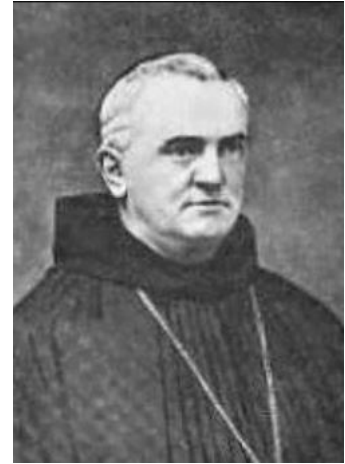


Hildebrand of Hemptinne

Benedictine Abbot
(1849-1913)

He was born Félix de Hemptinne on June 10, 1849 in Ghent, Belgium, and died on August 13, 1913 at Beuron Abbey, Germany. He was a Belgian Benedictine monk and priest, abbot of Maredsous and first abbot-primate of the Benedictine confederation desired by Leo XIII.



He was the son of Count Joseph de Hemptinne (1822-1909), textile industrialist in Ghent and ultramontane, joined the pontifical Zouaves of Pius IX at the age of sixteen.

Returning to Belgium, he entered the abbey of Beuron as a novice where he took his vows and took the religious name of Hildebrand, on Assumption Day, August 15, 1870. He was ordained a priest two years later. Her sister Agnès was the founder of Maredret Abbey under the name Cécile (born in Ghent on April 13, 1870, died in Sosoye on May 23, 1948).

He became abbot of Maredsous Abbey in 1890 (until 1909) and three years later was appointed first abbot-primate of the new Benedictine confederation formed according to the pressing desires of Pope Leo XIII. Taking up residence in Rome, he was the effective founder, in 1886, of the Saint-Anselme college, where he resided.

In 1890, he began construction, on Mount Aventine, of the new buildings and the church of the Saint-Anselme college. He is assisted by Fidelis von Stotzingen. In 1897, Leo XIII entrusted the Pontifical Greek College to the Benedictine Order, Hildebrand de Hemptinne effectively became its director.

Sensing his end near, he had Fidelis von Stotzingen appointed as coadjutor and died three months, on August 13, 1913, in Beuron, where he had retired.

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