

Sister's Spin

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One cannot celebrate the feast of St. Monica without the following day, celebrating her son, Augustine. This is what the Church does, following the feast of Monica, (today) with that of Augustine tomorrow. It is known that after his conversion and baptism, Monica was content to die and her death was very hard for Augustine. But he followed in the footsteps of this wonderful mother by his own life of prayer and sacrifice. He took the example of his mother and turned to a life of prayer. He also entered more deeply into the study of the Scriptures and is known for forming one of the first communities of people searching for God's will. He wrote about life in such a community and many religious congregations adapt their own rules based on what Augustine wrote for his little community. Monica and Augustine remind us that good things happen when one entrusts oneself to prayer and acceptance of one's role as a Catholic Christian.

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