

Sister's Spin

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Today is the feast of St. **Thomas Aquinas**, **patron saint of both Teachers and Students**. It's a good feast day to lead into the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It is said that Thomas Aquinas had one of the greatest minds of all ages, yet it was his prayer life that brought him closer to God. His greatest work, **The Summa Theologica**--summary of the Faith--he said was like straw compared to the revelation he had in a vision from God. Luckily, he did not throw it away or burn it as he wanted to do. The saints of this last week of January--Thomas, Angela Merici, John Bosce--have much to teach us about the goals and needs of Catholic Education. Angela Merici noted how important it was to teach girls and young women, John Bosco knew that one had to take youth and meet some of their basic needs and only then, can we meet their spiritual needs, and Thomas reminds us to pray that we can deliver the message well, but also to pray for our students. As we move into Catholic Schools Week, it is good to take their messages to heart as we celebrate the blessings of Catholic Education.

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