St. Bardo



Benedictine archbishop and official of the Holy Roman Empire. He was born in Oppershafen, Wetterau, Germany, in about 982. Educated at Fulda Abbey, he became a Benedictine and was made the abbot of two monasteries, becoming the archbishop of Mainz in 1031. He served as chancellor and chief almoner alms distributor for the empire. Pope St. Leo IX advised Bardo to lighten his duties and relax some of his personal austerities and mortifications.