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MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS



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One of the most influential figures in Catholic theology and Western philosophy is Saint Thomas Aquinas, a Doctor of the Church.

A proponent of natural theology, his school of thought, which encompassed both theology and philosophy, became known as Thomism.

His most famous work, *Summa Theologica* was actually an unfinished work, although it has become one of the most influential works of Western literature despite this.

At the heart of his rigorous and thoughtful theology, was a desire to know God more deeply and enter into a loving relationship with Him.

Pope Benedict XVI expressed it best in 2010 saying: "The depth of St Thomas Aquinas' thought let us never forget it flows from his living faith and fervent piety, which he expressed in inspired prayers such as this one in which he asks God: 'Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you'."

He is considered one of the greatest theologians and philosophers in the history of the Church.

God has given us each charisms and gifts, providing our own unique paths to enter into a relationship with Him and understand Him more.

May St Thomas Aquinas be a guide for all those who endeavour to understand God more and to help us understand the Mystery of our faith.