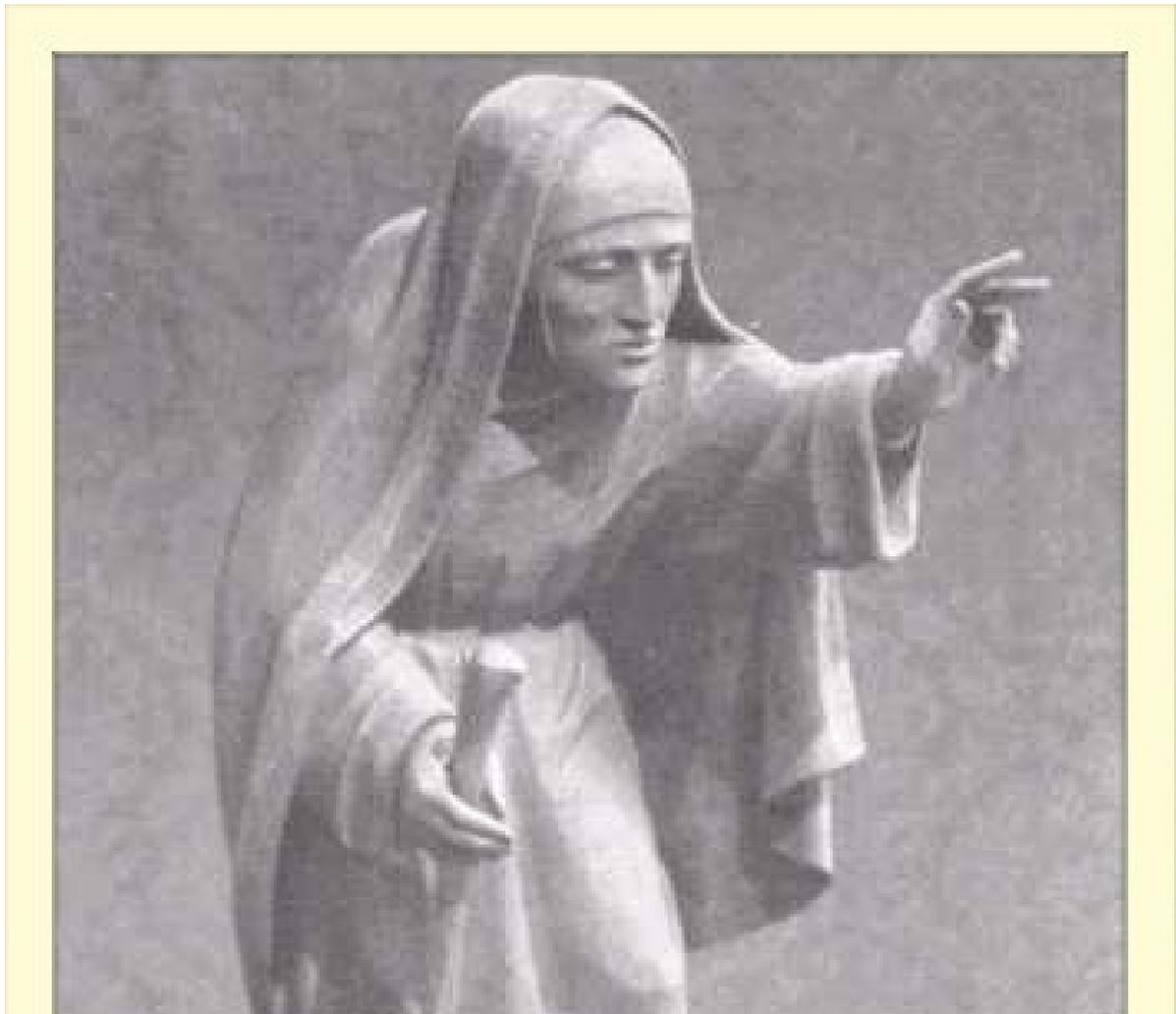

St. Margaret of Castello

Feast Day: April 13



BORN: 1287

**CASTELLO DELLA
METOLA, PAPAL
STATES**

**DIED: 12 APRIL 1320
CITTÀ DI CASTELLO,
PAPAL STATES**

Catholic Social

Teaching principles:

- **Life and Dignity of the Human Person**

- St. Margaret of Castello was born in 1287 in a small town in what is now Italy.
- Born to wealthy parents, St. Margaret was born with several different disabilities. She was born blind, had dwarfism, severe scoliosis, and had difficulty walking.
- Because of her disabilities, St. Margaret's parents hid her away, and finally abandoned her in a church, leaving her to be cared for by the poor in the village.
- She later opened a small school and daycare for the children of the town where she instructed them in the faith and the psalms.
- St. Margaret became a third-order Dominican, and so is pictured wearing a Dominican habit.
- She died in 1320, when she was around 32 years old.
- There are two Dominican parishes in the United States that have shrines to Saint Margaret of Castello: St. Louis Bertrand Church in Louisville, Kentucky, and St. Patrick Church in Columbus, Ohio

Pray

"St. Margaret, patroness of the blind and the disabled... pray for us.

St. Margaret, servant of the sick and the outcast...pray for us."



Pray the full Litany of St. Margaret of Castello by Dominican Br. Maximilian Maria Jaskowak



Above: Dominican Sisters look at the to-scale statue of St. Margaret of Castello

Learn

Watch:

Being differently abled does not limit someone from being a "fully-fledged member of the ecclesial community". Pope Francis reminded us of this when he said that Baptism gives everyone, "without exclusion or discrimination", the possibility to exclaim: "I am Church!" Watch the videos from the new Vatican "I am Church" Campaign here:



Act

- Attend the Archdiocesan Disability Awareness Mass on April 24, 2022 at 10:00 am at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. For more information or to get involved in ministry to people with special needs, contact Erin Jeffries at ejeffries@archindy.org
- How do you and your parish welcome children and adults with disabilities? What more could you do? Get some ideas from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability's website (<https://ncpd.org/>) or follow them on social media. Commit to taking one action this month inspired by what you've learned.



Picture to the left: The room where Saint Margaret was held prisoner from the age of 6