Saint Thomas Aquinas

Feast Day: January 28 — St. Thomas Aquinas was born in Aquino, a town in southern Italy from which he takes his surname. In his masterwork, Summa Theologica, he represents the pinnacle of scholasticism, the philosophical and theological school that flourished between 1100 and 1500 and attempted to reconcile faith with reason and the works of Aristotle with the scriptures.

The family of Thomas Aquinas was a noble one, his parents, the Count of Aquino and Countess of Teano, were related to Emperors Henry VI and Frederick II, as well as to the Kings of Aragon, Castile, and France. During his early education, Thomas exhibited great acumen in the medieval trivium of grammar, rhetoric, and logic. Because of his high birth, Thomas’ entry into the Dominican order in the early 1240s was very surprising. His family employed various means to dissuade him from his vocation, including imprisoning him for two years.

After a stint as a student in Paris, Thomas made his way to Cologne to teach, receiving ordination to the priesthood in 1250. Soon after this, he was assigned to teach at Paris, where he also worked toward his degree of Doctor of Theology, which he received in 1257, with his friend St. Bonaventure, after some intramural political difficulty. The remainder of his life was spent in prayer, study, and writing his great Summa Theologica, a systematic attempt to present the findings of scholasticism. Although Thomas is sometimes perceived simply as an analytical and methodical writer, he was, especially in his later years, given to periods of mystical ecstasy. During one such experience, on December 6, 1273, he resigned from his writing project, indicating that he had perceived such wonders that his previous work seemed worthless.

The Summa Theologica was left unfinished, proceeding only as far as the ninety-second question of the third part. St. Thomas Aquinas died a few months later, on March 7, 1274. He was canonized in 1323 by John XXII. Although interest in Scholasticism in general and Thomism in particular waned during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Leo XIII’s encyclical Aeterni Patris in 1889 reestablished Thomism as the leading theological school of the Catholic church. Today, Thomist theology stands at the center of the Roman Catholic tradition.

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Christian Symbols
The anchor was an early Christian symbol commonly found in the Roman catacombs as a symbol of the hope we have in Christ beyond this life, and is a fitting inscription for a Christian tomb. The symbol doubtless comes from this verse: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” (Hebrews 6:19-20) The anchor is found in the first, second and third century epitaphs of the catacombs.
The symposium at The Catholic University of America, in which a bishop and cardinal shared the stage with organized labor and academics exploring themes of social justice, was an important and timely step in returning the church in the United States to a right relationship with the culture, especially workers, and themes essential to human dignity.

After reading Julie Bourgon’s account of “Erroneous Autonomy: The Dignity of Work,” sponsored by the Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies at Catholic University of America, we urge you to read the full text of speeches by Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego and Boston’s Cardinal Sean O’Malley. McElroy, who is emerging as the most eloquent U.S. episcopal interpreter of the economic and social justice vision that Pope Francis has espoused, framed not only the discussion at the conference, but the conversation we must have as a faith community at this time in American history.

With confirmation hearings for Donald Trump’s Cabinet appointees the backdrop for the Catholic University event, McElroy said, “We are poised to witness in the United States a return to public policy which moves aggressively to establish market mechanisms within ever more expansive realms of national life.”

Denunciations of the unfettered market are as old as Catholic social teachings, and have been key features of papal teaching from Pope Paul VI’s Populorum Progressio (“On the Development of Peoples”) through Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Francis’ unique eloquence has renewed focus on the issue. He has said that those who defend trickle-down economic theories and assume that free markets and all economic growth bring greater justice demonstrate “a crude and naive trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system.”

McElroy spells out the way forward: “The church must work in the coming months with unions, workers, the elderly and the poor to counter the growing imperialism of market mechanisms within American public life.”

If the symposium represented a step in the right direction, it also indicates the distance that has grown between current church leadership and the convictions that once were second nature to members of the bishops’ conference. In 1986, after years of consultation with theologians and economists, the U.S. bishops issued a pastoral letter, Economic Justice for All,” that was a deep treatment of the topics dealt with during the recent symposium. In June 2012, with the U.S. still wobbling from the economic meltdown of 2008, the bishops appointed a committee to write a statement with a working title of “The Hope of the Gospel in Difficult Economic Times: A pastoral message on work, poverty and the economy.” It did not have an auspicious beginning.

That was a presidential election year and the economic plan for the Republican ticket, Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, would cut taxes, reduce non-defense spending and move toward privatization of Medicare and Social Security. A number of bishops did not want their pastoral message to become too political. Some warned against implicitly criticizing Republican budget policies. Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Kan., asked that the message note the importance of the private sector in job creation.

