



## SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

Feast Day – February 10

St. Benedict and St. Scholastica were twins born in Nursia, Italy in the year 480 into a wealthy family. Since they were very young, both felt a calling to charity.

Benedict was educated in Rome. After his parents died, he decides to live a solitary life in the mountains. He founds a monastery at Monte Cassino, and many more.

Scholastica was educated in a monastery. She imitates him and not far away from his, opens a monastery for women. They would see each other only once a year to pray together and speak of God and the spiritual life.

On one of his visits, Scholastica feels she will soon die and asks him to stay longer. Benedict refuses because his Rule required him to return before night. Heartbroken, Scholastica quietly wept and prayed. As she prayed, a terrible storm began, and no one could leave. "What have you done?" Benedict exclaimed. She explained that since he had refused the favor, she had asked God instead, and God granted it. Benedict and Scholastica continued talking and praying until morning.

Three days later, Scholastica died. Benedict had her buried in the tomb he had built for himself.

St. Gregory the Great said of Scholastica,



**"She could do more because she loved more."**