

...coming from Bertinoro – to the Lake Balaton

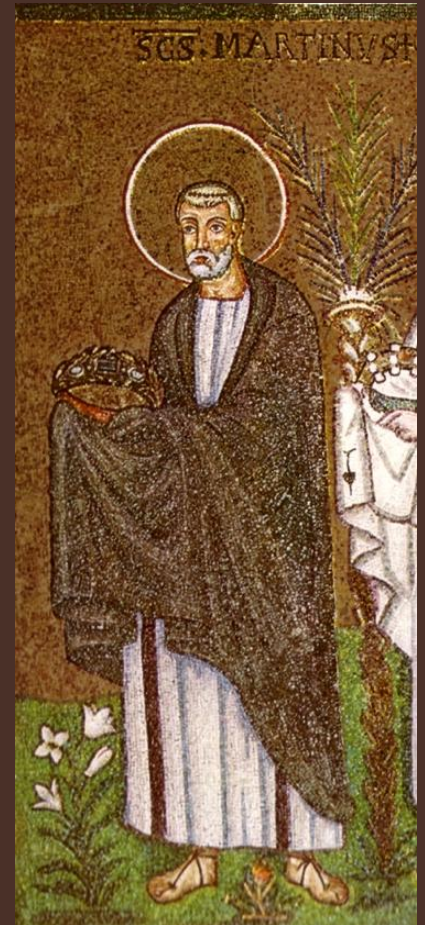
Saint Martin – Theodoric the Great – Bernard Lievegoed

A memorable event of the cultural day at the 2025 ASD Conference in Italy was the visit to the mosaics of Ravenna, one of which depicts Saint Martin.

He is the same Saint Martin who is known as Saint Martin of Tours, born in the Roman province of Pannonia, in the city of Savaria – located in what is today the western part of Hungary.

In Hungary, the cult of Saint Martin is deeply rooted. It is likely that his veneration existed even before the conquest of the Carpathian Basin, and King Saint Stephen, the founder of the Hungarian state, further strengthened this tradition by having Saint Martin's image embroidered on his banner. In Waldorf schools, Saint Martin's Day is one of the important festivals in the cycle of the year.

During the Middle Ages, after the Virgin Mary, Saint Martin was the most frequently dedicated patron of churches, and several pilgrimage routes preserve his memory, connecting various regions of the country.



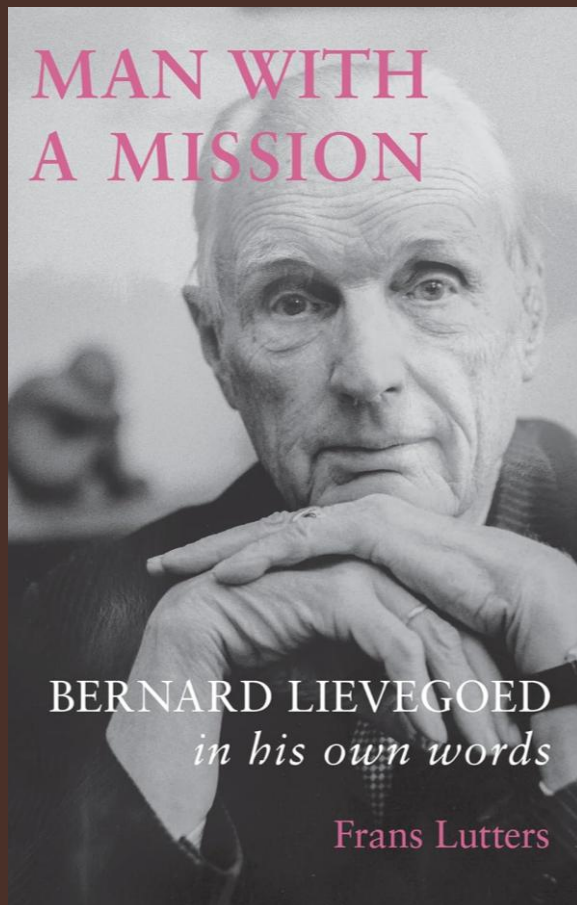
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Another connection to Ravenna: Theodoric the Great.

Theodoric the Great was born in the western corner of Lake Balaton (present-day Fenékpuszta ▽), and during his reign he brought thirty years of peace to Italy, which had been in turmoil in the 6th century. He spent his childhood and youth at his father's royal court on the shores of Lake Balaton. The region around Lake Balaton was an important area during the Roman era. Situated far from the frontier, with its clear springs, deep thermal waters, favorable climate, and fertile soil, it was considered an ideal place to live.

(■ fortresses along the Danube, ● cities, ▲ important centers)



The Balaton region also played a formative role in Bernard Lievegoed's spiritual life, as described in Frans Lutters' newly published book on his life.

"Bernard Lievegoed had an inner connection to the region of Lake Balaton. He lived with the impuls of the Goths, connected to the Norderm mystery stream."

„A great part of my biography on Bernard Lievegoed I wrote in Hungary.

I love the country and its people. It has a friendly and safe atmosphere. Always when we come from the Netherlands to in our home not far from the Danube, our heart opens up in a peacefull and sensitive atmosphere, while warmly received by the people and friends in our village.

You will experience a modern country with many open minded people."

Frans Lutters: Man with a mission, Bernard Lievegoed in his own words, 2025 NY SteinerBooks