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Life[edit] Childhood and education[edit] Isidore was probably born in Cartagena, Spain , a former Carthaginian colony, to Severianus and Theodora. Both Severianus and Theodora belonged to notable Hispano-Roman families of high social rank. The Catholic Church celebrates him and all his siblings as known saints: His sister, Saint Florentina , served God as a nun and allegedly ruled over forty convents and one thousand consecrated religious. This claim seems unlikely, however, given the few functioning monastic institutions in Iberia during her lifetime. In this institution, the first of its kind in Iberia , a body of learned men including Archbishop Saint Leander of Seville taught the trivium and quadrivium , the classic liberal arts. Saint Isidore applied himself to study diligently enough that he quickly mastered Latin, [5] and acquired some Greek , and Hebrew. Two centuries of Gothic control of Iberia incrementally suppressed the ancient institutions, classic learning, and manners of the Roman Empire. The associated culture entered a period of long-term decline. The ruling Visigoths nevertheless showed some respect for the outward trappings of Roman culture. Arianism meanwhile took deep root among the Visigoths as the form of Christianity that they received. Scholars may debate whether Isidore ever personally embraced monastic life or affiliated with any religious order, but he undoubtedly esteemed the monks highly. Bishop of Seville[edit] Seville Cathedral. On his elevation to the episcopate , he immediately constituted himself as protector of monks. Saint Isidore recognized that the spiritual and material welfare of the people of his See depended on assimilation of remnant Roman and ruling barbarian cultures, and consequently attempted to weld the peoples and subcultures of the Visigothic kingdom into a united nation. He used all available religious resources toward this end and succeeded. Isidore practically eradicated the heresy of Arianism and completely stifled the new heresy of Acephali at its very outset. Archbishop Isidore strengthened religious discipline throughout his See. Archbishop Isidore also used resources of education to counteract increasingly influential Gothic barbarism throughout his episcopal jurisdiction. His quickening spirit animated the educational movement centered on Seville. Saint Isidore introduced Aristotle to his countrymen long before the Arabs studied Greek philosophy extensively. In , Saint Isidore of Seville pronounced anathema against any ecclesiastic who in any way should molest the monasteries. Second Synod of Seville November [edit] Main article: Second Synod of Seville Saint Isidore presided over the Second Council of Seville, begun on 13 November , in the reign of King Sisebut , a provincial council attended by eight other bishops, all from the ecclesiastical province of Baetica in southern Spain. Isidore was born at Madrid, Spain. The Acts of the Council fully set forth the nature of Christ, countering the conceptions of Gregory, a Syrian representing the heretical Acephali. Third Synod of Seville [edit] Main article: Third Synod of Seville Based on a few surviving canons found in the Pseudo-Isidorian Decretals , Saint Isidore is known to have presided over an additional provincial council around It also addressed a concern over Jews who had been forced to convert to Christianity by Sisebut failing to present their children for baptism. The records of the council, unlike the First and Second Councils of Seville were not preserved in the Hispana , a collection of canons and decretals likely edited by Saint Isidore himself. The aged Archbishop Saint Isidore presided over its deliberations and originated most enactments of the council. The decree prescribed the study of Greek, Hebrew, and the liberal arts and encouraged interest in law and medicine. The council granted remarkable position and deference to the king of the Visigoths. The independent Church bound itself in allegiance to the acknowledged king; it said nothing of allegiance to the Bishop of Rome. Death[edit] Saint Isidore of Seville died on 4 April after serving more than 32 years as archbishop of Seville.

Chapter 2 : St. Martin of Braga

The Order of St. Isidore of Seville is a chivalric order formed on January 1, An international organisation, the order aims to honour Saint Isidore as patron saint of the Internet, alongside promoting Christian chivalry online.

