

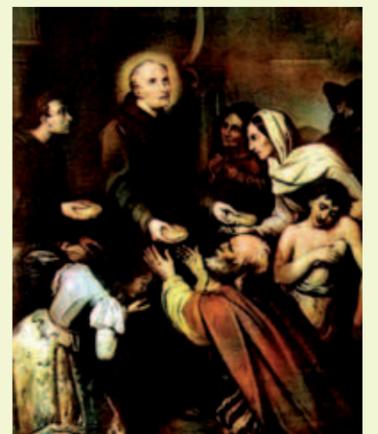
# Juan Grande Roman

1546-1600

*Another soul familiar with frequent angelic intercession is Brother Juan Grande. He was born in Carmona (Spain) in 1546 and after a brief eremitical (hermit) experience, he decided to dedicate himself to helping his neighbor. He took himself to Jerez where he began his ministry to prisoners.*

He immediately focused his attention on the sanitary conditions and was assigned to the infirmary for the sick who had been refused by hospitals. Soon some disciples joined him and in 1574 he decided to organize his own fraternity similar to that at Granada by Saint John of God. Clothed in the habit

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During the final months of his life, he undertook the care of the plague victims when Andalusia was struck by the epidemic. Once after he had visited the sick and was returning to his community at Jerez of the Frontier, he was walking with great difficulty through a deserted countryside. He came across a warm and steaming loaf of bread on

fresh water. They spoke for awhile and the stranger disappeared.

In 1600, when the plague struck Seville, Juan Grande was returning to Jerez with his companion, Juan Batista Baeza, after nursing and healing the sick. Exhausted and hungry, the two religious saw a hut with an open door; they entered. On the table there were two loaves of bread and a pitcher of cold water and, in a corner, a bale of hay and a measure of oats.

After they had eaten and were strengthened, they renewed their journey with their mule which also had eaten. They took a few steps and the hut disappeared!