
Bruno Binassi

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St. Bruno

St. Bruno was born in 1035 in Cologne, Germany. He became a priest in 1055. Soon after he went to Reims, France where he became a teacher and eventually the head of the bishop's school for nearly twenty years. He was asked to become bishop but he refused because he rejected secular interests. Known for his loyalty and being an excellent philosopher and theologian, he was called by the pope Urban II to be in his service. He would eventually find himself in southern Italy where he was once again offered the position of bishop but declined again. He and some followers retreated to a remote mountain area where they established the Carthusian Order. It has been said the Carthusian Order never had to be reformed because it was never malformed. This is due in large part due to the efforts of St. Bruno. He died in 1101 and his feast day is October 6th.

St. Bruno is my namesake. I never knew St. Bruno was a teacher and the head of a school but this is not why I chose him for my Saint Project. His life of faith has been a model for my career as a teacher and principal. His example of service and humility set a high standard for me when I served my school communities. He never sought prestige or honour when serving others and intentionally chose to live a humble life of contemplation. Now that I am in my second career I still use St. Bruno as an example of how to serve my community. He had an unwavering vision of what it meant to serve God and never strayed from it. I hope to be as true to his example throughout my new career. I celebrate his Feast Day every year.

Serving the Elderly at the Citadel Seniors Residence

I chose to volunteer in a retirement home for the elderly as my service project. I decided that after serving students and their families in various schools for 33 years, I wanted to serve another type of community. This is why I choose to serve the elderly. Once a month I assist the recreation department to put on a social event. I usually am asked to serve refreshments to the elderly who often need assistance with their mobility. I have found a very welcoming community that is more than happy to receive the assistance I can provide. After volunteering for three months, I think I will continue to help. I find it very rewarding because my service has taught me more patience and understanding for the issues the elderly face. If I can bring some joy and companionship to some lonely elderly people, it is worth the effort to go out for two hours a month. I intend to continue serving this community.

Confirmation Service Project—Log Sheet

First Name Bruno Last Name Binassi

Date	Type/Name of Service	Amount of Time	Parent/ Supervisor's Initials
August 24, 2023	Citadel Senior Residence—volunteer at social activity	2 hours	
September 21, 2023	Citadel Senior Residence—volunteer at social activity	1.5 hours	
October 23, 2023	Citadel Senior Residence—volunteer at social activity	2 hours	

Total: hrs.

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