

COMMENTS ON ITINERARIUM BY FORMER RETREATANTS

The Bonaventure "Journey" Retreat gives us a new foundation for reclaiming the riches of our Franciscan spiritual theology in service of evangelical life. Our sisters find the immersion in an experiential exploration of the way of Franciscan prayer an extraordinary personal and communal experience.

Margaret Carney, OSF, STD

Former General Superior Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God
President of St. Bonaventure University NY

Bypassing the purely intellectual and philosophical approaches, Andre and Josef lead us into the "Journey" in a truly Franciscan spirit of simplicity and delightful discovery. Pointing out all along the way the signs of God's love and their meaning they help us to see, taste and feel God, creation and ourselves in a new light. These two spiritual teachers seem to have touched the heart of Bonaventure's message, the wisdom which Francis' life revealed to the Seraphic Doctor.

Elizabeth Enoch, OSC +
New York Monastery

It was exciting to learn that the universal journey to God was available to me with the Franciscan flavor of the Itinerarium. Andre and Josef's presentations and liturgies moved me along with Francis' footsteps. Clare's contemplative spirit helped to enlighten the way that I feel God, through Bonaventure's great work, desires for me--the journey toward peace.

John Kerr, TOR

Bonaventure's all good, supreme good God moves from the speculative realm of theology to that of a felt, known experience as Andre and Josef steep their wayfarers in sensual and reflective experiences that direct them on their own "itinerarium" into their God. It is a wonderful opportunity for any serious seeker.

Marilyn Joyce, OSF
Franciscan Sisters of Milvale

This is the most holistic, inclusive, all-encompassing retreat I have ever experienced, incorporating body, mind, spirit, movement, the arts, visuals, audio, symbols and rituals. The progression from day to day was so meaningful.

Sr. M. Christelle Watercott, OSF
Little Falls, MN.

As a married couple we found this retreat to be spiritually enlightening and wonderfully presented.

Tom and Liz Velotti
Clermont, FL.

The finest retreat I've ever made.

Br. Joseph Schwab, OFM
Scottsdale, AZ.

A spiritual experience of a lifetime. I have studied Bonaventure's Journey of the Human Person into God, but this time I *experienced* it.

Paula Scraba, Ph.D.
Sioux City, IA.

A profound journey into God; a journey with God; a journey into and with the whole community of life.

Sr. Marcia Dahlinghaus, SFP
Flagstaff, AZ.

The retreat is far more than a mechanical chapter-by-chapter explanation and interpretation of Bonaventure's text; it is a living experience that immerses the retreatant in the Seraphic Doctor. You might think of it as theology for the non-theologian.

Paul Perkins, SFO
San Jose, CA.