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Feastday: April 29

Patron Fire prevention

1347 - 1380

The 25th child of a wool dyer in northern Italy, St. Catherine started having mystical experiences when she was only 6, seeing guardian [angels](#) as clearly as the people they protected. She became a Dominican tertiary when she was 16, and continued to have [visions](#) of Christ, Mary, and the saints. St. Catherine was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she never had any formal education. She persuaded the Pope to go back to [Rome](#) from Avignon, in 1377, and when she died she was endeavoring to heal the Great Western Schism. In 1375 Our [Lord](#) give her the Stigmata, which was visible only after her death. Her spiritual director was Blessed Raymond of Capua. St. Catherine's letters, and a treatise called "a dialogue" are considered among the most brilliant writings in the history of the [Catholic](#) Church. She died when she was only 33, and

her body was found incorrupt in 1430.

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