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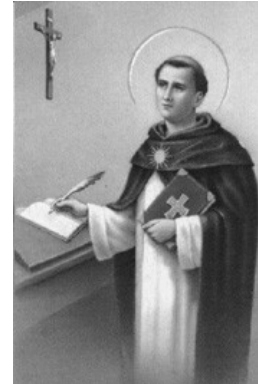
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### *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Dear Students and Parents,

Praise be Jesus Christ! Yesterday was our school's patron saint's feast day, St. Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas Aquinas was a priest and declared a Doctor of the Church. He is the patron of all universities and of students. His feast day is January 28th. He was born toward the end of the year 1226. He was the son of Landulph, Count of Aquino, who, when St. Thomas was five years old, placed him under the care of the Benedictines of Monte Casino. His teachers were surprised at the progress he made, for he surpassed all his fellow pupils in learning as well as in the practice of virtue. He became a Dominican priest. St. Thomas not only wrote, but he preached often and with greatest fruit. Clement IV offered him the archbishopric of Naples which he also refused. He left the great monument of his learning, the "Summa Theologica", unfinished, for on his way to the second Council of Lyons, ordered there by Gregory X, he fell sick and died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossa Nuova in 1274. St. Thomas was one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time.



GREAT NEWS! We are moving forward next school year. As you have all read in the newspapers, the Corporate Board resoundingly approved our efforts to continue our efforts into the new school year. Thank you, St. Thomas Aquinas, for your intercession to our heavenly Father. Sadly, however, as the article indicated, I will not be returning to the Academy. I have decided to enter a doctorate program in educational leadership in Milwaukee at Cardinal Stritch University. What other opportunities that may come my way are strictly in God's hands. He is a bountiful provider and I place my trust in Him for my future and yours as well.

I cannot begin to express the emotion and joy I have experienced knowing that our students have been given an opportunity to continue their faith-filled education with a dedicated faculty and staff at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. Furthermore, the outpouring of school spirit has reflected your commitment to the enduring 133 year-old Catholic education tradition in our Tri-City area. I will do my part to assist the Board of Trustees during the transition activities surrounding the new administration structure. I will also provide support as requested for the planning of the future Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be apart of your school community. I will miss everyone. But I will especially miss the students because they are the ones who cause our existence and it is for the glory of God that we serve His little ones. May the Peace of Christ be with you and your family. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

I remain yours,  
Joyful in the service of Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer A. Elfering  
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