Saint Bonaventure of Bagnoregio

Little is known about the childhood of St. Bonaventure. He entered the Franciscan Order in 1243, studied at the University of Paris, and was elected Archbishop of York in 1265. Out of humility, Bonaventure resigned from the post even before he could be installed as the archbishop. Bonaventure was a prolific writer and many documents are believed to have been written by St. Bonaventure. He is considered to be one of the great thinkers of the Middle Ages along with St. Thomas Aquinas. He believed in the Platonic Doctrine which states that ideals do not exist in a vacuum, but as ideals exemplified by the Divine Being according to which all things were made. St. Bonaventure shows us how to use God’s way in our thoughts and choices as we search for the right choices in our lives.

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