

Medallion I

BLESSED ALBERT OF SARTIANO

INSCRIPTION

BLESSED ALBERT OF SARTIANO, LIKE ANOTHER APOSTLE, TRAVELED THROUGH ITALY, GREECE, EGYPT, AND SYRIA, CONVERTING SINNERS TO PENANCE AND HERETICAL AND SCHISMATIC FAITHFUL TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH... HE OBEYED... OF THE ROMAN CHURCH. THE ARMENIANS... THE MOORS... IN 1450, HE DIED IN MILAN, WHERE HE IS BURIED.

Blessed Albert Berdini of Sartiano was born around 1385. He became a Franciscan in 1405, first as a conventual and later joining the Observance in 1415, possibly influenced by Saint Bernardino of Siena, whom he was both a friend and disciple of (he followed and imitated him in preaching). He founded numerous convents. He was friends with many humanists and was himself an advocate of humanism. He passionately defended classical education, considering it indispensable not only for interpreting Latin and Greek texts but also for the Holy Scriptures. He took Greek courses in Verona, attended by young humanists, then distanced himself to follow Saint Bernardino and dedicate himself to preaching. His education made him particularly capable of addressing the theme of peace, which in cities torn by internal strife was the most challenging. For some time, the Pope allowed him to continue his studies without assigning him burdensome tasks. His name is associated with a refined ecumenical effort, seen in his dialogues with the Greeks, Armenians, Copts, Syrians, and Chaldeans. His rich correspondence (136 letters) is particularly interesting.



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