In that year ten saints were canonized by the Synod for the universal Russian Church, whilst the cult of eight others was approved for certain dioceses. Since then many other holy men and women were raised to the honor of the altars by the Russian Synod. And here I must defend myself for having inserted in this Book of Saints personages who have obtained veneration only among heretics and schismatics. I have been advised by men whose opinion must not be despised to omit all such spurious saints. But I insisted on my judgment, formed by an intimate knowledge of hagiological conditions, for these reasons: First, this work is intended as a universal and complete manual of hagiology and therefore must contain everything appertaining to the subject, genuine and spurious. A reader, for instance, in a book of travel finds a notice about S. Tsela Haimonot, the reformer of monastic life in Abyssinia. He wishes to learn more about the man, takes up his Book of All the Saints but, lo, there is no such saint in the book, because St. Tacla was a Monophysite. Or he reads that the Russian General Staff, headed by the Czar, before going into war, visited the shrine of St. Peter of Moscow; he wants to learn who this warlike St. Peter was, but does not find the name in the Lexicon of All the Saints, because St. Peter was patriarch of Moscow at a time when the Russian Church was partly separated from Rome. If I do not omit the names of saints who are mere products of fancy, like the Trsuline saints of Cologne, or the milestones and towns turned into martyrs, neither must I omit the names of men who are highly venerated in the liturgy of Christian nations which, "by an unfortunate mistake" Pius XI. Some have crept even in official Roman Martyrology. Sabas, the Goth 12 April, S. Elpidius, the Courtier 16! Lucian of Antioch 8 Jan. Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia 27 Oct. Achatius of Amida 9 April was a Xestorian. Still they are all to be found in the Roman Martyrology. The gallant battle which they fought for Christ and their glorious triumph caused the ancient Church and in some instances also Baronius to overlook the defect of their orthodoxy. Catholic, but are venerated only by the heretical or schismatical religious bodies of their home countries. I add here the words of the Bollandists. To separate, as far as possible, the genuine saints from those who are spurious, I have marked with an asterisk all persons found only in the calendars of the separated churches and of whom it is not certain that they were in communion with the Apostolic See. In issuing this book I wish to thank in a particular manner the men who have assisted me. Since liturgical and hagiological sources are scarce on the banks of the Mississippi River, I had to obtain a great deal of my information by mail. Peelers, who on three different occasions gave me free access to their hagiological and liturgical libraries, I wish to express my thanks in an especial manner. Yirili, who, in and I also thank the librarian of the University of Chicago, who? I am also under obligation to the Jesuit and Franciscan Fathers of this city who threw open to me their libraries, as also to the many European prelates who, since, were kind enough to send me copies of their diocesan Propria and Calendars. Louis, October 28th, F. For the East we have the letter of the Church of Smyrna, about the year, on the martyrdom of S. Poly-carp, proving, at least for the Orient, the practice of solemnizing such anniversaries. Paulinus of Xola d. These two facts, the annual commemoration of the saint and the celebration of the Mass over his relics, being established, it became necessary for cities and dioceses which possessed many saints to draw up calendars marking the days consecrated to these annual feasts, together with the names of the churches or oratories where they were solemnized. Originally in the third century and the first decades of the fourth century every church had its own calendar, recording only the anniversaries of the local martyrs, whose lives and sufferings the church in question had witnessed. The feast of S. The people on his day would flock there in great crowds. The feast of S3. Peter and Paul, in the third century, was celebrated only in the Platonia ad Catacumhas, i. On the feast-day of S. Felix the little town of Nola, in the Campagna, became another Rome; for the feast of S. Metias large caravans of pilgrims wandered through the sands of the Libyan desert to his sanctuary. Consequently the

