



# St. Angela Merici

January 27

## Who was St. Angela Merici?

January 27th marks the Feast day for St. Angela Merici. This exceptional woman holds a significant place in the Catholic Church as the founder of the Ursuline Order, the first religious order dedicated to the education of girls and the formation of women in the Church. Born in 1474 in Desenzano del Garda, Italy, Angela grew up in a devout family, deeply committed to their faith.

In her early adulthood, Angela dedicated her life to serving God and the needy, particularly widows and orphans. She had a profound spiritual experience during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which inspired her to dedicate herself fully to the education and spiritual development of young girls. Angela envisioned a community of women who would focus on Christian education, transforming society through the empowerment of women.

In 1535, Angela established the Company of St. Ursula, which later evolved into the Ursuline Order. She envisioned a unique form of religious life, where women lived in their own homes but gathered for prayer, instruction and community life. The order quickly spread across Europe, attracting women who shared Angela's vision of educating girls and promoting the Christian faith.

St. Angela Merici's devotion to education and her emphasis on the potential of women in the Church were revolutionary during her time. Her pioneering work in female education laid the foundation for the Ursuline Order's mission, which continues to this day. The Ursuline sisters have played a vital role in education and social service, leaving an enduring legacy of empowering women to lead and serve in various fields.

The Feast Day of St. Angela Merici is celebrated to honour her life, vision and tireless efforts to educate and uplift women in society. On this day, the Catholic Church recognizes her as a shining example of faith, courage and dedication to the education and spiritual formation of young women. St. Angela's legacy continues to inspire people worldwide to work for the empowerment and equality of women, emphasizing the value of education and spiritual growth in building a more just and compassionate society.

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[St. Peter's Parish website](#)



## Quotes

*"Be courageous and trust in God's plan, for He has chosen you to be a light in the world."*

*"Let your actions speak of love and compassion, for it is through kindness that we truly make a difference in the lives of others."*

*"Seek to be a source of hope and encouragement to those around you, for the world is in need of your unique gifts and talents."*

## Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Lord, my hope and my life.  
Receive my heart, Lord,  
my freedom and my will.

All my actions and my thoughts,  
I give you, Lord, all that is mine,  
I offer at your feet my whole being  
receive it; I pray you, I  
who deserve  
nothing from you,  
enlighten my heart,  
that I may never offend you.

Strengthen my spirit  
so that I may never  
turn away from your face and  
enlighten my heart  
that I may never offend you.

May St. Angela never fail to commend us  
to Your compassion, O Lord, we pray, that,  
following the lessons of her charity and prudence,  
we may hold fast to Your teaching  
and express it in what we do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Patron Saint

People with  
Vision Problems

Orphans and  
Abandoned Children

School  
Teachers

Those Suffering from  
Sickness and  
Poverty

Young Girls Seeking  
Education





## York Catholic District School Board



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**FEAST DAY:**  
January 27

**SCHOOL LOCATION:**  
Markham, ON

*"We must give alms.  
Charity wins souls and  
draws them to virtue."  
-St. Angela Merici*

### **PATRON SAINT OF:**

- Sickness
- Disabled People
- Physically Challenged
- Those Grieving the Loss of their Parents

