

Saint Stanislaus of Cracow

Bishop and Martyr

(July 26, 1030 - April 11, 1079)

Feast Day - April 11



Anyone who reads the history of Eastern Europe cannot help but read of Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic Bishop of Cracow, a favorite patron of Poland. Born in Szczepanow near Cracow on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after schooling in Gniezno. He was a great preacher and brought about many conversions. He became the Bishop of Cracow in 1072. He was very outspoken about the evils of his times especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II. Stanislaus preaching brought about the king's temporary repentance. Later the king returned to his former ways and himself killed Bishop Stanislaus. The king was forced then to a Benedictine abbey in Osiak Hungry.