



Amazing look at the life of St. Augustine!
Beautiful cinematography, too!



Restless Heart (Film by Ignatius Press)

[WATCH RESTLESS HEART](#)

Filmed in Europe, this first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known saints. Its message of sin, conversion, and redemption is as timely today as it was in the fifth century. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what would later become Europe. Alongside Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

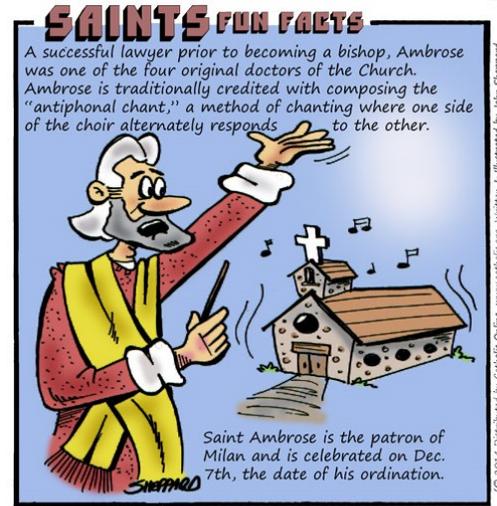
This movie is not rated but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain intense scenes indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Donna Doherty's Rating – Highly recommend – Adult Subject Matter, Violence – (2:13 hours)

Favorite scenes: Augustine hears Ambrose preach, Augustine's spiritual awakening and the wind in the trees

Discussion questions:

1. Do you have a restless heart? Why is this the title of the movie?
2. What does St. Monica teach us about our faith? What does she teach us about parenting?
3. What sacrifices do St. Ambrose and St. Augustine make?
4. How do they decide who they want to be? How does it change their lives?
5. What is truth?
6. What did St. Augustine learn about God? Why is he a Saint?
7. Who is the Ambrose in *your* life? How can you be Ambrose to others?
8. Would you recommend this movie? What would your rating be? Respond to this Flocknote!



Movie night by Donna Doherty



The Story of St. Augustine (and his mom, St. Monica)

Story of St. Augustine – For Kids! (35 min.)

Bright, young Augustine thinks his mother's religion is foolishness. Convinced that his superior intellect will guide him, he sneaks away from home and ventures to a new life in the city of Rome. Soon Augustine finds himself in an important position as "The Voice of the Emperor," with the life of luxury he's always wanted.

When the empire decides to take over the Christian basilica, Augustine prepares to give the speech of a lifetime, one that will slow the rising tide of Christianity's influence. With his devout mother and the unwavering Bishop Ambrose on one side and the empire's loyal soldiers on the other, Augustine must choose whom he will serve. *Watch with your kids and discuss the movie!*

Discussion questions:

1. How does St. Monica help St. Augustine?
2. How does St. Ambrose change the way that St. Augustine thinks? What did he say?
3. How do they argue with words?
4. How did St. Augustine's life change? Who told him to 'take and read'? What did he read? "Put on the _____, _____."
5. What virtues did you see in the characters? What Works of Mercy did you see in this movie?
What did you learn about God? And prayer?

Coloring pages: [St. Augustine](#) and [St. Ambrose](#)

