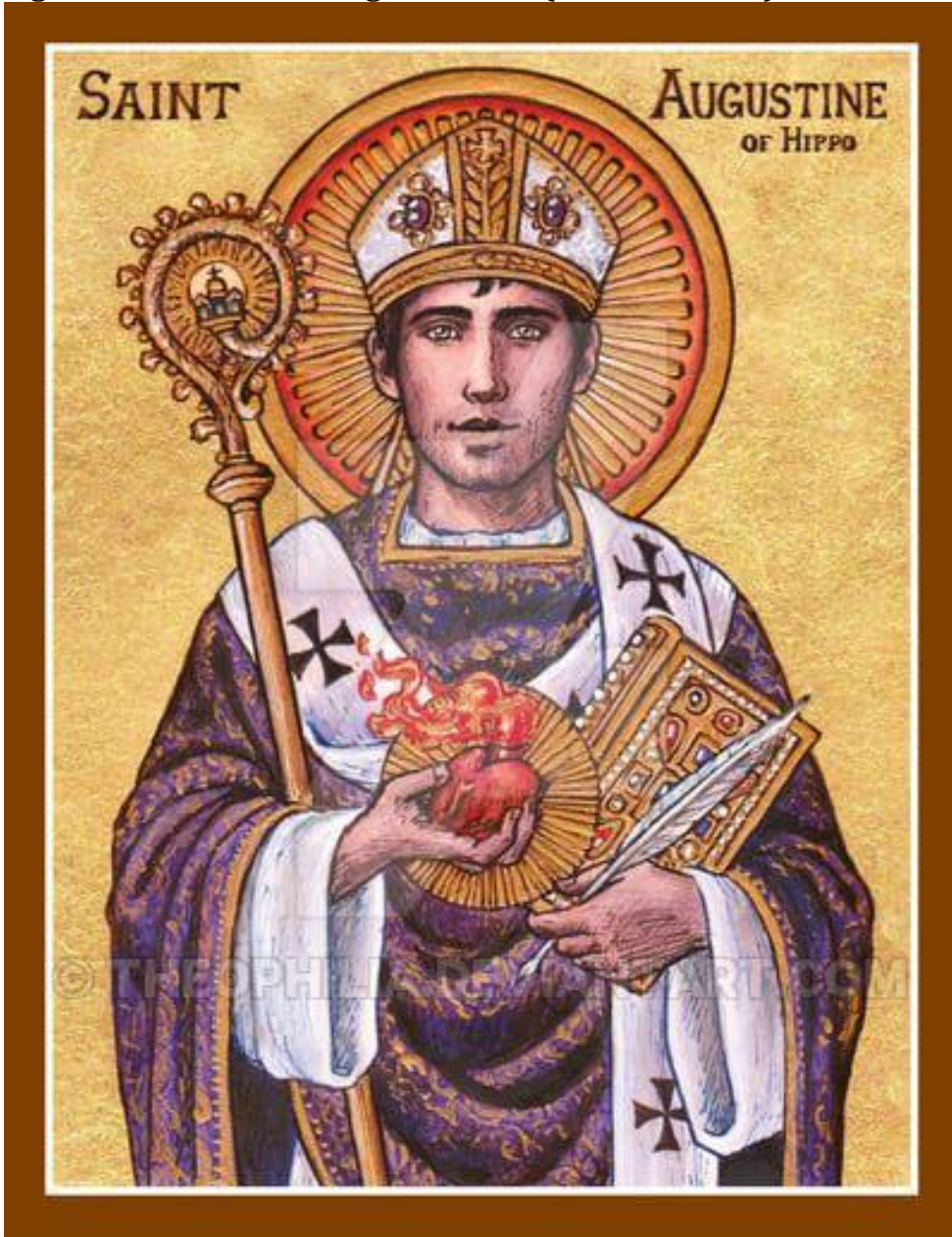


Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of The Church:
a great sinner turned a great Saint (354 - 430 AD)



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"The most prolific and influential of the Latin Fathers, Augustine spent the first half of his life studying and teaching rhetoric in North Africa. He kept a concubine and adhered to the [false cult] religion of the Manicheans." *

At the age of 17, Augustine fathered his out-of-wedlock son, "Adeodatus" meaning "Gift of GOD," with his never named mistress. They almost did, but never married, a source of great sorrow to his mother, Saint Monica. Eventually, Augustine's mistress converted to Christianity and became a cloistered Nun. His beloved teenage son was baptized a Christian as well, but sadly died a year later. +

"His mother's prayers and the preaching of Saint Ambrose influenced his conversion. But, as Augustine tells it in his "Confessions," his entry into The Church was primarily The Work of GOD, Who pursued him throughout his life." *

"Hearing of how others had been converted by reading the Life of St. Anthony of the Dessert (the first great Life of a Saint, itself written by the great St. Athanasius), Augustine was moved to strive in earnest for Heaven.

While praying in a garden in Milan (and weeping over his attachment to sin), Augustine heard a faint voice say, "Tolle, lege!" or "Take up and read." The Saint opened the Letters of St. Paul at random and found here..." +

ROMANS 13:13-14

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQCFR-08214>

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on The Lord JESUS CHRIST, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

"At the Easter Vigil of 388, St. Augustine was baptized together with Adeodatus by the saintly bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose. And so began his Christian life which has benefited The Church through the ages to the present day." +

From reading lives of the Saints to The Holy Scriptures, The HOLY SPIRIT stirred Augustine's willing heart, by GOD's Grace, to rebirth in faith in our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST.

"See who I was in myself and by myself. I have destroyed myself, but He Who made me remade me!" After his conversion, Augustine was made Bishop of Hippo [in North Africa]. The "Doctor of Grace," Augustine, died in 430." *

*["Saint Augustine." The Magnificat, 8/28/2021. Memorial, p 394.]
+["August 28th, Feast of St. Augustine." Father Ryan Erlenbush. The New Theological Movement, 8/28/2013. "Adeodatus," paragraph 1. See next section, "The conversion of the mistress." "St. Augustine's conversion," paragraph 2-4.]

<https://newtheologicalmovement.blogspot.com/2013/08/st-augustines-mistress-and-son-and.html>