

St. Thomas Aquinas Crucifix Update

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At the bottom of the Crucifix, a mountain and cave will be included, representing Golgotha, Hebrew for the place of the skull. Jn 19:17

Hello St. Thomas Aquinas Community.

This afternoon I finished sanding the Crucifix. I had help from two generous family members, thank God.

The process to repair the gesso and sand it smooth took almost a month. Yes, it was tedious. But at the same time, it offered me more time to pray for your community.

After wiping the dust off, I place the drawing on the Crucifix. This week I will begin transferring the drawings to the surface and then painting the lines.

Icons are timeless. Paradoxically it takes scheduled time to create them. In this case, it took much more time than I anticipated.

Now the true fun begins. First the drawing is lined up, then transferred. At each stage corrections are made. The goal is always for simplicity, balance, beauty, prayerfulness, depth and harmony.

The placement of the halo is important. Every step requires a discerning eye, prayer, and patience.

I can't wait to get a brush in my hand and start applying paint. I assume the same is true for your community.

As soon as the drawings are down, I will send an update, which will be soon.

I ask for your continued prayers as I begin the next step.

Blessings to all of you during this Easter season.

In Christ,

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