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To Augustinian Parishes and Colleges, Augustinian Associations on the occasion of the Feast of St Monica (27th August, 2019) and the Solemnity of Saint Augustine (28th August, 2019)

Dear Friends

I write to wish you all of you a joyful celebration of St Monica's Day and St Augustine's Day from the Augustinians in Australia and Korea.

St Augustine was first and foremost committed in his service of Christ and pointed to Jesus and not himself. To the extent that St Augustine is a model and inspiration for us, it is because he helps us understand what it is to be a follower of Christ in the world in which we live.

We know St Augustine did a lot of great things in his service of the Church of his time and of the people entrusted to his care. His great book *The Confessions* shows that this commitment was only possible because of his deep prayer life. St Augustine knew he was loved by God. He could bring to God all of who he was – his goodness, his weakness, his happiness and his worries. God's grace was what enabled him to do what he did. Prayer was St Augustine's attention to that grace.

St Monica whose feast we celebrate the day before St Augustine, affirms the importance of those wisdom figures in our lives who guide us and pray for us. In the case of Christian parents their role in the handing on faith in terms of immediacy and influence is irreplaceable.

At this time, I commend to your prayers the new Augustinian community in Vietnam and the General Chapter that takes place in Rome during September.

God Bless

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