

# St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)



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# Childhood to Adulthood

\*When Catherine of Siena was 6 yrs. old, she had a vision of seeing Jesus Christ sitting with his disciples.

\*Ever since then, she began fasting as a sign of praying to Christ.

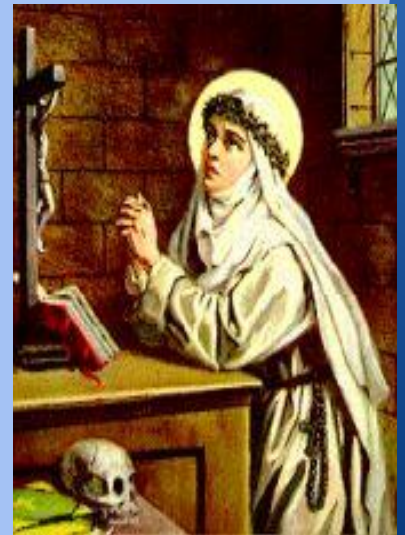


# Going Somewhere New

\*As Catherine of Siena turned 18, she wanted to join the 3rd Dominican Order. Her parents disagreed, but they soon gave up.

\*Very soon after she joined, she became a lay person ( a person who tends to people with major diseases). Such as leprosy and the Bubonic Plague.

\*She later became a nun, and preached to God, but she only spoke to a confessor.

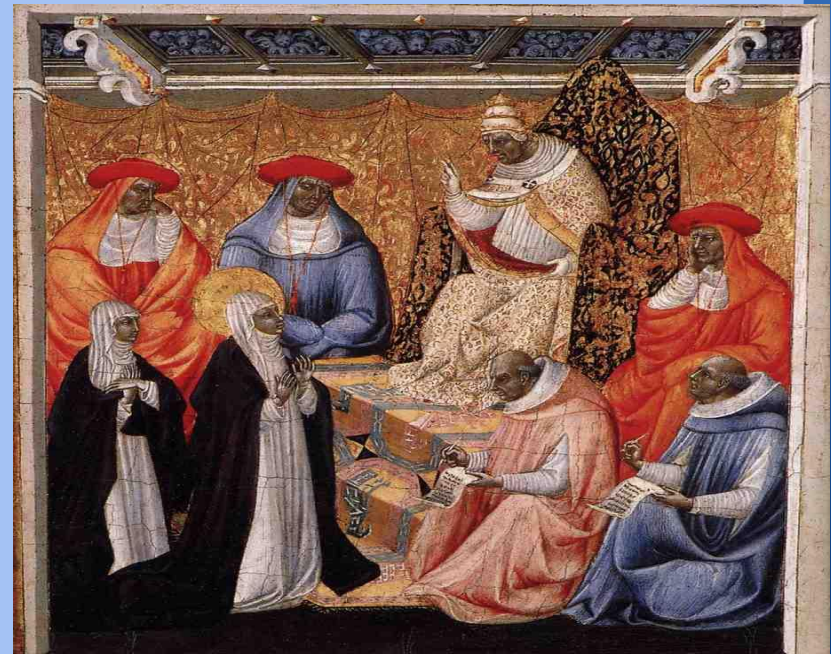


# Achievements

\* In 1373, Catherine of Siena convinced Pope Gregory XI to move the papacy back to Rome, for the clergy was in Avignon because of the Babylonian capture.

\* Later she became ambassador to the pope.

\* Soon after Pope Gregory died, Catherine of Siena helped Pope Urban VI to be a better man.



# Cause of Death

\*Catherine of Siena died during an attempt to stop the Great Schism. Her death was because of a stroke.

\*She got stigmata( look-alike wounds which Christ received in the crucifying). But they weren't visible until her death.

\*She was a big influence in Siena, and legend has it that people from Siena kept her head. 1461, she was declared a saint.



# How She Changed Society

\* Catherine of Siena showed people that if they can lead a spiritual life, you can go beyond the normal experiences of the church.

\*She also showed that you can do anything if you put your mind to it.

\*Her approach of faith later caused the Reformation and influenced other reformers.



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