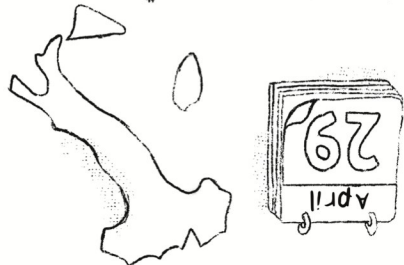


Her feast day is April 29th. She is the patron saint of Italy, nurses, the sick, and those who speak up.



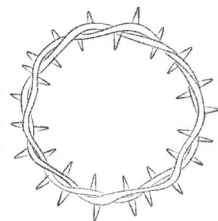
A quill for the hundreds of letters she wrote to kings, Bishops, and Popes.



A lily for her purity and devotion.



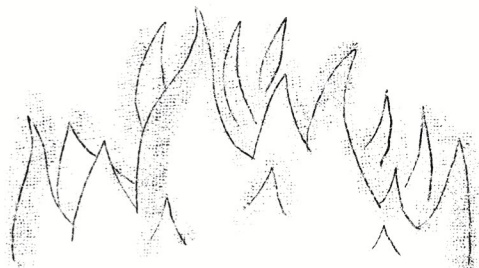
A crown of thorns she asked to share in Jesus's suffering.



Symbols of St. Catherine

"PREACH THE TRUTH AS IF YOU HAD 1 MILLION VOICES.

IT IS SILENCE THAT KILLS THE WORLD."



ST. CATHERINE of Siena



Catherine was born in sienna, Italy in 1347, the 24th of 25 children. Yes, 25 Her family was loud and chaotic and she loved it. From the time she was very little, she felt very close to God in a way that was hard to explain.



When Catherine was six years old, she had a vision of Jesus smiling at her from the sky. She never forgot it. From that day on, she wanted to spend her whole life loving him and helping others.

Catherine never went to school and didn't learn to read or write until she was an adult. But she was so wise that Bishops, Cardinals, and even the Pope asked her for advice. She wrote hundreds of letters, telling powerful people to do the right thing, and they listened.



Catherine spent hours every day in prayer and then she got up and went to work. She brought food to families who had nothing. She sat with people who were sick. She visited people in prison. And she didn't wait to be asked. She just did it.

