

## December 10 Blessed Jerome of Sant' Angelo in Vado

Blessed Jerome was born in Sant' Angelo in Vado, Italy, at the beginning of the fifteenth century. While still a youth, he entered the Servite monastery in his native town, and after completing his studies he returned there as a priest.

Jerome is best known for his love of silence and solitude, his spirit of prayer, and his ability as a spiritual director. He died about 1468 and his cult was approved by Pius VI in 1775.

*In the hearts of those who discern, wisdom makes her home*

Jerome was born at the beginning of the fifteenth century in Sant'Angelo in Vado, Italy. His deeply Christian parents reared him in the fear of God. As a young man he received the habit of the Servants of Mary in the Servite monastery of his native town. After earning a degree in sacred theology, he was ordained a priest and returned to Sant'Angelo. There he adopted a rigorous life and dedicated himself to penitential practices and prayer, tempering silence and solitude with the duties of community life and works of charity.

While at Sant'Angelo, he held the office of vicar of the Roman Province. About 1450 he helped build the cloistered convent of Saint Mary of Grace for our Servite nuns, including Blessed Victoria, who was also from Sant'Angelo. Jerome was mindful of the needs of the people and was known as a spiritual director. Frederick, Duke of Urbino, held him in great esteem and relied on his advice in important matters, but Jerome wished to dedicate himself only to the Lord and so refused the honors and life of the ducal court.

Jerome died about 1468 and at once people began to come to his grave to seek his intercession. Soon after, as the stories of miracles spread, the people acclaimed him a saint His incorrupt body is preserved under the main altar of the former Servite church in Sant'Angelo in Vado, and even today the faithful continue to venerate it. Pius VI confirmed his cult in 1775.

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, you wondrously endowed Jerome with the gifts of your Spirit. Grant, through his intercession, that, filled with the wisdom of Christ, we may be prudent in all we do. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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