

# SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. John of Capistrano was born in Italy in 1385. He practiced law and was appointed governor of Perugia. He studied under the Franciscans and began preaching in 1420 all through eastern Europe and Russia.

He was appointed by the Pope to lead a large Christian army against Mohammed II. The invaders were defeated in the battle of Belgrade.

Worn out from the battle, he was taken by the bubonic plague. He died in 1486 in the Franciscan Monastery of Villach, Austria.

He is known as the "Soldier Saint" and is patron of judges, lawyers and military chaplains.



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