

EUROPE'S OLDEST CONFRATERNITIES

Italy¹: *Arciconfraternita di S. Michele Arcangelo*; Cerami; **1070**

Spain²: *Real Cofradía de la Santa Caridad*; Toledo; **1085**

Belgium: *Confrérie Notre-Dame de Tongre*; Chièvres; **1093**

Malta: *Confraternity of St. Joseph*; Birgu; **1103**

France³: *Dévote et Royale Compagnie des Pénitents Gris d'Avignon*; **1226**

Portugal: *Irmandade de San Crispim e de San Crispiniano*; Braga; **1269**

Holland: *Confraternity of the Holy Christmas*; Haarlem; **1317**

Germany⁴: *Sebastiansbruderschaft*; Allersberg; **1333**

Switzerland⁵: *Immaculée Conception*; Romont; **1336**

Austria: *Bruderschaft St. Christoph*; St. Christoph am Arlberg; **1386**

Poland: *Bratwo Aniołów Stróżów* (Guardian Angels); Częstochowa; **1626**

England: *Confraternity of the Most Precious Blood*; London; **1850**

¹ Second-oldest: *Confraternita della Santa Croce*; Orte; **1159**

² Second-oldest: *Hermanidad del Silencio*; Sevilla, **1340**

³ Another very old French confraternity: *Confrérie de Saint Claude*, créée en **1040**, devenue *Compagnie des Pénitents Bleus de Montpellier* à partir de 1746.

⁴ Second-oldest: *Elendenbruderschaft* (Confr. of Misery); Paderborn; **1349**

⁵ Second oldest: *Antoniusbruderschaft*; St. German; **1361**