

# WOMEN PATRONS OF EUROPE AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

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## SAINT BRIGID

Church of Santa Brigida  
Piazza Farnese, 96

In Piazza Farnese, where the church dedicated to her now stands, St Brigid lived from 1350 onwards with her daughter Catherine. In the convent complex which is run by the Bridgettine Sisters you can still visit the rooms where the Swedish saint lived.



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## SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva  
Piazza della Minerva, 42

There is a special link between the Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva and the figure of St Catherine of Siena. Catherine's Dominican vocation led her to join the Order of St Dominic. Catherine lived out her last years in the convent area where she died and was buried in 1380.



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## SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Basilica di Santa Cecilia in Trastevere  
Piazza di Santa Cecilia, 22

There is a special link between the figure of St Cecilia the martyr to whom the ancient Roman basilica is dedicated and St Hildegard of Bingen: both saints found in music a form of art that was able to speak of God and serve mankind for his greater glory.



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Via della Conciliazione, 7

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## SAINT TERESA OF LISIEUX

Church of SS. Trinità dei Monti  
Piazza della Trinità dei Monti, 3



There is a special link between the church of the Trinità dei Monti at the Spanish steps and the French nation: from as far back as 1494, the convent attached to the church received regular support from across the Alps. For this reason we feel a strong link here to St Therese of Lisieux, a French Carmelite and Patroness of the Missions.

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SAINT TERESA OF AVILA  
Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria  
Via Venti Settembre, 17b

An extraordinary work of art links the Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria to St Teresa of Avila. The building, which was originally built as a Carmelite church, houses one of the most significant sculptures of the saint, the famous "Ecstasy of St Teresa" completed in 1652 by Gian Lorenzo Bernini.



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## SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

Basilica di Sant'Agostino  
Piazza di S. Agostino

"No-one ever penetrated the depths of his soul as St Augustine did in his Confessions." Thus wrote St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, (in the world Edith Stein) about the great Doctor of the Church, St Augustine of Hippo. What links the two saints is an awareness that there can be no faith without reason and no consecration of self to God without the involvement of the human intellect. The Church of St Augustine is the ideal place to remember this saintly philosopher and theologian.



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**MB** Metro B

