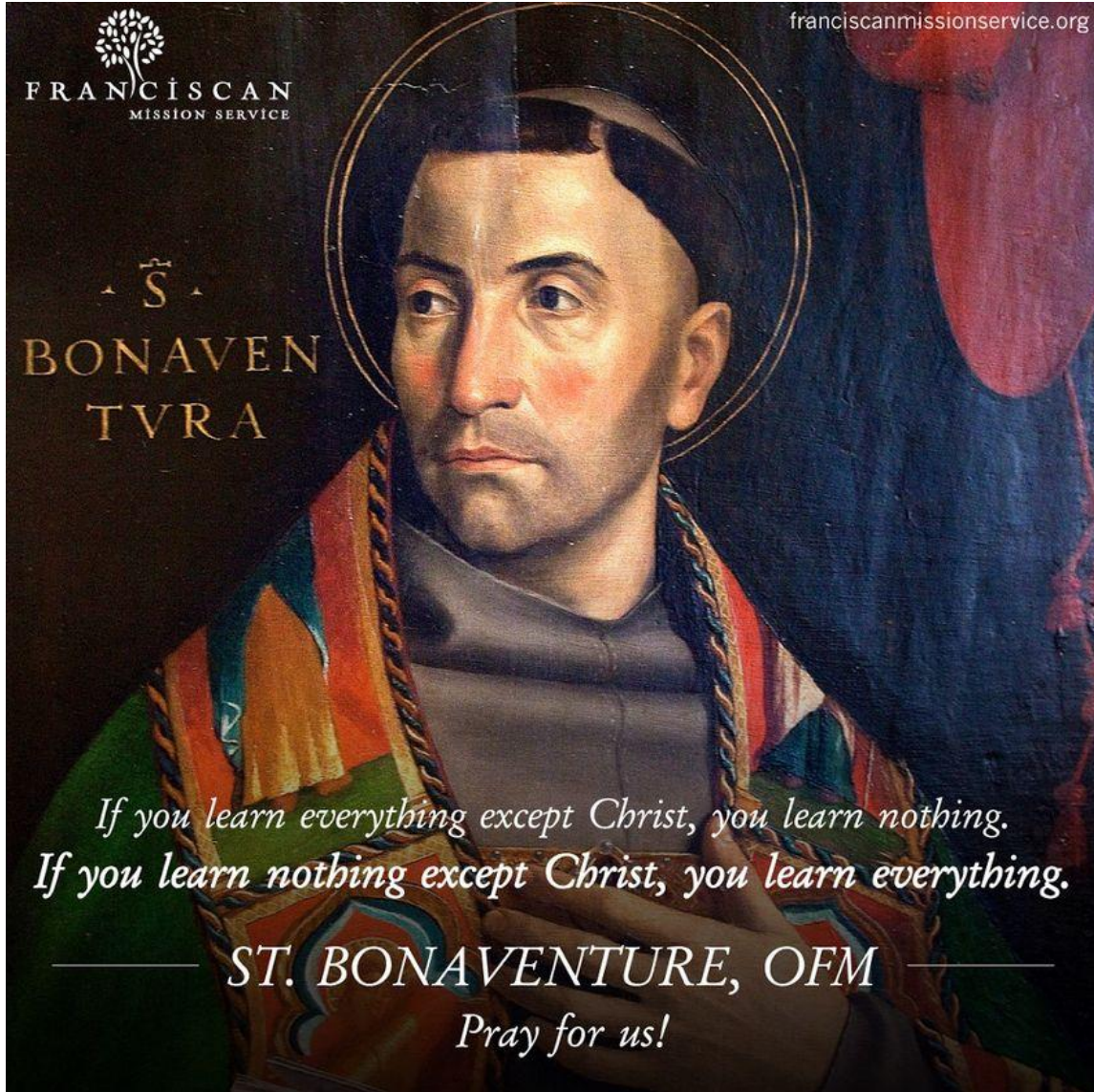


Saint Bonaventure, OFM

healed in prayer by Saint Francis of Assisi as a child, inspired Friar,
Minister General of Franciscans, peacemaker within his Order, humble
servant Bishop & Cardinal, theologian, Doctor of The Church, authored
definitive biography "The Life of Saint Francis," the "Seraphic Doctor"
(1221 - 1274 AD)



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“Bonaventure was born in Bagnoreggio, Italy, in 1221. He entered the Franciscans in 1243 and pursued studies in Paris, rising to the level of Master. At the age of 36, he was elected Minister General of the Franciscan Order.

His many learned writings earned him the title of ‘Seraphic Doctor,’ a reference to Saint Francis’s Mystical Vision of The Crucified CHRIST in the form of a seraph [the highest rank in GOD’s Angels].

Of Bonaventure, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the whole of his thinking was profoundly CHRISTocentric." * May we, too come to the place in our faith journeys where our Lord JESUS CHRIST is The Center and Object of all who we are, think, say and do.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7Alf--i1Y0>

28 Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I AM meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

a meditation, “The Lord Who Promises Rest.” by Saint Bonaventure.

“Forty days after The Lord’s Resurrection, The Good Master, having shared a meal with His disciples, went up with them to Mount Olivet. There, “He raised His hands and blessed them and a Cloud took Him from their sight,” and He disappeared [into Heaven] (LUKE 24:5-51; ACTS 1:9).

Thus He “ascended on High, and has led captivity captive” (PSALM 68:19), and The Gates of Heaven now being open. He led The Way for those who were to follow Him, and introduced the exiles into The Kingdom.

He made them fellow citizens of the angels and members of GOD’s Household, compensating for the angels’ fall, increasing His Father’s Honor, and revealing Himself as Triumphant Victor, The Lord of Hosts.

While the angels sang and the saints exulted for joy, The GOD and Lord of angels and men rode on the heights of the ancient heavens, borne on the wings aloft and came to rest at The Right Hand of The Father, having become so much superior to the angels as “He has inherited a more excellent Name than they” (HEBREWS 1:4).

And there, at the same time, He appeared before The Face of GOD on our behalf (HEBREWS 9:24). For it was fitting that we should have such a “High Priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, set aside from sinners and higher than the heavens” (HEBREWS 7:26), so that, seated at The Right Hand of Majesty, He might show His Father the scars of The Glorious Wounds He had suffered for our sake.

May every tongue give thanks to You, O Lord our Father, for the ineffable [indescribable] Gift of Your most generous Love. Indeed, You have not spared even Your Own Son, but have delivered Him for us all unto death, so that we might have a great and faithful Advocate in Heaven before Your Face.” +

*[“Saint Bonaventure, Memorial. The Magnificat, 7/15/2021, p 191.]

+ [“The Lord Who Promises Rest.” Saint Bonaventure. The Magnificat, 7/15/2021, Meditation of the Day, p 194-195.]