

DUMB OX?



GROWING UP, THOMAS WAS OFTEN QUIET IN SCHOOL. HIS CLASSMATES MOCKED HIM FOR BEING DIMWITTED. AFTER READING HIS THESIS, ST. ALBERT THE GREAT SAID, "WE CALL THIS YOUNG MAN A DUMB OX, BUT HIS BELLOWING IN DOCTRINE WILL ONE DAY RESOUND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!"

QUICK FACTS

BORN.....1225
HOMETOWN.....ROCCASECCA, ITALY
DIED.....MARCH 7, 1274
FEAST DAY.....JANUARY 28
PATRON SAINT.....STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITIES

HIS LIFE

- + HIS BIRTH AND SANCTITY WERE PREDICTED BY A HERMIT
- + BEGAN STUDYING WITH BENEDICTINE MONKS AT AGE FIVE
- + STUDIED ARISTOTLE'S WORKS HEAVILY
- + SECRETLY JOINED A DOMINICAN ORDER IN 1243
- + WAS KIDNAPED BY HIS FAMILY AND HELD CAPTIVE FOR A YEAR
- + EARNED HIS DOCTORATE IN THEOLOGY FROM ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
- + WAS GIVEN THE NICKNAME "DUMB OX" BY ST. ALBERT
- + ARGUED THAT FAITH AND REASON COME FROM GOD
- + COMPOSED THE FIVE WAYS OF KNOWING GOD'S EXISTENCE
- + CANONIZED BY POPE JOHN XXII IN 1323

HOUSE AQUINAS

CARPE VERITATEM



QUOTES BY AQUINAS

"THE THINGS THAT WE LOVE
TELL US WHAT WE ARE."

"TO ONE WHO HAS FAITH, NO
EXPLANATION IS NECESSARY.
TO ONE WITHOUT FAITH, NO
EXPLANATION IS POSSIBLE."

"**BETTER TO ILLUMINATE
THAN MERELY TO SHINE,
TO DELIVER TO OTHERS
CONTEMPLATED TRUTHS
THAN MERELY TO
CONTEMPLATE.**"

"LOVE TAKES UP WHERE
KNOWLEDGE LEAVES OFF."

CODE OF ETHICS

1. WE STRIVE TO RECOGNIZE GOD'S
PRESENCE IN ALL THINGS!
2. WE NEVER CEASE TO SEARCH FOR GOD
IN ORDER TO KNOW HIM ON A MORE
INTIMATE LEVEL!
3. WE TREAT EVERYONE WITH THE LOVE OF
CHRIST!
4. WE STRIVE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!
5. WE MOTIVATE EACH OTHER TO
GREATNESS!

PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, DIVINE CREATOR, TRUE
SOURCE OF LIGHT AND FOUNTAIN OF WISDOM!
POUR FORTH YOUR BRILLIANCE UPON MY DENSE
INTELLECT, DISSIPATE THE DARKNESS WHICH
COVERS ME, THAT OF SIN AND OF IGNORANCE.

GRANT ME A PENETRATING MIND TO
UNDERSTAND, A RETENTIVE MEMORY, METHOD
AND EASE IN LEARNING, THE LUCIDITY TO
COMPREHEND, AND ABUNDANT GRACE IN
EXPRESSING MYSELF. GUIDE THE BEGINNING OF
MY WORK, DIRECT ITS PROGRESS, AND BRING IT
TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION. THIS I ASK
THROUGH **JESUS CHRIST**, TRUE **GOD** AND TRUE
MAN, LIVING AND REIGNING WITH YOU AND THE
FATHER, FOREVER AND EVER.
AMEN.