number of feasts in the single churches, also at Rome, was small. Little by little these local lists were enriched by names borrowed from neighboring churches. About the middle of the fourth century an ever increasing number of either newly discovered local martyrs or of saints from strange dioceses, whose relics had been obtained, or for whose cult some other reason seemed to exist, led to an assimilation and interchange of feasts between the various churches. This practice resulted in a calendar in which martyrs were received from all! Common to all gradually became the feasts of the Apostles at least some of them, of St. John the Baptist, St. Stephen, and the Maccabees. When the era of martyrs was definitely closed, names of confessors were introduced who had been conspicuous by the sanctity of their lives and notably by the practice of austere asceticism, since nearly all the elements of martyrdom are found in the ideal of asceticism. At this period, after the end of the fourth century, also the name and the feasts of the Blessed Mother of God were entered in the official lists. That he did this at the request of Emperor Constantine is a legend: Jerome translated this Eusebian martyrology into Latin at the request of the Church of Milan. This catalogue of Eusebius has been translated, but it has come down to us in a very corrupt form. The original, as Eusebius wrote it, is unfortunately lost. We still possess a Calendar of the immovable feasts of the Roman Church from the middle of the fourth century. It comprises two different lists: Perpetua and Felicitas March 7 and S. But this list contains only martyrs who died after the year Forgotten are the Protomartyrs under Nero, forgotten Flavins Clemens, Nereus and Aehilleus, Ignatius of Antioch who died at Rome, Justin the Philosopher. Apollonius and other illustrious men. This seems to show that, on account of the fury of the persecutions, the custom of keeping the anniversaries of the martyrs at their tombs was unknown at Rome before the third century. By the Deposition of Martyrs we learn which feasts were celebrated at Rome up to; the sacramentary which bears the name of S. Leo, continues the list imperfectly the first three months are missing to the middle of the fifth century. The Calendar of Carthage, found by Mabillon in, besides a great number of Africans, contains a goodly portion of foreign martyrs nine Romans, and even of Confessors not belonging to the Church of Carthage. It was compiled in the sixth century. The most important ancient test of an approximately universal martyrology, the fountain-head of all other martyrologies, was discovered and collected from stray leaves by Cureton, "â€", and edited by Wright, in; the errors of the first edition were later on partially corrected by Duchesne. The first part contains, in the form of a calendar, many feasts of martyrs from the entire Roman Empire, especially from the East, between December 16 and November. The second gives the names of Oriental martyrs, especially from Persia, bishops, priests and deacons, without any liturgical dates. Perhaps all these martyrs had one collective celebration. Ephrem tells us that a "Feast of all the Martyrs" was celebrated on May 13 at Edessa. The copy of this Martyrology, which was discovered by Cureton, was finished at Edessa in November. The most important source was a list of martyrs composed at Nicomedia in Bithynia, Asia Minor. The author of this martyrology was an Arian; it contains the names of the heretic Arius and the Semi-Arian Eusebius of Nicomedia, but omits Athanasius, the Catholic Champion of Alexandria. Adding some literary sources and a number of now unknown lists of saints, these three oldest calendars: Leo, the Carthaginian and the Syriae, which by fortunate circumstances have been preserved, are the main sources of the so-called "Martyrologium Hieronymianum," falsely attributed to S. Jerome, which was drawn up in Italy in the second half of the fifth century. The author intended to create a universal martyrology of the Roman Empire. The Italian original underwent recension and addition in Gaul, probably at Auxerre, c. The feastdays of the saints in this Pseudo-Hieronymianum have grown enormously. Holy Places of the Redemption and the tombs of the Saints of the Old Testament, other Christian countries possessed the bodies of the great heroes of the New Testament, whose tombs became famous shrines and attracted great crowds of pilgrims. The manuscript tradition of the Pseudo-Hieronymianum, however, is in inexplicable confusion; the idea of restoring the text in its integrity must be abandoned. It is such a disorderly jumble of names and incongruities, repetitions" and later additions, that the Bollandist DuSolHer says that there is perhaps no more horrible book in all antiquity than the Pseudo-Hieronymianum. The names of towns and persons are badly disfigured, especially when there is question of distant or insignificant towns, or of martyrs with Greek or

