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Feast of Our Lady of Consolation

Sept 4

The Blessed Virgin Mary is venerated as Mother of Consolation, because through her, God sent Jesus Christ the Consoler to the world. At least since the seventeenth century, “Our Lady of Consolation” or “Our Lady of the Cincture” is a key title with which the Order honours the Virgin Mary. Its origin among the Augustinians is directly tied to the life of the mother and son Saints Monica and Augustine who are commonly depicted together with the figures of Mary and the Child Jesus in renditions of the image. The other title of the devotion is Our Lady of the Cincture. Based on these titles, numerous statues and paintings depict the Virgin with the child Jesus, who is giving the cincture to Saint Monica and to Saint Augustine as a sign of consolation. The painting above is displayed in the Augustinian parish church at Shiroyama district, Nagasaki, Japan, where the church is dedicated in honour of Mary as the Mother of Consolation. (For more pictures of this church, go to In 1439, the Order obtained the faculty to constitute groups of laity in the “Confraternity of the Cincture”. In 1495, in the Augustinian church in Bologna, the “Confraternity of St. Mary of the Cincture” came into existence. In 1575, various confraternities were united into the Archconfraternity of the Cincture, which received



multiple indulgences from the Holy See. According to tradition, Monica, immersed in sorrow because of the death of her husband and the waywardness of her son, was granted a vision of Mary and the Child Jesus, who sought to offer her comfort or consolation. Mary handed her a leather cincture which she asked Monica to wear as a continual reminder of her presence and thus, a visible sign of encouragement. From that moment Monica wore the cincture and, after his conversion, recommended it also to her son as an indication of Mary’s abiding protection. Thus, by this same tradition, it became the principal and common symbol for all who follow Augustine’s Rule.

ON LINE SEPTENARY PRAYER IN HONOR OF ST. NICHOLAS

The Campus Ministry Office invites the community to join in the Septenary prayer in honor of the Patron of Holy souls and our Patron Saint , St. Nicholas of Tolentino. Every 3:15 pm, from September 3 – 9, 2020, everyone is invited to join the online prayer live via UNO-R campus Ministry Office Facebook account. St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Pray for us.

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FR. PRESIDENT CREATES UQA COMMITTEES

Fray Don Besana, OAR, with the approval of the School Board, created the University Quality Assurance (UQA) Committees. These committees are tasked to set a direction for the different initiatives of the University and to formulate and implement strategies to achieve them. The Honorary Chairman is the Fr. President while the over-all Chair is Dr. Elmer Haro. The committees and its members are: Committee on Autonomous University – Fray Alden Alipin, OAR and Dr. Mona Freda Secondes – Co-Chairs, with members Ms. Chris Feli Joy Tajonera; Dr. Dennis Madrigal; Dr. Dexter Paul Dioso; Mrs. Ma. Luisa Catague, CPA, MBA; and Ms. Maribel Gonzales, RSW, MSSW; Committee on Accreditation: Fray Persiuz Joseph Decena, OAR, and Dr. Ma. Theresa Chavez – Co-Chairs, with members Mrs. Lucille Montalvo, MAEd; Dr. Marissa Petalla; Dr. Sheila Arnibal, RN; Dr. Annabee Claur; Mrs. Grace Lopena, CPA, MBA, JD; Dr. Jasmin Parreno; Engr. Christopher Alunan, Ph.D.; Atty. John Paolo Villazor; and Dr. Dennis Madrigal; Committee on COE/COD – Fray Amadeo Lucero, OAR and Dr. Claur –Co-Chairs, with members Engr. Alunan; Dr. Parreno; Dr. Chavez; Dr. Arnibal; and Mrs. Sheila Dela Cruz, MSLIS; Committee on ISO Certification – Fray Cristituto Palomar, OAR, and Mrs. Lopena – Co-Chairs, with members Atty. Villazor; Engr. Alunan; Mr. Alvin Mananquil, MSCS; Dr. Carmenda Leonoras; Mrs. Ma. Judy B. Legaspi, MA; Mr. Mariano Antenor; and Mrs. Catague; And Committee on Institutional Innovation – Fray Ronel Gealon, OAR and Engr. Christopher Taclobos – Co-Chairs, with members Atty. Mary Jude Marvel; Dr. Nena Samillano; Mr. Mananquil; Mr. Antenor; and Dr. Carlos Eduardo Legaspi, Jr. These appointments are embodied in Memorandum No. 11 s. SY 2020-2021

