

THE HUMILIATI - ORIGIN OF THE NAME

Italian for "The Humble Ones"

A twelfth-century association of lay-penitents combining the prosecution of gospel ideals with the avowed application of Christian principles to economic practices. Although living in normal, family relationships, they frequently gathered in common assembly for mutual edification, social and spiritual. Denied, by the Papacy, the full exercise of their renunciatory dedication, they led a checkered career of heresy and orthodox monastic vocations.

-Encyclopedia of Religion, V. Ferm, ed.