Oriental names. Martyrs from different and distant localities are jumbled together into one group. Other names are repeated over and over; for in adopting foreign martyrs the selection of the feastday was left to the arbitrary will of the bishop. Hermes the Exorcist, of Bononia on the Danube, was kept in his home town on Jan. 15; at Hadrianopolis, on Oct. The name Hermes being found on all these days in the sources was thrown into some other group of martyrs, foreign to him. Errors like Coeli-fioria for TeTesphoms are very common and occur every day; towns and milestones are changed into martyrs, etc. To give but one example: Eusebius, Pamphilius and Palmatrix, if not. This fortunate discovery gave the first impulse to a more critical study of the document, and it thus became possible at last to form an opinion as to its true value and utility (Delehaye). In the Pseudo-Hieronymianum each single rubric gives only the name of the saint or of the group of saints, preceded by the indication of the place where the feast is celebrated. But there is another type of martyrology. These are the historical martyrologies. But the term "martyrology" is not unsuitable, if "we regard as martyrs all those who by their lives have testified to the truth," Al!

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St. Achilles. Bishop and theologian who lived in an era of dispute in the Church. Achilles was the bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, one of the most powerful cities in the world at the time.

Take the Saints Trivia Quiz now! Isidore was literally born into a family of saints in sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, Leander and Fulgentius, and one of his sisters, Florentina, are revered as saints in Spain. It was also a family of leaders and strong minds with Leander and Fulgentius serving as bishops and Florentina as abbess. To the contrary, Leander may have been holy in many ways, but his treatment of his little brother shocked many even at the time. When he finally let the outside world catch his attention, he noticed water dripping on the rock near where he sat. The drops of water that fell repeatedly carried no force and seemed to have no effect on the solid stone. And yet he saw that over time, the water drops had worn holes in the rock. Isidore realized that if he kept working at his studies, his seemingly small efforts would eventually pay off in great learning. Isidore rose above his past to become known as the greatest teacher in Spain. His love of learning made him promote the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries. His encyclopedia of knowledge, the Etymologies, was a popular textbook for nine centuries. He also wrote books on grammar, astronomy, geography, history, and biography as well as theology. As bishop of Seville for 37 years, succeeding Leander, he set a model for representative government in Europe. Under his direction, and perhaps remembering the tyrannies of his brother, he rejected autocratic decision-making and organized synods to discuss government of the Spanish Church. Still trying to wear away rock with water, he helped convert the barbarian Visigoths from Arianism to Christianity. He lived until almost As he was dying his house was filled with crowds of poor he was giving aid and alms to. One of his last acts was to give all his possessions to the poor. When he died in , this Doctor of the Church had done more than his brother had ever hoped; the light of his learning caught fire in Spanish minds and held back the Dark Ages of barbarism from Spain. But even greater than his outstanding mind must have been the genius of his heart that allowed him to see beyond rejection and discouragement to joy and possibility.

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Chapter 5 : Catholic Encyclopedia - St. Martin of Braga - Ã–kumenisches Heiligenlexikon

Martin of Braga "Image of St Martin of Braga in a 10th century manuscript. Saint Martin of Braga (in Latin Martinus Bracaraensis, c.) was an archbishop of Bracara Augusta in Hispania (now Braga in Portugal), a monastic founder, and an ecclesiastical author .