When presented at their November meeting, the statement failed to pass because of opposition from a few bishops who remembered the 1986 statement. The new statement, in fact, made no reference to “Economic Justice for All.” Retired Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston denounced the 2012 draft pastoral as a betrayal of Catholic social teaching. Despite its title, the 2012 document devoted only a single sentence to the right of workers to organize. “I fear that this draft, if not changed in a major way,” will harm the U.S. bishops’ record on Catholic social teaching, Fiorenza said. It would be “lampooned” in the Catholic academic world, he said.

Many in church leadership today would be happy with a pastoral statement on work that makes no mention of unions and welcomes a greater reliance on market forces. Fr. Robert Sirico, who heads the Acton Institute, a prominent free-market think tank, knew he would face little episcopal backlash when he described a tweet McElroy’s talk as “economic illiteracy posing as pieties.”

At the Catholic University event, Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO president, warned that over the next few years “we will be tested,” and the best advice came from theologian David Cloutier: “Organize or die.”

What we must do over the next four years, if not easy, is clear. We must dig deep into our Catholic social teachings to re-establish our foundations. We must stand with the working class, the elderly, children and the poor. We must form alliances with unions and community organizers, and advocate for public policies that say “Thou shalt not” to an economy of exclusion and inequality.
Happy New Year!

The Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community celebrated the Chinese New Year (Year of the Rooster) with a Mass and Tribute to Ancestor Ceremony on January 15, 2017. We were honored to have Bishop Jaime Soto to celebrate the Mass with us, and it was co-celebrated by Father McMahon and Father Ho. The Tribute to Ancestor Ceremony was held after the Mass. We offered incense, flowers and fruit to the ancestors to express our sentiments and our gratitude towards them and our communion with them in the Lord. If you’d like to learn more about the Chinese Community, check out the website at www.sacchinesecatholic.org, and the Facebook page under Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community.

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St. Rose Parish Men’s A.C.T.S. Retreat
February 2 – 5, 2017

Applications are available On a first-come-first served basis to the first 34 men

An A.C.T.S. retreat is designed to provide an opportunity for retreatants to enter into a new and deeper relationship with OUR LORD and fellow parishioners. The St. Rose A.C.T.S. retreat will be held at the beautiful Applegate Retreat Center located just outside of Auburn. Financial assistance may be available. Any Man age 19 or older is welcome. Do not miss out; space is limited. Let the Holy Spirit move you. We hope you will prayerfully consider attending this life changing retreat.

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Ordinary Time Readings

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

St. Francis de Sales Bishop, Doctor of the Church

The Conversion of Saint Paul, The Apostle

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

Saint Thomas Aquinas Priest

Ordinary Time Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have seen a great light: Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.
Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

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AROUND THE DIOCESE:

Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Soto
On January 23, Bishop Jaime Soto will celebrate the 12:10 pm mass at the Cathedral in reparation for the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion legal in the United States. Please join our Bishop in asking God to convert the hearts of all Americans, most especially pregnant mothers, physicians, judges and legislators. For more information, contact Steve Patton, 916-733-0133, spatton@scd.org

Pro-Life Youth Program: Choose Life 2017
On January 23, at the Cathedral, the Diocese of Sacramento will offer Choose Life, a pro-life educational program for middle and high school youth. Attendees will 1) witness a live large-screen ultrasound, 2) find out what being “Pro-Life” vs. “Pro-Choice” really means, 3) learn how to speak and listen compassionately about abortion, and 4) get practical ideas to make a difference. Attendees from past years describe the experience as informative, moving, energizing and even entertaining.

While the 10 am to noon morning program is limited to selected Catholic School students, the evening program from 7 –8:30 pm is for any middle or high school student. There is no cost, but pre-registration is requested to help us with planning. More information at http://scddec.org/respect-life.

Sacramento Catholic Forum Breakfast
On Thursday, Jan. 26 at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, located at 6520 Van Maren Lane in Citrus Heights, Bishop Jaime Soto will speak on “Pope Francis’ Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia” ("The Joy of Love"). The morning event will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and Bishop Soto’s talk, which will focus on the encouragement, guidance and wisdom surrounding the beautiful gift and vocation of marriage and family life.

Check-in for the event begins at 6:30 a.m. with Mass beginning at 7:15 a.m. The cost is $20 if prepaaid online. For more information and to pay online visit the Sacramento Catholic Forum website at www.sacramentoforum.org.

