

László Solymosi, The canonisation of King Ladislaus of Hungary in the late 12th century

Abstract: The canonisation of King Ladislaus of Hungary (1077-1095) is only incompletely documented. Two lengthy periods of absence on the part of Cardinal Gregorius from the Curia during the pontificates of Clement III and Celestine III suggest that he was abroad on a diplomatic mission but give no clue as to its goals. Although there is no evidence for King Ladislaus's canonisation in any charters, including the papal registers and the addressees' archives, it can be assumed that it must have been a prime purpose of these journeys. The paper presents logical reasons for this assumption and a detailed reconstruction of the events and the cardinal's part in the canonisation proceedings. Saint Ladislaus soon became the most popular saint in the medieval kingdom of Hungary.

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