Peter Von Rosenheim (1380 – 1433)



He was born in Rosenheim in c. 1380; after studying in Vienna, he then became a monk in Subiaco, then in Mondragone, and took part in the Council of Constance. He was Prior of the reformed monastery of Melk from 1418 to 1423 and spread the reform of Melk and Subiaco throughout Southern Germany, introducing it among others in Tegernsee and Bauern. He was always travelling because of his ideals of monastic reform and his duties as a preacher, and finally in 1432-33 he arrived in Basel, where he participated in the council and preached against the Hussites. He composed a Roseum memoriale divinorum eloquiorum because of the requirements of his work, which as a poetic and mnemonic summa became widespread in the 15th century. The work consists of Latin memorial verses on the Holy Scriptures. Each chapter of the Old and New Testament is indicated with a couplet based on its main content, so that every Bible quotation could be easily found through these verses. His works include a Carmen de morte, an Opus sermonum de tempore and other minor works.