

## Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**St. Bonaventure** (1221 – 15 July 1274), born **Giovanni di Fidanza**, was an Italian Catholic Franciscan, Bishop, Cardinal, Scholastic Theologian and Philosopher.

The seventh [Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor](#), he also served for a time as [Bishop of Albano](#). He was canonised on 14 April 1482 by [Pope Sixtus IV](#) and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by [Pope Sixtus V](#). He is known as the “Seraphic Doctor”. Many writings believed in the Middle Ages to be his are now collected under the name [Pseudo-Bonaventure](#).