

August 28th

**THE FEAST OF OUR
HOLY FATHER
SAINT AUGUSTINE
OF HIPPO**



August, 2011



Dear Friends of the Augustinian Missions:

Augustinians throughout the world are preparing to celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine on August 28th. For those who follow Augustine it is a very special day. For many of us, it was the day we first professed our Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, making us a member of the Augustinian Family. This date recalls the beginning of our journey as Augustinian Friars.

St. Augustine wrote on an incredible number of topics and is so frequently quoted from his writings. There is one particular quote which speaks of a journey for every Augustinian and Christian:

"You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you".
(Confessions of St. Augustine 1.1)

This beautiful quote speaks to the essence of every person who seeks God. As we journey through life and seek God, we do so with the heart. We are not at peace until we find God, and in finding God discover the peace that our restless hearts long to experience.

God speaks to us in our hearts. As Augustinian missionaries we are so honored for, in our ministry in foreign lands, we hear God speak to the hearts of people in Japanese, Spanish and Zulu. It brings to mind the universality of the Church and our Order. It brings to mind that our God speaks to the hearts of people in so many different places throughout the world; our God is the God of all.

Our friars may only address the restless hearts of people in Japan, Peru and South Africa because of your continued support of our missions. On this Feast of St. Augustine may our God bless you for assisting those hearts throughout the world to find rest in Him.

Happy Feast Day!

In St. Augustine,

Handwritten signature of Rev. Anthony P. Burrascano, OSA.

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