

# St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas was born in Italy circa 1225. He joined the mendicant Dominicans in 1244. Ordained in 1250, he taught theology in Paris. He earned a doctorate and began working on the Summa Theologica. After a vision, he stopped his work on the Summa Theologica and died some months later in 1274. His writings were very important to the church, and he was made a doctor of the church. St. Thomas Aquinas is patron saint of philosophers, theologians, universities and students.