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BROTHER HUMBLE OF BISIGNANO

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The loss of the caption and the image being halved made it quite complicated to give him a name, even though the presence of the devil directed the research in an unusual but sure direction.

He was born in Bisignano, in the province of Potenza. His baptismal name was Luca. He was twenty years old when he decided to become a Reformed Franciscan. During his vesting ceremony, they called him Humble. Perhaps because he was humble. He had worked on farms, and the observant friars wanted him as a lay brother. The sisters recount that the devil often disturbed him by appearing as a cat, dog, or wolf. Pope Urban VIII chose him as his advisor in Rome. When he fell ill, he wished to return to the convent in his hometown, where he died in 1637.

He was beatified in 1882 and was proclaimed a saint in 2002 by Pope John Paul II.

IT IS SAID THAT...

Once, when Brother Humble was ill, a doctor entered his cell. "Praised be Jesus and Mary," he greeted Brother Humble.

"If you want to be my friend, do not pronounce these names anymore," the doctor replied. Brother Humble, who was often tormented by the devil, understood that it was him and began repeating:

"Praised be Jesus and Mary! Praised be Jesus and Mary!" until the diabolical doctor disappeared.



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