BISHOP SUSPENDS MASSES IN BACOLOD CITY



Bacolod Bishop Patricio Buzon, SDB, DD issued his Circular Letter no. 2020-014, suspending the celebration of Mass with the physical participation of the Faithful within the City of Bacolod from September 3 to 15, 2020. This was the recommendation and unanimous decision of the Vicars Forane of the Diocese, together with the members of the Multi-Commission COVID 19 Technical Working Group during the meeting held last September 2. The suspension of the Masses in the city of Bacolod is in solidarity with our frontliners and medical practitioners. He added that the Faithful can access online Masses during these days. Furthermore, Funeral Masses and other celebration of the Sacraments within the period shall continue provided that there will only be ten (10) persons are to participate and that exiting health protocols must be strictly observed. Any pre-scheduled Masses and celebration of the sacraments within this period should get the permission of the Bishop through written permission.

Earlier, the Bishop also issued Circular Letter 2020-013, enjoining the whole Diocese “to go through a process of ‘making sense in faith of the whole COVID 19 experience’ for forty days. Dubbed as ‘A 40-day Diocesan –wide Communal Reflection in this time of COVID 19’, the activity draws inspiration from the Biblical Framework of ‘forty’ or ‘quarenta’ which speaks of ‘graced time’ or ‘opportune time’ for reflection, repentance, and renewal.” This will start on September 1, 2020 “World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation and the beginning of the Annual “Season of Creation” as established by Pope Francis. This will end on

October 11, 2020, The Solemnity of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, the second Patroness of the Diocese of Bacolod.

NEG. OCC. IS MGCQ; BACOLOD CITY UNDER GCQ

Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Lacson issued Executive Order 20-43, an order extending the duration of the MGCQ over the entire province of Neg. Occ. until September 15, 2020. Bacolod City Mayor Evelio Leonardia issued Executive Order #57 s. 2020, an order placing the City of Bacolod under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) from September 1-30, 2020 after the MGCQ pursuant to the pronouncement of the National Inter-Agency Task Force For the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases EO 57 s. 2020 was issued after Presidential Spokesperson, Hon. Harry Roque in a televised announcement that Bacolod shall be among the areas under GCQ because of the spike in local transmissions of COVID 19. Highlights of the said EO are: Strict home quarantine; use of Home Quarantine Pass (HQP); Limited Public Transportation within the City; limited operations of business and Industry sector; Sunday closure of Three major markets in the City; 50% capacity on malls, business establishments and Restaurants; 12-Hours

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business operations are encouraged; suspension of face-to-face or in-person classes; prohibition of Mass Gathering; Religious gatherings with not more than ten(10) persons; Curfew hours shall be from 10 PM to 4 AM (Sept. 1-15); Partially lifting of the Liquor Ban in the City from 12 pm to 6 pm and consumption shall be allowed only within the private residences; Resumption and reactivation of Check-up points within the city and along its borders starting September 3-15,2020; Enforcement of local lockdowns.

LEONARDIA ISSUES EO ON HQP

Bacolod City Mayor Evelio Leonardia issued Executive Order no. 58 s. 2020, an order to establish the Bacolod City Home Quarantine Pass (HQP) system, and Check-up Points to regulate the movement of people within Bacolod City and the entry/exit of Out-of-Towners into the City as a means of Stemming the Local Spread of COVID 19 Infections. The Order highlights the following: Use of HQP system and Check-up points shall commence of September 3, until September 15, 2020

Strict Home Quarantine for persons below 21 yrs. old and those who are sixty and above; for those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks; pregnant women.

Exemptions from strict home quarantine areas follows: Government officials and employees who are required to work on-site; Medical and non-medical frontliners and emergency responders; Private sector employees whose offices are permitted by the NIATF/DTI to operate during this quarantine category; Business owners who need to supervise their businesses; Self-employed individuals (drivers of public transport vehicles); Living alone member of the vulnerable sector who need to procure basic needs; Those needing medical consultations, treatments and therapies; And any other individuals whom the Barangay will allow for justifiable reasons.

Exemption Documents to Home Quarantine: valid company/employment ID with picture; for businessmen-2020 business registration; and for medical reasons, medical certificate for patient and HQP and a valid ID;

ON HQP. This is “not for sale” and shall be issued by the respective barangays; Each household shall be issued an HQP primarily to one household member who is above 21 years old, but maybe passed on to a maximum of three qualified members of the same household whose names shall be duly written at the back of the HQP. Only one at a time can use the HQP. HQP’s are not travel passes. HQP ending in Odd numbers could be used on Mon, Wed, and Fri while those ending in even, shall be used on Tues, Thurs, Saturdays; NO HQPs are to be used on Sundays;

Bacolod Residents with jobs or businesses in other towns: They must present their Company/employment ID with picture (For employees) and 2020 Business registration issued by LGU. These will be sufficient documents;

Other Out of town Residents undertaking essential Business in Bacolod. those who will be allowed to enter and exit Bacolod are: Public officials and employees; Private sector employees who have on-site work; Business owners who directly supervise their establishments; People involved in transporting essential goods in bulk and construction materials for public or private projects; patients with their companions; students who need to attend face-to-face classes in higher Education Institutions; People who are transiting through the City to reach other towns/cities; and members of volunteer organizations responding to humanitarian or emergencies in the City.

