

AUGUSTINE (www.osanet.org)



Augustine of Hippo (354-430) was one of the Latin Fathers of the Church. In other words, he was one of the influential figures in the early years of Christianity in Central Europe. He is also a Doctor of the Church, a title which has been given to 33 saints over the years and which denotes the fact that their teachings are of particular value to the Church.

There are several different groups that claim the name *Augustinian*, including nuns priests and non-ordained brothers & monks. There are also lay societies around the world. The majority of Augustinians will have the suffix OSA after their names (Order of Saint Augustine). Some famous Augustinians include Nicholas Breakspear, the only Englishman to become Pope (Adrian IV).

Their work includes teaching, parish work and various other ministries. Though some are enclosed i.e. they devote themselves to prayer and don't get out much. The Augustinian order is unique in that it wasn't actually founded by St. Augustine himself. Rather it was a coalition, drawn together by the Pope at the Grand Union in 1256, of various groups who were attempting to live and work following Augustine's example.

FEAST DAY: August 28th