

CARTHUSIANS

Carthusian Order

FOUNDER

Saint Bruno of Cologne studied at the Cathedral school in Rheims, France. In 1056, he became a professor of theology. Bruno then chose to become a hermit, and with six companions, they were assigned a place for their hermitages in a desolate, mountainous area in 1084. They built an oratory and individual cells and thus began the Carthusian Order. They roughly followed the rule of St. Benedict, embracing a life of poverty, manual work, prayer, and transcribing manuscripts. Saint Bruno was never formally canonized because of the Carthusians' aversion to public honors. However, Pope Leo X granted the Carthusians permission to celebrate his feast day on October 6th in 1514.

MOTTO

"Stat crux dum volvitur orbis"

"The Cross is steady while the world is turning"

TYPE

The Carthusians are a Monastic Religious Order. Monastics are monks or nuns that live and work in a monastery that recite the Divine Office.

HABIT

Carthusians wear a white habit. The men do not wear a beard, and their hair is shaved except for a narrow strip round the head.

COAT OF ARMS



NOTABLE SAINTS

- **St. Hugh of Lincoln** (1140-1220) The first Carthusian to be canonized, St. Hugh of Lincoln is the patron saint of sick children, sick people, shoemakers, and swans. His feast day is November 17th.

SPIRITUALITY

The characteristics of Carthusian spirituality include contemplation, a vocation of solitude, and a mixture of solitary and community life.

QUOTATION

"By your work you show what you love and what you know."
- Saint Bruno of Cologne

