



How did he get his name?

15th century legend says he received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura", O good fortune!



Quick Facts

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Born.....1221

Hometown.....Bagnoregio, Italy

Died.....July 15, 1274

Feast Day..... July 15

Patron Saint.....Bowel Disorders

His Life

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- Enters the Franciscan order at age 22
 - Becomes friends with Thomas Aquinas
 - Receive their Doctorate degrees, allowing Aquinas to receive his first
 - Chosen to be the General of his order at age 35
 - Composed a book, The Life of Saint Francis
 - Appointed the Cardinal and Bishop of Albano
 - Helped to unite the Greek and Latin Churches
 - Died under suspicious circumstances
 - Canonized in 1482
 - Declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Sixtus V

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“When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the proceedings from the mouth”

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HOUSE BONAVENTURE

Pax et bonum! Deus meus et omnia!



Quotes by Bonaventure

"If you do not know your own dignity and condition, you cannot value anything at its proper worth."

"That heart is free which is held by no love other than the love of God."

"In all your deeds and words you should look upon this Jesus as your model. Do so whether you are walking or keeping silence, or speaking, whether you are alone or with others. He is perfect, and thus you will be not only irreprehensible, but praiseworthy."

Bonaventure House Values

The House of Bonaventure embodies the Franciscan value of service to others, therefore we place the needs of our brothers and sisters above our own.

The House of Bonaventure acknowledges the importance of a relationship with Christ, therefore we honor the words uttered by St. Francis, "*Deus meus et omnia*", meaning "My God and My All"

The House of Bonaventure recognizes that knowledge should lead to a fuller, more contemplative life, therefore we don't celebrate learning for learning's sake, we pursue knowledge for the sake of truth.

The House of Bonaventure exemplifies the Franciscan characteristic of showing compassion to all, therefore we continually strive to create a caring community, freely sharing the gifts entrusted to us with those in need.

The House of Bonaventure realizes the dignity of every individual, therefore we recognize and affirm the personal gifts and talents of each person and celebrate the gift of rich diversity present among us.

Prayer of St. Bonaventure



Pierce, O most sweet Lord Jesus, my inmost soul with the most joyous and healthful wound of Thy love, and with true, calm and most holy apostolic charity, that my soul may ever languish and melt with entire love and longing for Thee, may yearn for Thee and for thy courts, may long to be dissolved and to be with Thee.

Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the Bread of Angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and super substantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delightful taste.

May my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, Whom the angels desire to look upon, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor; may it ever thirst for Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the fullness of the house of God;

may it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, come up to Thee, meditate on Thee, speak of Thee, and do all for the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, with perseverance to the end; and be Thou alone ever my hope, my entire confidence, my riches, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquility, my peace, my sweetness, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession, my treasure; in Whom may my mind and my heart be ever fixed and firm and rooted immovably. **Amen.**