Established scholars and graduate students continue to express to me the usefulness of these reference books for their research on Visigothic studies and related topics. This has been a source of great encouragement to me. It has made the immense time and effort to generate a volume worthwhile. I am always thankful for the generosity of colleagues who send me their relevant work for inclusion or bring to my attention relevant studies. I acknowledge them specifically by name below. There are a few changes to this last edition of the bibliography updates. In the arrangement of the subject rubrics I made some small changes. The Pseudo-Isidore as a separate section has been eliminated, it is coupled with Canon Law. Pseudo-Isidore has more to do with that topic than with Isidore of Seville. Any study pertaining to Gallia will go to the Toulouse section. Another change is regarding Festschrifts and Acts of congresses issued as special issues in academic journals. They are not placed in the honoraria and congresses sections, only volumes that are specifically published as Festschrifts or Acts of congresses are placed there. The rest of the sections remain the same as in previous volumes. I have made every effort to be as comprehensive as is possible for the period " We bibliographers work under several limitations that make our efforts a challenge. First among them is the fact that many academic journals run a few years behind. There is not a single bibliography in print that is able to include all published material for any given year or time frame. All of them, even with large teams working together, are two to three years behind the actual date of publication. That is why in this one there are entries dating prior to So I must lament that even with my best efforts, the cooperation from scholars, consultation of bibliographies, the websites of societies, and inspection first hand of hundreds of journals, it is inevitable that I have missed items of interest. In the end, however, I am confident that the entries contained in these pages represent a reasonable inventory of " scholarship. I also must single out a salutary development in Visigothic studies, the emergence of groups of scholars at opposite ends of the planet, Brazil and Russia. I have had the good fortune of corresponding directly with some of them. On another front, once again I have included scholarship on the Gothic language before xii Introduction the Goths ventured into Hispania. I have done this so that scholars who study the Gothic language in its stages of development can better carry out comparative studies. In fact, such comparative studies have emerged in various publications. The sections on Archaeology in Hispania and Isidore of Seville again represent consistently the ones with the most scholarly activity. Research on the Sueves is always modest although in this volume there is more than usual. I did not depart from my policy of not annotating the bibliography for several practical reasons. Major bibliographies do not annotate at all either because of their enormous size and because it is unnecessary. Descriptive entries in bibliographies are becoming obsolete and unnecessary for the simple reason that nearly all published articles are accompanied by multilingual summaries of the content. It would be redundant in this or any bibliography simply to cut and paste them. To attempt to provide truly critical analysis I again maintain would be presumptuous on my part. Again, I trust scholars to determine the quality of these studies and which are relevant for their own research. In closing, I am serving notice that this is the last volume that will appear in folio in this series. I want to thank all of the many scholars who over the years cooperated with me. My gratitude to the editors at Brill, and especially to Julian Deahl, who from the very start made this series possible. I am forever indebted to them. On the basis of the consistent positive feedback on the utility of these bibliographies, I take great satisfaction that I achieved my goal. I am also confident that the volumes will continue to be of use for a long time to come. Alberto Ferreiro 11 November Feast of St. Martin of Tours Acknowledgements As in the previous bibliographies I am most grateful to the following scholars for their generous cooperation. I have consulted for this supplement the following standard bibliographies. The date

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Chapter 6 : Full text of "Patrology : the lives and works of the fathers of the church"

A brief introduction to one of my favorite Saints.

