



The Kids' Catholic Virginian


“Let the little children come to me” – Matthew 19:14

SAINT SUPERHERO

Thomas Aquinas • Feast: January 28


• Patron: students, teachers, Catholic colleges

THOMAS AQUINAS WAS BORN IN 1225 IN ITALY, THE SON OF A COUNT AND COUNTESS. AT THE AGE OF 5 HE WAS SENT TO STUDY WITH THE MONKS.



Tomorrow you will be going to the monks to start school.

HE SURPRISED THE MONKS BY HIS LOVE FOR GOD AND HIS GREAT INTELLIGENCE.



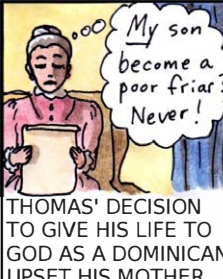
But what is God?

SO THOMAS WAS SENT TO BETTER SCHOOLS. HE SOON KNEW MORE THAN THE TEACHERS!



So God became man without ceasing to be God.

My son became a poor friar? Never!



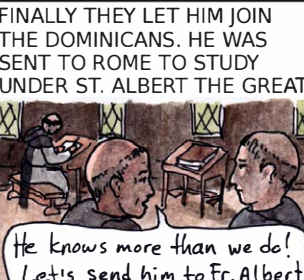
THOMAS' DECISION TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO GOD AS A DOMINICAN UPSET HIS MOTHER.

HIS BROTHERS KIDNAPED HIM AND KEPT HIM IN A TOWER FOR TWO YEARS!



You'll be here until you decide to be sensible!

FINALLY THEY LET HIM JOIN THE DOMINICANS. HE WAS SENT TO ROME TO STUDY UNDER ST. ALBERT THE GREAT.



He knows more than we do! Let's send him to Fr. Albert.

BECAUSE HE UNDERSTOOD SO MUCH ABOUT GOD, ST. THOMAS WAS ABLE TO TEACH AND WRITE ABOUT HIM. HE WROTE MANY IMPORTANT BOOKS THAT WE STILL USE.



Proofs of the Existence of God

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Q. I am scared about my first reconciliation. What should I do?

– Aurora Blincoe, 7, St. Theresa, Farmville

Ask the Bishop

A. It is understandable, and ok, if you are nervous about your first confession.

At my first confession, I was so nervous that I waited until the end of the line, and then tried to not make any sound when I went into the confessional. I was so quiet that the priest thought there was no one left in the line and he left the confessional!

When my teacher noticed that the priest had left – and I was still in there – she quickly took me by my hand to another confessional. By that time, I was so distracted, that I forgot I was nervous!

The priests at my parish were very kind and understanding. I know your priests will be the same. Any time we do something new or unfamiliar, we can get a little anxious about it. Many other children have experienced the same feelings as they prepare for their first confession.

But I am confident, and I know your parents are confident, that you will have a good experience with your first confession. Just try to think about it like you are talking to a good friend about ways you can be a better person. The Holy Spirit will give you the help you need to make a good confession!



Kids 12 and younger: make sure to check with your parent/guardian, then email Bishop Knestout [YOUR question](mailto:YOURquestion).

AskTheBishop@catholicvirginian.org
Include your full name, age, and home parish.



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