid. There is a copy made from these in the Poor Clare Monastery in Boston.]

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