



25. - On his way to Lyon, where a council had been convened (1274), St. Thomas was overtaken by illness and had to stop at the abbey of Fossa Nova. He comments on the Song of Songs to the brothers of the abbey. As he reaches the words: *"Come, my beloved, let us go out into the country"* (Ct 7 :11), he raises his eyes to heaven and gives up his soul to God (March 7, 1274). - At the same time, in Cologne, Albert the Great, in tears, announces to his brothers the death of Thomas Aquinas (left inset) and a religious sees the apostle St. Peter leading Thomas to heaven (right inset).