

Thomas Aquinas

1. His Life

- born at Rocca Secca in the Kingdom of Naples, 1225 (or 1227)
- died at Fossa Nuova, 7 March, 1274.
- His family was related to the Emperors Henry VI and Frederick II, and to the Kings of Aragon, Castile, and France.
- At the age of five, according to the custom of the times, he was sent to receive his first training from the Benedictine monks of Monte Cassino.
- About the year 1236 he was sent to the University of Naples.
- Some time between 1240 and August, 1243, he received the habit of the Order of St. Dominic.
- His family held him in captivity at the family castle for nearly two years, trying to convince him to leave the Dominicans.
- rejoined Dominicans and sent to Rome
- sent to Cologne, where he arrived in 1244 or 1245, and was placed under Albertus Magnus, the most renowned professor of the order

- Albert the Great: „We call this young man a dumb ox, hut his bellowing in doctrine will one day resound throughout the world.“

- In 1245 Albert was sent to Paris, and Thomas accompanied him as a student.

- In 1248 both returned to Cologne.

- In the year 1251 or 1252 he was sent to fill the office of Bachelor (sub-regent) in the Dominican studium at Paris.

- He stayed successively at Anagni, Rome, Bologna, Orvieto, Viterbo, Perugia, in Paris again, and finally in Naples

- On 6 December, 1273, he stopped writing.

- On the journey to the Council of Lyon he died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossa Nuova

- His Writings