

Brief Chronology of St. Thomas (1224/25 - 1274)

1215: Founding of the Dominican order (“The dogs of the Lord,” a Latin pun on the name for the Dominicans, *Dominicanes* [‘domini canes’ = dogs (*canes*) of the Lord (*Domini*)].)

1220: Crowning of Frederick II, *Stupor Mundi*, as Holy Roman Emperor (and foe to the Pope)

1221: Death of St. Dominic

1224/1225: Birth of Thomas Aquinas (Tomas de Aquino)

1230-1239: Thomas an oblate at the Benedictine abbey of Monte Cassino

1239-1244: Student at the University of Naples (founded 1224)

1244 (April): Takes the Dominican habit

1244-1245: Forcibly detained at Roccasecca by his family, who did not want him to become a mendicant friar

1245 (July): Frederick II deposed

1245 (Fall): Returns to the Dominicans

1245-1248: Studies in Paris with St. Albert the Great

1248-1252: Studies with and assists St. Albert the Great in Cologne

1252-1256: First period of teaching at the University of Paris as a ‘bachelor of the *Sentences*’

1256 (spring): Becomes a Master in Theology

1256-1259: Regent-master at the University of Paris. Becomes, along with St. Bonaventure, a chaired professor.

1259 (autumn): Returns to Italy

1259-1261: Teaches at the Dominican House of Studies in Naples (probably)

1261-1265: Teaches at the Dominican House of Studies in Orvieto

1265-1268: Regent-master at Rome

1268-1272: Second stint as Regent-master at the University of Paris

1272-1273: Regent-Master at Naples

1274: Dies on his way to the Council of Lyon

1323: Canonized a saint by Pope John XXII

1567: Proclaimed a ‘Doctor of the Church’ by Pope Pius V