

The first devotion to San Gerlando took place in the year 1101 during the reign of Roger I until the end of 1250 during the reign of Frederick II.

During this period religious culture turns its attention towards the saints. Devotion is closely linked to the body of saints which is believed to produce miracles. Then let's move on to the veneration of the Saint seen as a "glorious body", because he meen as an imitation of Christ. The medieval devotion of that time presents two stages: The first is the translation of the body into a relic (1154-1171). The second stage refers to shifting of people's attention from the body relic to the one depicted and described as the life of the Saint, that is legend (1240-1264).



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