

Sister's Spin

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If anyone could be called a "Helicopter Parent", it might be St. Monica. Her care and concern for her son, Augustine, is well known. She literally followed him everywhere--whether he liked it or not, especially in his early "wild" days. But as we know, Monica's tears and prayers for her child paid off and after his conversion, Augustine became one of the greatest doctors of the Church. What we know of Monica comes to us from Augustine's work, **The Confessions**. What is little known is that Monica also put up with a husband and mother-in-law who had great tempers, and through her patience and kindness to them, she also converted them before they died. A little trivia tidbit is that the city of Santa Monica, California, is named in honor of Monica and there is a statue of her in one of the parks near the coastline. There is also a group of springs on the now campus of the University High School that originally were named in honor of Monica's tears, These are now called Serra Springs after Father Junipero Serra.

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