

## Dom Louis de La Tour: A Carthusian Poet

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Dom Louis de La Tour, also known as Torius, Torrius, or Turrianus, was professed as a Carthusian at the charterhouse of Liège. He was vicar at Bois Le Duc in 1599, and *hospes* at Lierre from 1611 onwards, where he was sacristan 1614-1621, when he became antiquior. He died on 4 January 1625. He was an eloquent poet, though much of his verse was written for specific occasions. In 1597 he published *Generales omnes ordinis cartusiani a Divo Brunone ... carmine numerali descripti* at Cologne, of which a corrected edition was printed in Würzburg in 1606. In 1608 "Torrius Arnoldi cecinit", 23 distichs, followed at Cologne, prefaced to Bostius, *Opusculum de præcipuis aliquot Cartusianæ familiæ Patribus e tenebris erutum studio et labore F. Theodori Petrei*. In 1609 he printed "Civitati Ruremundæ suum rev. antistitem doctorem sacræ theologiæ Henricum Cuyckium et encomiasten historiographum ejusdem facultatis doctorem Arnoldum havensium, cartusiæ Gandavensis priorem notiss. F. Ludovicus Torrius cartusianus hac ode horatiana congratulabatur", in A. Havens, *Commentarius de erectione novorum in Belgia episcopatum* at Cologne (pp. 247-50). In 1613 an "Ode in Fr. Petri Daems Encomiasticum solitudinis cartusianæ", prefaced to Petrus Daems, *Encomiasticum solitudinis cartusianæ cum gratulatione ad Henricum de Ram, eiusdem ordinis candidatus*, followed at Antwerp, and in 1618 he contributed 16 distichs "In novam editionem Vitæ Christi Ludolphi cartusiani epigramma", prefaced to the new Antwerp edition of Ludolph, and finally "Edyllion in honorem D. Guillelmi Lindani, episcopi Gandavensis", prefaced to Lindanus, *Faciculus poenitentiae*, edited by Petreius, also in 1618.

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