

# Saint Casimir

October 3, 1458 - March 4, 1484

Feast Day - March 4



A teenaged conscientious objector is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania. Casimir, born of kings and in line (3rd among 13 children) to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. Casimir lived, already as a teenager, a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy. Casimir reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 23 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was already Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilna Lithuania. Casimir had a great love for the Mother of God, and often sang the hymn "Daily, Daily, Sing to Mary" – he asked that a copy of the song be buried with him.