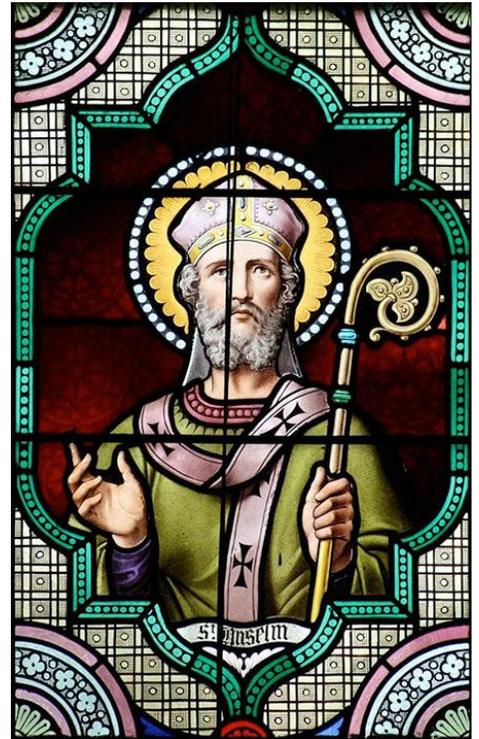


## 7. THE DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH: ANSELM & AQUINAS

### Anselm of Canterbury

- Life & Ministry
  - Bec in Normandy in 1060
  - Succeeded mentor as Archbishop of Canterbury
  - Spent most of life in exile from Canterbury
  - Augustinian in theology
- Works
  - *Cur Deus Homo*
  - *Monologion*
  - *Proslogion*



Anselm of Canterbury (1034-1109)

“If it be necessary, therefore, as it appears, that the heavenly kingdom be made up of men, and this cannot be effected unless the aforesaid satisfaction be made, which none but God can make and none but man ought to make, it is necessary for the God-man to make it.”

- *Cur Deus Homo*

“I am not trying to scale your heights, Lord; my understanding is in no way equal to that. But I do long to understand your truth in some way, your truth which my heart believes and loves. For I do not seek to understand in order to believe; I believe in order to understand.”

- *Proslogion*

## Thomas Aquinas

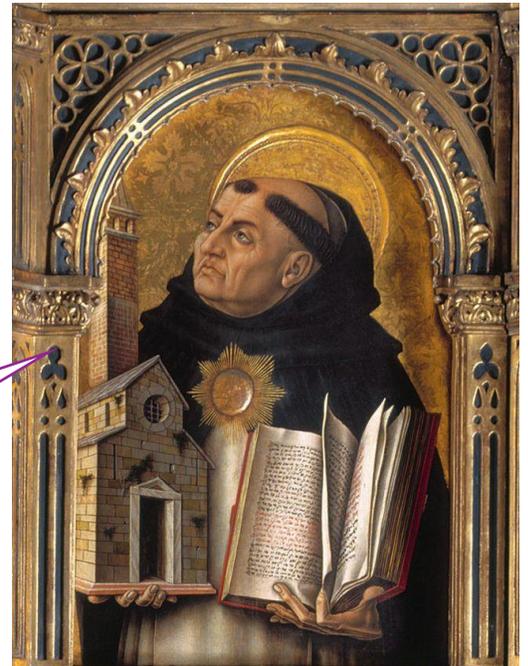
- Life & Ministry
  - Born in Naples
  - Joined Dominicans
  - Universities of Naples, Paris, and Cologne
  - Taught theology in Paris (1252-1261)
- Works
  - Commentaries
  - *Summa Contra Gentiles*
  - *Summa Theologiae*

“... the existence of God can be proved in five ways.  
1. The first and more manifest way is the argument from motion...

It is certain, and evident to our senses, that in the world some things are in motion. Now whatever is in motion is put in motion by another... But this cannot go on to infinity, because then there would be no first mover, and consequently, no other mover; seeing that subsequent movers move only inasmuch as they are put in motion by the first mover; as the staff moves only because it is put in motion by the hand. Therefore it is necessary to arrive at a first mover, put in motion by no other; and this everyone understands to be God.

2. The second way is from the nature of the efficient cause...
3. The third way is taken from possibility and necessity...
4. The fourth way is taken from the gradation to be found in things...
5. The fifth way is taken from the governance of the world...”

- *Summa Theologiae*



Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)

- Influence on Catholic Theology
  - Transubstantiation
  - Mortal vs. venial sins