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7 **Abstract**

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10 The Abbey of Santa Maria di Rovegnano is a Cistercian
11 monastic complex in the Milan metropolitan area, Lom-
AQ4 bardy, northern Italy. It was consecrated on 2 May 1221.
13 Works continued in the thirteenth century with the first
14 cloister, south of the church, and, in the fourteenth century,
15 the crossing tower and the refectory. The brothers Gio-
16 vanni Battista and Giovanni Mauro della Rovere, called ‘i
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Fiammenghini’, decorated the interior walls of the church
with the frescoes which are still visible today. In a large **AQ5**
fresco, which narrates brutal episodes of torture against Cir-
tercian monks, in the right corner of the background an ugly
aggressor with a huge goiter, symbol of evil and sin, attacks
a monk with a sword (Fig. 1) [1, 2].

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Fig. 1 Giovan Battista and Giovan Mauro della Rovere (also called i Fiammenghini) (1615), Martyrdom of St. Casimir and the monks of Olivia in Prussia, detail. Abbey of Santa Maria di Rovignano (Chiaravalle Abbey)

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