

## POSTERITY'S PAEAN\*

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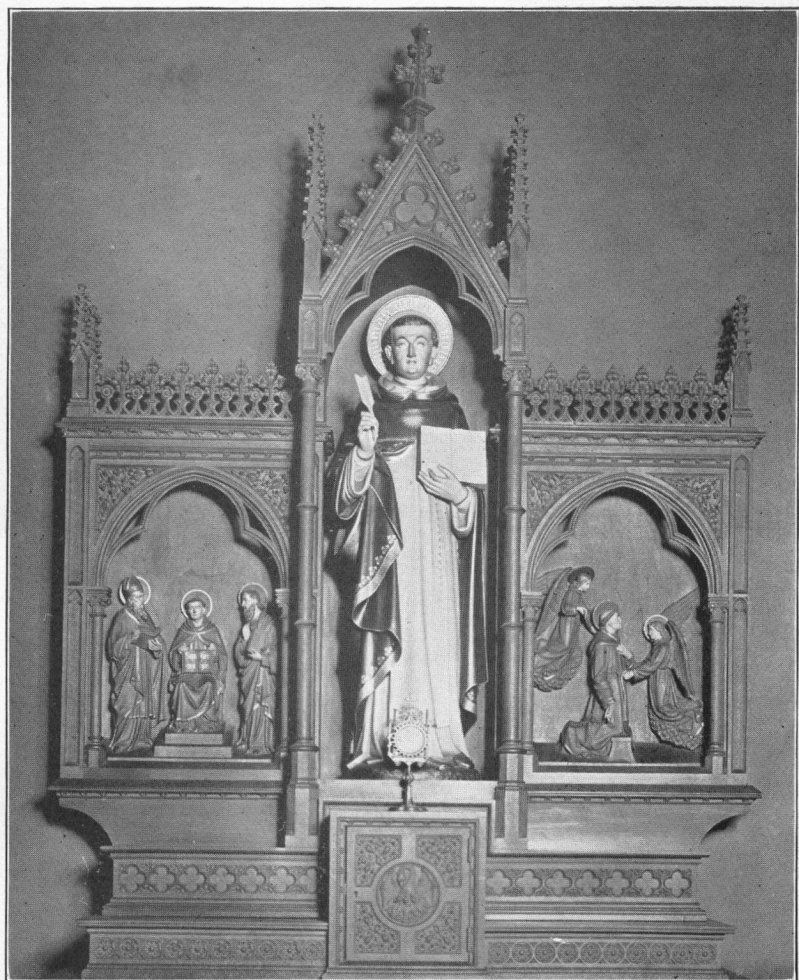
The Blessed Thomas Aquinas, Angelic Doctor,  
In Truth's defense  
Singular Bulwark and Glory of the Catholic Church,<sup>1</sup>  
Intellectual Heir of all the Ancient Fathers,<sup>2</sup>  
Interpreter of the Divine Will,<sup>3</sup>  
Most Faithful<sup>4</sup>—Heavenly<sup>5</sup>—Glorious<sup>6</sup>—Incomparable<sup>7</sup>  
Prince among the Scholastic Doctors,<sup>8</sup>  
Most Saintly of the Learned—Most Learned of the Saintly<sup>9</sup>  
Writer of no error whatsoever<sup>10</sup>  
Whose every Article—a Miracle<sup>11</sup>  
Illuminator of the Church more than all Doctors,<sup>12</sup>  
Heavenly Guardian of the Church's Councils,<sup>13</sup>  
By whom the Church shines as the Moon by the Sun,<sup>14</sup>  
With Doctrine, after the Scriptures, most certain,<sup>15</sup>  
Safest Rule of Christian Teaching,<sup>16</sup>  
Whose Doctrines are unshaken and most safe,<sup>17</sup>  
In exposition clear—firm—lofty.  
Brief in style—of expression eloquent,<sup>18</sup>  
In attacking error  
Most Resplendent Athlete of the Catholic Faith,<sup>19</sup>  
Single-handed Destroyer of all heresies  
Past and present!<sup>20</sup>

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\* Adapted from the Latin of Fr. Joachim Berthier, O. P.

<sup>1</sup>Leo XIII, Bull "Aeterni Patris"—<sup>2</sup>Id.—<sup>3</sup>Clem. VII, Brief "In quo Nos"—<sup>4</sup>Seraph. In Gen., cap. XLIX, 20.—<sup>5</sup>Offic. S. Th.—<sup>6</sup>Epist. Academ. Paris de laud. S. Th.—<sup>7</sup>Sixt. Senen., Biblioth., lib. Iv, Voc. Thomas.—<sup>8</sup>Leo XIII, loc. cit.—<sup>9</sup>Bessario. card. Cf. Nicolai, Opp. S. Th., vol. XX, p. 3.—<sup>10</sup>Clem. VIII, Brief "Sicut Angeli"—<sup>11</sup>John XXII, Orat. in canoniz. S. Th.—<sup>12</sup>John XXII, Cf. Acta Ss., t. I, Mar. p. 682, edit. vet.—<sup>13</sup>Leo XIII, loc. cit.—<sup>14</sup>Epist. Steph. episc. Paris.—<sup>15</sup>Innoc. VI, Sermon in text.: "Ecce plusquam Salomon hic."—<sup>16</sup>Pius V, Bull "Mirabilis Deus."—<sup>17</sup>Benedict. XIII, Brief "Demissas preces."—<sup>18</sup>Offic. S. Th.—<sup>19</sup>Paul V, Bull "Splendidissimi catholicae fidei."—<sup>20</sup>Leo XIII, loc. cit.

—Bro. Reginald Hughes, O. P.



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St. Thomas  
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