Hispanic Diocesan Encounter 2017
Join us on January 28, 2017, 8:30am—4:30pm at St. Charles Borromeo, Sacramento. This gathering is open to all who participate in any Hispanic Ministry. We invite you to share our Faith and to enrich ourselves with sharing among all ministries. The theme of the meeting will be: "Social Concerns (Migration...)"). $10 donation for lunch. To register, please contact Lupita at (916) 733-0177 or gfernandez@scd.org.

Make a Pilgrimage This Year
Want to take an amazing trip in 2017? Have you ever dreamed about walking the Camino in Spain and the Via Francigena in Italy? Join us for a pilgrimage that will change your life, while supporting Catholic Charities of California programs serving those in need. We have multiple trips organized in May and September 2017. JOIN US for an Informational Meeting on February 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Contact CCC at Pilgrim@CatholicCharitiesCA.org or call (916) 758-5946 for more info. RSVP to the meeting by Jan 25th.

JOB OPENING:
The Diocese of Sacramento seeks detail-oriented individuals to assist with data entry for the Annual Catholic Appeal from mid-February through mid-May. To view the job description, please visit the employment section at www.scd.org.

World Marriage Day
Renewal of Marital Commitments
On Saturday, February 11, 2017 Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at a special 11:00 am Mass at Divine Savior parish in Orangevale in which married couples will receive a special blessing and have an opportunity to renew their marital commitments. An informal reception for them and their families will follow. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at www.SacWMD.com. For more information call the Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis at (916) 733-0123.

Pro Life Retreat 2017
A one-day retreat for anyone involved in pro-life work of any kind will be offered by Fr. Avram Brown, on February 25, 2017 at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax, CA. $20 cost includes lunch. For more information and to register go to www.ProLifeRetreat.com or call Steve Patton at 916-733-0133.

Camp Pendola is Hiring for Summer 2017
Applications for summer 2017 positions at Camp Pendola are now being accepted. Camp Pendola is looking for energetic people to work with children ages six to seventeen in a Catholic outdoor setting. Staff positions begin in early June and finish the 2nd week of August. Staff lives a Camp Pendola for the summer and must be at least 18 years old. Positions include counselors, kitchen staff, health center staff, and program staff. For more information and apply go to www.pendola.org/employment.

Rachel’s Vineyard Healing Retreat
February 17—19, 2017
“God will never forgive me for this...”
Those who choose abortion are our daughters, sons, husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, relatives, friends & members of our parish communities. The impact and pain of abortion hurts -even years after the experience. If you, or a loved one have been hurt by abortion, this weekend is for you! Come and experience God’s healing love and forgiveness in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. Open to men and women.

The cost is $175 per person and financial assistance is available to anyone who needs it. Call Paula Segno or send an email for more information. (916) 733-0161 or projectrachel@scd.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CONFIRMATION CONFERENCE 2017
On March 4 & 5, 2017 at Christian Brothers High School, the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento will host a huge, dynamic, and exciting conference for all those youth preparing to receive the awesome Sacrament of Confirmation! "Fired Up" is intended for 7-12th graders who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017. This is an excellent opportunity to connect your school/parish Confirmation program with the larger diocesan Catholic community, and it will include Bishop Jaime Soto and Bishop Myron Cotta! Registration is now open at www.confirmationconference.com.

Watch This Space

“To pray for another is an act of charity” ~St. Thomas Aquinas~
One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret preaching to a crowd of people, he saw two boats on the sea shore. He got into the boat, which belonged to Simon and taught the crowd of people from the sea shore. When Jesus was done teaching he told Simon to put his nets into the water to try to catch some fish. Simon had been fishing all night and had not caught any fish but he listened to Jesus anyway and put the net into the water. When Simon did this the net became so full of fish that the net began to break. He had to call a friend to help bring in the nets and the fish. Simon was amazed by all the fish they had caught and was embarrassed because he knew that he was a sinful man. He told Jesus to leave because he knew that he was sinful and didn’t deserve all of the fish that they had caught. But Jesus told the Simon and the other men that they would become fishers of men. When Simon and the other men heard this they parked their boats and left everything they had and followed Jesus.

Read Luke 5:1-11

Craftivity

“Fishers of Men” snack made fishing poles of pretzels and licorice, with goldfish crackers.
Winter's Hope
J.S. Bach's Cantata
"Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich"

Capella Antiqua
Baroque Orchestra and Chorus

Relying around themes of hope and contentment, this concert explores the interplay of music, words, and human expression. Also featuring J.S. Bach's "Orchestral Suite No. 1."

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**Week 3 in Ordinary Time**

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

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- Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
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**“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”**

~Saint Thomas Aquinas~