

Rose of Viterbo tried to start her own convent at the age of 15 but failed. She wanted to pray and help the poor. At the age of 10, she began preaching about Jesus in the streets of her city, Viterbo, which was then in revolt against the pope. She took the Pope's side against the emperor, leading to her family's exile. When the Pope won in Viterbo, they were allowed to return.

She returned to a life of prayer and penance in her father's home, where she died in 1251. Rose was canonized in 1457. Her feast day is March 6; she is

the patron of florists and flowers.

A children's film about her, can be found **HERE**