

SAINT MONICA

Saint Monica also known as Monica of Hippo, was an early saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. Because of her name and place of birth, Monica is assumed to have been born in Thagaste (present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria). She is believed to have been a Berber on the basis of her name.^[4]

She was married early in life to Patricius, a Roman pagan, who held an official position in Tagaste. Monica had three children who survived infancy: sons Augustine and Navigius and daughter Perpetua.

She is remembered and honored in most Christian denominations, for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine.

Monica followed her wayward son to Rome, where he had gone secretly; when she arrived he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found him she and ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine convert to Christianity after 17 years of resistance.

Saint Monica is the Patron Saint of:

Alcoholics
Conversion
Married Women
Mothers