

St Thomas Of Aquinas



St Thomas of Aquinas is the Patron saint of students, philosophers, publishers, booksellers, academics, theologians, apologists, universities, and schools.

St Thomas was born in January 28th 1225 in Roccasecca, Italy, near Aquino, Terra di Lavoro, in the Kingdom of Sicily. His family was made up of 8 siblings with him being the youngest. His mother was a countess. Before his birth his mother was shared a prediction foretelling her that her son would enter the Order of Friars Preachers, become a great learner and achieve different sanctity.

St Thomas at the age of 5 years old was sent to the Abbey of Monte Cassino to learn among Benedictine monks. He remained here till he was 13 years old when the he was forced back to Naples. After returning back St Thomas would go on to spend the next five years at his primary school to complete his education at the Benedictine House. It was here that he studied Aristotle work which would later become a major stepping stone for St Thomas and his exploration with philosophy. After completing his full studies St Thomas Aquinas devoted himself to a life of traveling, writing, teaching, public speaking and preaching. Religious institutions and universities alike yearned to benefit from the wisdom of "The Christian Apostle." Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that the existence of God could be proven in five ways, mainly by:

- 1) observing movement in the world as proof of God, the "Immovable Mover";
- 2) observing cause and effect and identifying God as the cause of everything;
- 3) concluding that the impermanent nature of beings proves the existence of a necessary being, God, who originates only from within himself;

4) noticing varying levels of human perfection and determining that a supreme, perfect being must therefore exist; and

5) knowing that natural beings could not have intelligence without it being granted to them by God.

Subsequent to defending people's ability to naturally perceive proof of God, Thomas also tackled the challenge of protecting God's image as an all-powerful being.

St Thomas fell ill with a head injury he suffered and he passed away in Fossanova Abbey Italy in 1274 AD. St Thomas was canonised a saint on the July 18th 1323 by Pope John XII . His remains are currently in France and Italy.

St Thomas is surrounded by many symbols which focuses on his legacy, a book, a dove by his ear showing that his writings were written with divine guidance, the sun representing the light and the ox because of the story of his youth when he was studying.



I chose St Thomas of Aquina because I unfortunately lost an uncle as a baby whose name was Thomas. I wanted my uncle to live on through me and I knew right away that having his name as my patron saint would be one of the best ways. I want to be a doctor when I grow up here both my uncle and St Thomas of Aquinas can guide me into my adult life with the many studies ill have to reaching this dream.

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