

# Authority St Thomas Aquinas

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit







The greatest kindness one can render to any man consists in leading him from error to truth – St Thomas Aquinas



#### We respond

Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm. Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion.

St Joseph – Pray for us

From Aquinas' student's prayer



#### We go forth

How can we lead others to the truth?



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Listen to this short piece of music in silence and reflect on the question:

Who do we follow? Who is our authority?



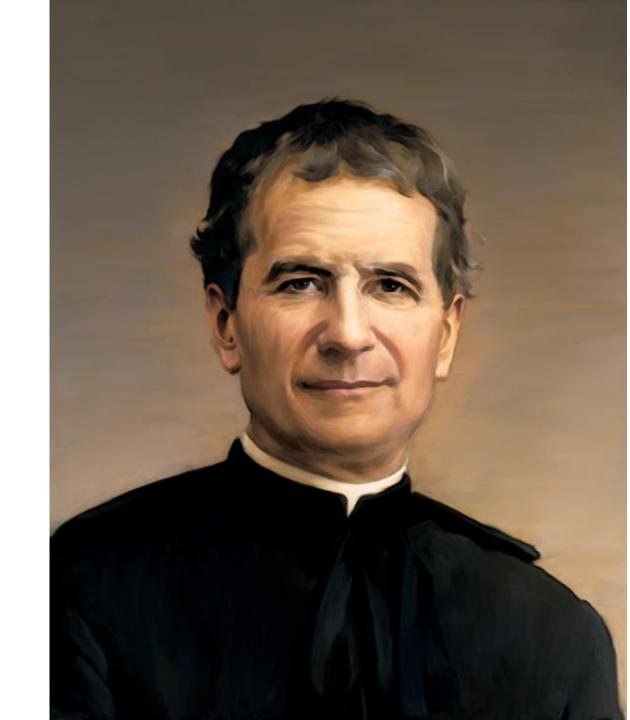
We go forth

How can we follow the teachings of Jesus today?



## St John Bosco

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## We listen



Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today. You may not have a tomorrow. (St John Bosco)



#### We respond

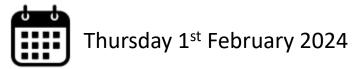
God, Help me to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real.

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#### We go forth

What good are we putting off?





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### We listen

The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. (Mark 1:22)



#### We respond

God, we come to you seeking confidence and assurance to persevere. Help us to chase goals and dreams that are in line with your will. When we are plagued by self-doubt and fear of failure, remind us that all things are possible with you.

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#### We go forth

How can we develop confidence?



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### Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.





The people of
Jesus' time,
including the
religious leaders,
realised there was
something special
about Jesus

They were astonished by his teachings and the authority he had

Whilst he was busy teaching, he did not ignore the man who came in need





Jesus's teachings amazed people because he not only new the scriptures thoroughly, but constantly promoted looking after those in society who had been cast out or ignored. In our community, we are called to follow this example today.

God,

You are full of compassion and love for us, your children. Help us to be compassionate to our classmates at school and our family at home, so that we can reflect God's love in our lives.

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