HQP use in malls and Commercial Establishments. Malls and establishment shall require presentation of HQP upon entry and those exempted are required to present their company/employment ID or 2020 Business permit with valid personal ID; and Without valid HQPs, members of the vulnerable sector must be denied entry.

September 3, 2020, Leonardia issued Executive Order No. 58-A, an Order amending EO 58, s. 2020, by deferring the implementation of the HQP system and Check-up points in the City of Bacolod to September 6, 2020, until Sept. 19, 2020.

UNO-R OSH CONDUCTS 1ST MEETING

The UNO-R Occupational Safety and Health Committee met last August 27 at 10:30 am at the President’s Hall. Fray Amadeo Lucero, Chairperson of the Committee, opened the meeting with a prayer and gave the rationale of the creation of the Committee. The committee replaces the Task Force pursuant to DOLE-DTI Memo Circular 20-04. The agenda for the meeting was: Orientation of the Guidance and Protocol for the Management of Adult Patients

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with COVID 19 infections, Suspected or probable infection and their direct Contacts by Dr. Christer Mari Taclobos; Observations; Assignments; and Recommendations;

Dr. Taclobos shared the guidelines and protocols on handling suspect or probable cases of COVID 19. For mild cases, the physician may advise self –quarantine but for moderate to severe, hospitalization will be recommended. Local contact tracing must also be immediately done after a suspect case becomes confirmed case. Immediate disinfection and lockdown should also be implemented.

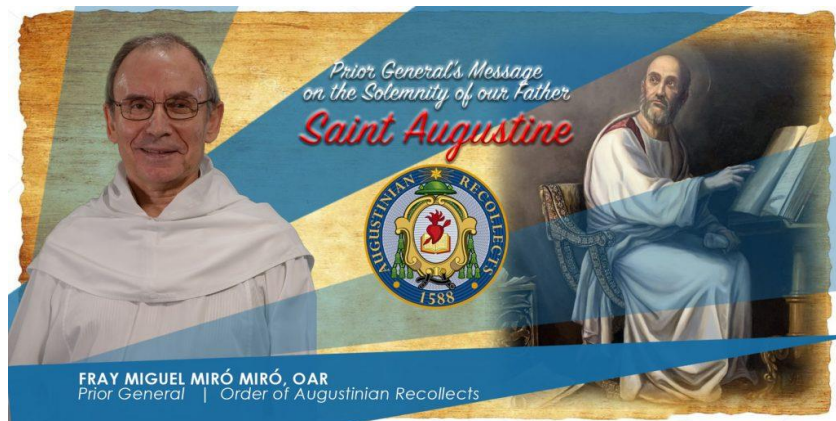
The members were given the following assignments: Dr. Taclobos and Mr. Mars Olea – Co-Chairpersons; Dr. Carmenda Leonoras – Employees concerns; Dr. Lino Sumbillo – READS concerns; Dr. Dexter Dioso – Tertiary Students ‘ concerns; Mrs. Mary Jane Concel -Integrated School learners’ concerns; Mr. Olea and Dr. Carlos Legaspi – Guests; Mrs. Wennie Sumbillo, RN – Screening at the entrance gate; Mrs. Lilibeth Hablo, RN and Mrs. Athena Joy de Paula, RN – clinic and Isolation area; Engr. Christopher Taclobos – communications to and from DepEd and CHED; Mrs. Ma. Judy Legaspi – General communication; Mr. Ildefonso Obligado and Mr. Querico Yanguas – Facilities, janitorial, and sanitation.

The committee recommends the following: Mandatory use of face shields in the campus; Strict observance of social distancing among employees and READS; Gymnasium shall be used as isolation area; Frequent hand washing for the guards at the gates; janitors shall spray disinfectant at least twice a day; Plants or mini-garden be placed at the marble wall to decrease the heat at the area; and A satellite payment window at the entrance gate to minimize coming in of guests or students; and creation of OSH group chat.

