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*Hildefonsus of Toledo*

*We should truly love Holy Mary, good men, as she gives her blessings and her gifts to those who trust in her.*

Great good sense was not all she gave to a prelate of hers, who was primate of all Spain, called Alfonso. She also gave him a special vestment which she brought from heaven, perfectly made for him, because he had devoted his mind to praising her day and night.

As we truly find, he made good use of his words and his worthy writings on the virginity of that most holy Lady, to restore her devotion in Spain to what it had been before heretics diminished it.

First this Lady had shown him the greatest miracle ever, when he had been walking in the procession with king Receswinth, and Saint Leocadia appeared to them, and when the King cut away her shroud she said, "O holy Alfonso, my Lady lives through you."

And since the Glorious one knew him as strong and fearless in the praise of her precious virginity in Toledo, the holy and blessed Virgin gave him an alb to wear on her feast days, and when she gave it to him, she said, "This is a gift from my Son."

And when she had given him this special and beautiful gift, she said, "By God, it would be a mad and proud man who occupied your throne when you are no longer there. andr who for whatever reason tried to put on this alb, for God would punish him."

After this confessor of Christ departed this world, the unfortunate Siagrio was then archbishop, and he took the alb to his cost, for when he dared to put on that garment, he died and was damned at once, just as the Virgin had said.

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