

The Journey Home

St. Augustine & Us

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Presented by Fr. Elias Henritz, OP



“The Odyssey of Soul”

St. Augustine of Hippo, Doctor of the Church, is considered the theological father of western Christianity. We moderns read the Bible and see the whole of our faith much in the light of his thought and writings. He was a prolific genius. Augustine’s autobiographical work, the *Confessions*, is deemed to be the most complete record of any single individual from the 4th and 5th centuries. Today it is still in print and read around the world. :The *Confessions* are theology which has been lived in the soul and the history of God’s action on individuals.” The Catholic Encyclopedia describes this book as “penetrating analysis of the soul, communicating feeling, sentiment, depth; there is none other like it in all of literature.” Come to the day to enter into the *Confessions* with Augustine as he intended it to be understood: *the story of our Christian journey to our lasting home.*

Along with the *Confessions*, Fr. Elias will use the writings of Robert J. O’Connell, SJ, a foremost Augustinian scholar. The day will include conferences, discussion, and Mass. Lunch will be served.

Father Elias Henritz, OP was ordained a Dominican Priest in 1992. He holds an MA in philosophy and a pontifical doctorate in theology in which he has studied and written on human suffering and the friendship of the risen Lord. He has taught theology on the graduate and undergraduate levels which included a course on Augustine’s *Confessions* at Providence College. Father is currently teaching at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He also ministers in spiritual direction and gives retreats.

The offering for the day is \$45.00.