

= Bosa of York =

Bosa (died c . 705) was an Anglo @-@ Saxon Bishop of York during the 7th and early 8th centuries . He was educated at Whitby Abbey , where he became a monk . Following Wilfrid 's removal from York in 678 the diocese was divided into three , leaving a greatly reduced see of York , to which Bosa was appointed bishop . He was himself removed in 687 and replaced by Wilfrid , but in 691 Wilfrid was once more ejected and Bosa returned to the see . He died in about 705 , and subsequently appears as a saint in an 8th @-@ century liturgical calendar .

= = Life = =

Bosa was a Northumbrian , educated at Whitby Abbey under the abbess Hilda . He subsequently joined the monastery as a monk , and became one of five men educated at Whitby who went on to become bishops .

In 678 , after Wilfrid was removed from the bishopric of York and banished from Northumbria , the diocese of York was divided into three . Bosa was appointed to the now greatly reduced diocese of York , which included the sub @-@ kingdom of Deira , thanks to the support of King Ecgrith of Northumbria and Theodore of Tarsus , the Archbishop of Canterbury . Bosa was consecrated in his cathedral at York in 678 by Theodore , but Wilfrid declared that he was unable to work with Bosa because he did not consider him to be a member of the Catholic Church . Bosa 's episcopate lasted nine years , but with Wilfrid back in favour , in 687 Bosa was removed just as his predecessor had been . He returned to York in 691 , after Wilfrid was once again expelled . While bishop , Bosa introduced a communal life for the clergy of the cathedral , and set up a continuous liturgy in the cathedral .

= = Death and legacy = =

The date of Bosa 's death is unknown ; he was still alive in 704 but must have died before 706 , when his successor was named . His successor at York was John of Beverley , the Bishop of Hexham . A contemporary writer , Bede , praised Bosa as a man of " singular merit and sanctity " . Bede also praised Bosa 's humility . Bosa was also responsible for the early education of Acca , later Bishop of Hexham , who grew up in his household .

Bosa appears as a saint in an 8th @-@ century liturgical calendar from York , the only sign that he was venerated as a saint before the Norman Conquest of England . The 16th @-@ century English antiquary John Leland included Bosa in his list of saint 's resting places in England , giving it as York . Bosa 's feast day is 9 March .