



## This Week's Inspiration

### March 16, 2011

### “Blessed Trinity”

Dear Friend,

Augustine was born November 13, 354 in the town of Tagaste in Northern Africa. His father financed the best education possible. In 395 Augustine became the bishop at Hyppo Regius, a powerful Roman city in North Africa. He has been called the greatest philosopher, on the basis of Christianity proper, the world has ever had. I believe this description to be true, for he is well known for his books Confessions and The City of God. I believe his book, On the Trinity, influenced Christianity a great deal over the past 1600 years.

In Augustine’s study of the Trinity, I learned a profound idea. Augustine wrote, “The Trinity does not work indivisibly, but the Father does some things, the Son other things, and the Holy Spirit others: or else, if they do some things together, some several, then the Trinity is not indivisible.” Three important ideas about the nature of the Trinity come out of this thought from Augustine:

- *God is one indivisible essence*
- *God is three persons who relate to humanity in unique ways*
- *As the Trinity, God remains indivisible, He does not become three Gods*

Why is this important? The Scriptures call us to understand God as He reveals Himself, instead of creating a deity that is easy for us to understand. I challenge you to invite the Holy Spirit to guide you into a more profound understanding of the awesome mystery of God in three persons, Blessed Trinity.

God Bless,  
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