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Linguist Patrizia De Bernardo Stempel falls in the latter group, and suggests the meaning "the tall ones". Galli called themselves Celts, [21] which suggests that even if the name Keltoi was bestowed by the Greeks, it had been adopted to some extent as a collective name by the tribes of Gaul. The geographer Strabo, writing about Gaul towards the end of the first century BC, refers to the "race which is now called both Gallic and Galatic," though he also uses the term Celtica as a synonym for Gaul, which is separated from Iberia by the Pyrenees. Yet he reports Celtic peoples in Iberia, and also uses the ethnic names Celtiberi and Celtici for peoples there, as distinct from Lusitani and Iberi. Galli might stem from a Celtic ethnic or tribal name originally, perhaps one borrowed into Latin during the Celtic expansions into Italy during the early fifth century BC. Celtic refers to a family of languages and, more generally, means "of the Celts" or "in the style of the Celts". Several archaeological cultures are considered Celtic in nature, based on unique sets of artefacts. The link between language and artefact is aided by the presence of inscriptions. Celtic cultures seem to have been widely diverse, with the use of a Celtic language being the main thing they had in common. These are the regions where four Celtic languages are still spoken to some extent as mother tongues. Celtic regions of Continental Europe are those whose residents claim a Celtic heritage, but where no Celtic language has survived; these areas include the western Iberian Peninsula, i. The Celts of Brittany derive their language from migrating insular Celts, mainly from Wales and Cornwall, and so are grouped accordingly. By the time speakers of Celtic languages entered history around BC, they were already split into several language groups, and spread over much of Western continental Europe, the Iberian Peninsula, Ireland and Britain. The Greek historian Ephorus of Cyme in Asia Minor, writing in the 4th century BC, believed that the Celts came from the islands off the mouth of the Rhine and were "driven from their homes by the frequency of wars and the violent rising of the sea". Hallstatt culture Some scholars think that the Urnfield culture of western Middle Europe represents an origin for the Celts as a distinct cultural branch of the Indo-European family. The Urnfield period saw a dramatic increase in population in the region, probably due to innovations in technology and agriculture. The spread of iron-working led to the development of the Hallstatt culture directly from the Urnfield c. Proto-Celtic, the latest common ancestor of all known Celtic languages, is considered by this school of thought to have been spoken at the time of the late Urnfield or early Hallstatt cultures, in the early 1st millennium BC. The spread of the Celtic languages to Iberia, Ireland and Britain would have occurred during the first half of the 1st millennium BC, the earliest chariot burials in Britain dating to c. Other scholars see Celtic languages as covering Britain and Ireland, and parts of the Continent, long before any evidence of "Celtic" culture is found in archaeology. Over the centuries the language s developed into the separate Celtiberian, Goidelic and Brittonic languages. Early Irish literature casts light on the flavour and tradition of the heroic warrior elites who dominated Celtic societies. Celtic river-names are found in great numbers around the upper reaches of the Danube and Rhine, which led many Celtic scholars to place the ethnogenesis of the Celts in this area. Diodorus Siculus and Strabo both suggest that the heartland of the people they called Celts was in southern France. The former says that the Gauls were to the north of the Celts, but that the Romans referred to both as Gauls in linguistic terms the Gauls were certainly Celts. Atlantic seaboard theory Myles Dillon and Nora Kershaw Chadwick accepted that "the Celtic settlement of the British Isles" might have to be dated to the Bell Beaker culture concluding that "There is no reason why so early a date for the coming of the Celts should be impossible". Using a multidisciplinary approach, Alberto J. Stephen Oppenheimer [42] points out that the only written evidence that locates the Keltoi near the source of the Danube i. However, Oppenheimer shows that Herodotus seemed to believe the Danube rose near the Pyrenees, which would place

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the Ancient Celts in a region which is more in agreement with later classical writers and historians i. Linguistic evidence Further information: Celtiberian inscriptions, using their own Iberian script, appear later, after about BC. Besides epigraphical evidence, an important source of information on early Celtic is toponymy. At the beginning of the 20th century the belief that these "Culture Groups" could be thought of in racial or ethnic terms was strongly held by Gordon Childe whose theory was influenced by the writings of Gustaf Kossinna. It is considered equally difficult to maintain that the origin of the Peninsular Celts can be linked to the preceding Urnfield culture. It developed out of the Hallstatt culture without any definite cultural break, under the impetus of considerable Mediterranean influence from Greek , and later Etruscan civilisations. A shift of settlement centres took place in the 4th century. Frey notes that in the 5th century, "burial customs in the Celtic world were not uniform; rather, localised groups had their own beliefs, which, in consequence, also gave rise to distinct artistic expressions". Borders of the region known as Celtica at time of the Roman conquest c. Historical evidence Polybius published a history of Rome about BC in which he describes the Gauls of Italy and their conflict with Rome. Pausanias in the 2nd century AD says that the Gauls "originally called Celts", "live on the remotest region of Europe on the coast of an enormous tidal sea". Posidonius described the southern Gauls about BC. Though his original work is lost it was used by later writers such as Strabo. Caesar wrote extensively about his Gallic Wars in 58â€”51 BC. Diodorus Siculus wrote about the Celts of Gaul and Britain in his 1st-century history.

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