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WHY IS THIS TYPE OF SCHOOL OF VALUE TO TEACHING SISTERS?

The opening of the SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY by the Dominican Fathers is a Godsend. It fills a gap in the system of Christian Education.

We study Christian Doctrine throughout High School and Normal School, but we more than ever realize that what is needed is to study Religion under the guidance of St. Thomas Aquinas.

In the Encyclical, AETERNI PATRIS, Leo XIII says to let teachers do their best to instill the doctrine of St. Thomas Aquinas into the minds of their hearers, to point out clearly its solidity and excellence above all other teaching, to let this doctrine be the light of all places of learning. To realize this ideal, the means, PAR EXCELLENCE, is to sit at the feet of the learned and devoted professors, the Dominicans, whose life-long work is to expound Thomistic Doctrine.

We are surrounded by people who believe in Naturalism and Pantheism. How can we counteract their influence in the rising generation entrusted to our care if we are not staunchly anchored in true Faith, without doubt, ignorance, or lack of conviction.

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This movement is not yet approved by all, because they think a woman's mind is not fitted to the profound abstract studies of Theology. With God's grace, hard work and earnest endeavour, it is surprising how much can, and is achieved.