

**Roger Bacon High School
Office of Spiritual Life
St. Bonaventure Pilgrimage
September 30 – October 4, 2017**

The St. Bonaventure Pilgrimage is for Roger Bacon students who are open to the possibility of continuing their Franciscan education and formation into college. Founded in 1858 in the interest of promoting Catholic-Franciscan education, St. Bonaventure University continues to pursue academic excellence through personalized attention that reflects the Franciscan tradition of valuing human relationships. To that end, Roger Bacon High School has partnered with two other Franciscan high schools – Padua Franciscan (Cleveland, OH) and Oldenburg Academy (Oldenburg, IN) – for this collaborative venture.

This college visit is set within the spiritual experience of a pilgrimage. From the beginning of the Christian faith, pilgrims journey to holy places to experience change within themselves. Any junior or senior wishing to grow in faith, learn more about a Franciscan college and participate in community is welcome to submit their application to the Office of Spiritual Life by September 15, 2017. There are only 15 – 20 slots available.

Tentative schedule:

- Saturday, September 30, 2017
 - 8AM Departure. (Blessing of pilgrims will occur Friday during school).
 - Stop in Cleveland, OH to pick up students from Padua Franciscan.
 - Small Quiet Reflection, calm of heart (Be Still...)
 - Transition into conversion, life of Francis
 - The San Damiano Moment
 - Adoration and reflection
- Sunday, October 1, 2017
 - Morning Prayer Activity
 - Walking tour of campus in small groups
 - Midday Session in Doyle Chapel
 - Faculty in Swan then Grotto - What does it mean to be a Franciscan university?
 - Mass and Adoration
- Monday, October 1, 2017
 - Morning Prayer
 - Visit two schools
 - Leave for Mt. Irenaeus Retreat Center for mountain top experience with God.
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017
 - Transitus – vigil of the Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi.
 - Contemplative Walk
 - Chaos, college, Finding silence in chaos
- Wednesday, October 4, 2017
 - Solemn Mass for Solemnity of Saint Francis
 - Reception of Tau Crosses
 - Depart for home. Arrival back at RB at 7:30PM

**All forms and money are due to Office of Spiritual Life by Friday, September 15, 2017
All forms and money must be submitted together
Incomplete packets will be returned**

Cost: \$80.00

This cost is to defray the cost of transportation. The bulk of the expenses is covered by the generosity of Roger Bacon and Our Sunday Visitor Publication.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Talk to your parents. Does this pilgrimage sound interesting to you. Are you able to commit to the dates of this pilgrimage or do you have conflicts? Are you able to afford the pilgrimage?
 2. Talk to your Guidance Consoler, especially Ms. Rosfled, about St. Bonaventure University and this Franciscan pilgrimage.
 3. If you have no conflicts and able to afford the pilgrimage, **turn in the forms and money to Office of Spiritual Life by Friday, September 15, 2017.** PLEASE, do NOT turn in an application if you are not committed to attending. By turning in an application, you are indicating that you plan to be present. If you are chosen, then a seat on the bus will be reserved for you.
 4. **The \$80.00 accompanying your application is your commitment to this pilgrimage. If not chosen, the money will be returned.**
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CHECK LIST FOR APPLICATION

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1. Completed application with student's information, parent/guardian signatures and essay.
2. \$80.00 check made out to "Roger Bacon High School"
3. Completed and signed permission slip

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