

# The Secret Saints of the Cecilites

Few know this, but the Cecilites have their own saints. For centuries, members of the Order have been covertly recognized by the Papacy as being worthy of veneration, just not by the laity. Those who have stood strong against the spiritual influence and physical manifestations of Satan, often at the cost of their own lives, are recognized for their piety and heroism, and thus become available to intercede in the lives of the living through prayer, miracles, and holy relics.

The secret saints of the Cecilites include:

- **St. Cecil.** The legendary founder of the Order who confronted and defeated a Moorish sorcerer in the 13th century. He may intercede by giving a bonus to actions against “Saracen sorcery”, as well as a less impressive bonus to actions against sorcery in general.
- **St. Moderata.** During the Western Schism of 1378–1417, the Cecilites were divided by loyalty to the Papacies of Rome and Avignon (later, Pisa as well). Differing perspectives on magick led to bloodshed, until the nun Moderata of Florence intervened with sound theological argument to keep the Order from tearing itself apart. She was excommunicated and burned at the stake by political enemies, only to be secretly canonized a year later. She may intercede by giving a bonus to attempts to convince another Cecilite of the right course of action.
- **St. Jean-Joseph the Exorcist.** Known to official history as a Jesuit, Jean-Joseph Surin was a 17th century exorcist famed for taking on the demonic possessions afflicting an entire nunnery unto himself. He may intercede by giving a bonus to an attempt at exorcism, but only by the Cecilite taking on the demon themselves.
- **St. Charles Carroll.** The only Catholic signatory of the Declaration of Independence, Carroll was secretly a Cecilite who helped to prevent the founding document of the new nation from falling under the influence of the occult cabal known as the Path of Indelible Liberty. He may intercede in actions taken against secularists and lovers of temporal “freedom”.
- **St. Chiarina Disegni.** Her charismatic powers afforded her protection from the Order despite her Jewish heritage during the Second World War, and she was instrumental in dramatically foiling an attempt by Nazi Phobomancers to pillage the Vatican’s secret library in 1943. A lot of people assume she was martyred in the process, but she actually lived until the early 70s. She may intercede in actions taken against Nazis, Phobomancers, and their ilk.

Traditionally, the blessed who have not been canonized are celebrated on All Saint’s Day, but the secret saints do not fall under this category. Traditionally, the Cecilites honor their saints on All Hallow’s Eve through somber, private ceremonies. There is good evidence that the intercession of

these saints is stronger on Halloween, but the Order does not like to talk about that because it smells of pagan implications.

### Intercession

Efficacious prayer or *dulia* to a secret saint must be done through a relevant Identity, usually Cecilite or just Catholic; a base ability cannot be rolled. The results of the intercession in game terms varies, but it is equivalent to a sticky Boon, or provides a flip-flop or reroll, or much more rarely an outright supernatural effect like a vision. A Cecilite may have a bonus to their intercession roll if they have a relic of the saint in question. As far as the Order is concerned, this isn't magick, these are God's miracles.

### Seeds

- You're a bunch of magickal weirdos. Five years ago, you killed a Cecilite, but it's ok – he was a hypocritical, heretical piece of shit. But the way it went down means the Order believes that every shitty thing he did to you and yours was in the name of God fighting Satanic forces, and that he died a martyrs' death. Now you've heard that the Order in Italy is sending out a bishop to determine whether the motherfucker deserves to be recognized as *Servus Dei*, a Servant of God, the first step in the admittedly long road to canonization. Even though you know nobody other than other Cecilites will ever know of the beatification, there's no way you're going to let that cocksucking reprobate become a saint. You need to figure out a way to convince the bishop that the guy wasn't who he purported to be, even though you're literally the last people the Catholic Church is ever going to listen to.
- You're Cecilites. An underutilized piece of property owned by the Catholic Church has housed a relic of a secret saint for decades, being a discreet place that Cecilites can make a pilgrimage to give reverence to help them pursue their holy mission. It has recently come to the attention of the Order that the relic, a physical body part kept in a glass case, has been stolen and replaced with a counterfeit. The relic needs to be retrieved for the sake of it, but also because the nature of the saint's intercession has suddenly become vital to the Order's local operations against the satanic underground. Complicating this whole investigation is an admittedly noble group which is pushing to utilize unused Catholic land to build affordable housing for the unfortunate, and is stomping all around the hidden reliquary threatening to set off near-forgotten magickal defenses.