



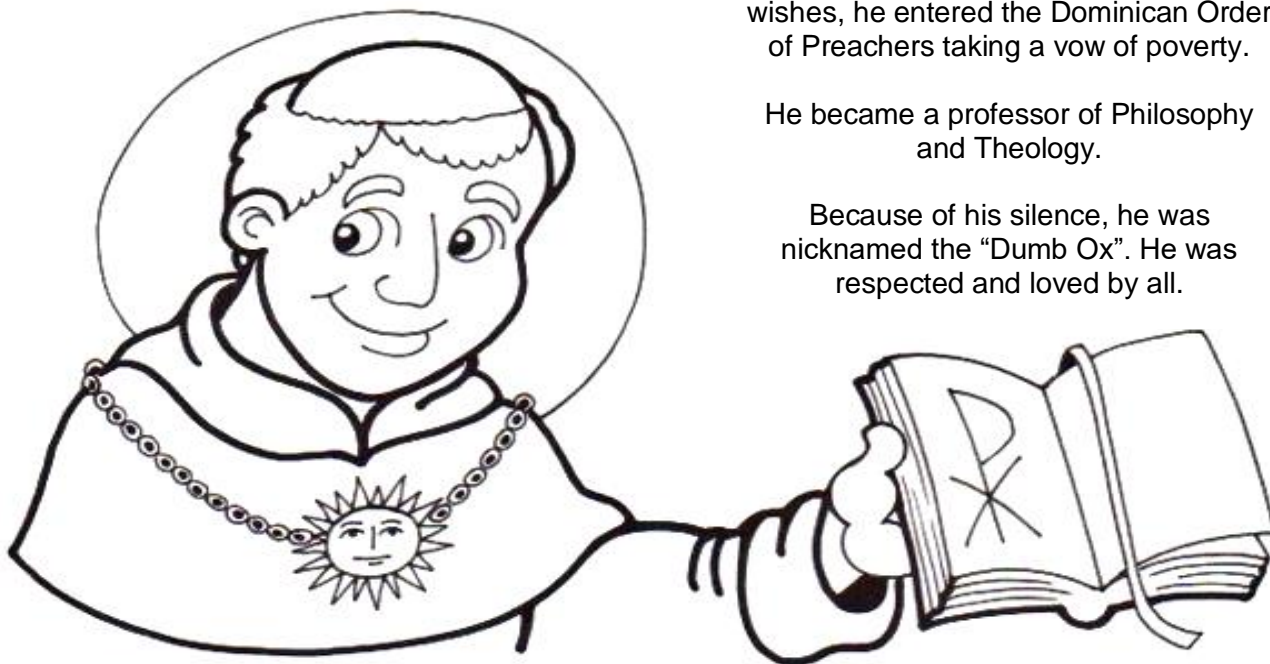
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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Priest and Doctor of the Church
Feast Day – January 28



He was born in the year 1225, into the wealthy Count Aquinas family in Italy.

At 18 years old, against his family's wishes, he entered the Dominican Order of Preachers taking a vow of poverty.

He became a professor of Philosophy and Theology.

Because of his silence, he was nicknamed the "Dumb Ox". He was respected and loved by all.

He was so dedicated to his studies, he would lose track of time and his surroundings. Once on a long journey across the ocean, a terrible storm hit; Thomas was so engrossed in his books, he didn't even notice the violent rocking of the boat.

He wrote many books, the most famous being the Summa Theologiae, reflections on the Christian mysteries. His love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament led him to write prayers and hymns that are still used to honor the Eucharist. Although brilliant, he knew that all his gifts came from God. One day during Mass, God revealed himself to him. After that, he refused to write because he felt all his writings fell short of the majesty of God. He died at 49 years old.

St. Thomas said:
"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love;
it means Love; it produces Love."

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