



AUGUSTINE  
OF HIPPO  
354-430

# COMPLETE SURRENDER

*Renovare Devotional Classic*  
*Sunday 9/30 @ 10 am in the Great  
Hall*

Epiphany Seattle Spiritual  
Formation Forum

# *Confessions*

“Lord, give me chastity and  
continence, but not yet.”



An engraving of St. Augustine, a bearded man in a hooded robe, holding a book and gesturing with his right hand. The background is a textured, greyish-brown.

# Who Was Augustine, Bishop of Hippo?

The Problem Child

Young Lust

Fevers of Mind

Putting Away Old Loves

Why Not Now?

"TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE."  
- ST. AUGUSTINE

# Devotional Frame

*Because we are stamped with the image of God, we long for the good, the true, the beautiful. Because we live in a good world gone bad, we hanker after the distortions of God's good creation. We try by sheer willpower to seek the good but will fail, always fail, because the will is in conflict with the itself and is in need of redemption. We need – as did Augustine – the transforming power of Jesus Christ alive and present among us.”*

*Richard Foster*



# Give Me Chastity and Continence, but Not Yet

“My Inner Self Was A House Divided”

“Why Not Now?”

St Augustine says that he felt like “a house divided,” torn between two opposing desires.

Have you ever had this experience?

St Augustine asks himself, “How long shall I go on saying “Tomorrow, Tomorrow.? Why not now. Why not make an end of my ugly sins at this moment?”

How would you answer this question?



THOMAS MERTON

1915 - 1968

# WAYS OF MEDITATION

*Renovare Devotional Classic*

Sunday **10/21**@ 10 am

*Great Hall*

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Spiritual Formation Series