

AUGUSTINIANS

Order of St. Augustine

FOUNDER

St. Augustine of Hippo, born in the year 354, spent many years of his life engrossed in vice. Through the devoted prayers of his mother, St. Monica, and the preaching of St. Ambrose, he finally broke free of his sinful living and was baptized. He had always been incredibly intelligent, so it was not long before he became a priest, a bishop, and a famous Catholic writer. However, the Augustinian Order was formed in the year 1243, when Pope Innocent IV officially called all Tuscan hermits to unite together under the Rule of Saint Augustine. These Hermits had already desired to pursue the specific path of Augustinian spirituality, and they were finally confirmed by the Church.

MOTTO

"Anima una et cor unum in Deum"

"One heart and one soul in God"

TYPE

The Augustinians are a Mendicant Religious Order. Mendicants are friars or sisters that live from alms, recite the Divine Office, and evangelize through apostolic activities.

HABIT

The belted, black tunic of the Tuscan hermits was adopted and is used as the habit of the Order of St. Augustine.

COAT OF ARMS



NOTABLE SAINTS

- **St. John of Sahagún** (1430-1479) Feast Day: June 12
- **St. Rita of Cascia** (1381-1457) Feast Day: May 22
- **St. Clare of Montefalco** (c.1268-1308) Feast Day: August 17

SPIRITUALITY

The characteristics of Augustinian spirituality include living the Gospel, communion of life, searching for God interiorly, Apostolic activities according to the needs of the church, studying, and the cultivation of knowledge.

QUOTATION

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." - Saint Augustine

