

## **Blessed Conrad of Bavaria, AD 1154**

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Cistercian pilgrim of Palestine,  
started home for Clairvaux when he heard  
his patron Bernard was dying.  
Got as far as Italy when word came  
his master passed. Settling in  
a hermit's cave at Bari, he died.

An utterly untidy, unconsummated life—  
beatified but not canonized; a mass  
without communion; Lent with no Good  
Friday. His “little way,” hardly a crawl.

Like Jesus at the pool of Siloam,  
he was wholly accessible to all;  
a pilgrim's pilgrim parked in a wayside—  
no going forward; no going home.