Named Inquisitor for the region of Lombardy (1242) he saw concentrated upon himself the implacable hatred of the heretics: one of their hired killers assassinated him on the 6th of April 1252 on the road between Como and Milan (near Seveso). Pope Innocent IV canonized him eleven months after his martyrdom. No eulogy can compare itself to that which we find in the "Dialogue on Divine Providence" in which Jesus communicates to Saint Catherine of Siena the following words (p. 158): “Look also at Peter, virgin and martyr, who with his blood brought light to the darkness of many heresies: he detested heresy so much that he was ready to lose his life. And while he was alive, his continual attention was that of prayer, preaching, disputing with heretics, and hearing confessions, announcing the truth and propagating the faith without any fear. And not only during his life, but also at the point of death, as his voice was giving out and having run out of ink, he dipped his finger in his blood: but not having paper, this glorious martyr bent over and wrote on the ground his act of faith, ‘I believe in God’. His heart was afire in the furnace of My charity, and this is why he did not slow his step or look back when he understood he was to die – before he died, in fact, I revealed his end to him – but, like a true knight without any servile fear, he marched out, right onto the field of battle.”

The life of Saint Peter of Verona was written several years after his death by one of his old apostolic companions,