SCHOOL OF LAW DEAN INVITED TO BE A REACTOR

Dean John Paolo Villazor of the UNO-R School of Law was invited by the Philippine National Committee of the Asean Law Association (ALA), in collaboration with the ASEAN Law Institute and the Asian Institute of Management to be a reactor to the Round Table Discussion on Philippine Foreign Investment Agreement via Zoom last 24th of August 2020. Inputs from the discussions will be used for the ASEAN Law Monitor, which aims to help track the compliance of the ASEAN countries with their commitments under the ASEAN Agreements.

PRIOR GENERAL’S MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE



The Prior General, Miguel Miró, recalls that Saint Augustine teaches to "put our trust in the mercy of the Lord." Furthermore, it calls to live "with joy the vocation and mission" of the Augustinian Recollects.

On the occasion of the solemnity of Saint Augustine, I congratulate the entire Augustinian Recollect Family. I encourage you to thank the Lord that Augustine, father, teacher and friend, continues to walk with us. From his experience, he accompanies us in the search for Truth, invites us to return to our

hearts and inspires us to create new networks of friendship, peace and solidarity today. Saint Augustine leads us to Christ, the inner Master. In Christ, our hearts are filled with joy and our lives with hope and happiness.

A family that dreams

The dream of having “one soul and one heart directed towards God” is restlessness, it is prayer and it is the desire that the young, the elderly and the elderly of the entire Augustinian Recollect Family feel in the bottom of their hearts. Our communities, our fraternities and our JAR youth communities today need to dream and live their vocation and mission with joy. The joy of the Gospel springs up in the hearts of those who meet Jesus or allow themselves to be found by him. We can hear his voice when listening to the Word, in the community, in the Family, in the party and in pain. We listen to him in serving others, in the cry of the poor and in the silence of Creation. Jesus always shows us the love of the Father and infuses us with his Spirit so that there is fire, light and life in our hearts. Therefore, We can say with Saint Augustine: “Happiness, Lord, consists in the joy that comes from you, that goes to you and that is motivated in you.

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This is happiness, neither more nor less”(Confessions 10, 32).

Young people encourage us to return to love first

This year the Agustino Recollect Youth turn 25 years old. The JARs are a proposal, they are an itinerary for young people who want to grow in faith and love with the spirituality of the Order. The celebration of this anniversary is a good opportunity to give thanks to God for so many young people who, throughout these 25 years, have felt called and have decided to live their Christian life united by ties of friendship and brotherhood in the style of Augustine. He was a good friend of his friends, and together with Alypius and Posidius he sought the Truth. In them the JAR will always have a benchmark of true friendship.

We are also very grateful to the young men and women who have responded with love and enthusiasm to the personal call of Jesus to live and follow him in consecrated life. We thank those who are in formation houses and all the young men and women religious of the Augustinian Recollect Family. They are the new wine that requires new wineskins so as not to lose the evangelical vitality and the transforming force. We trust them, they are not the future, they are already our present and with them we share life and hope.

All of them fill our hearts with joy and hope. Pope Francis tells young people: “We must not regret spending our youth being good, opening our hearts to the Lord, living differently. None of this takes away our youth, but rather strengthens and renews it: "Your youth is renewed like the eagle" (Ps 103,5). That is why Saint Augustine lamented: «I loved you late, beauty so old and so new! I loved you late! » (Confessions 10, 27). But that rich man, who had been faithful to God in his youth, let the years take away his dreams, and preferred to remain attached to his wealth (cf. Mk 10:22) ”(Christus vivit 17).

As we approach Saint Augustine, we all learn to put our trust in the mercy of the Lord and we dare to be bold making our own the prayer that he repeated on so many occasions: “Give me, Lord, what you send and send what you want” (Confessions 10 , 40). Through the joy and generosity of young people, the spiritual ardor and apostolic vigor of our communities can be renewed. "Young people can heal the wounds of the Church and the world, returning us to that fullness of love to which we have always been called: the young saints encourage us to return to our love first" (Christus vivit 50).

Let's spread life and hope

We are living in complex times due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on people and society. In some countries, confinement continues, in others “normality” began, but there is fear or the reappearance of new cases. The pandemic makes us feel poor before God, reveals our fragility and the vulnerability of our world. Let us recognize Christ on the cross of those who suffer contagion and on the cross of those who suffer poverty. Let us trust in the providence of the Lord and raise our prayers for the victims, for their families and for the medical personnel. With humility and simplicity, let us give reason for our hope and show solidarity with all those who suffer and are in need.

May the Lord, through the intercession of Saint Augustine, infuse you with his Spirit to overcome all discouragement and live faith with joy and renewed hope.

Miguel Miró OAR
Prior General

Rome, August 28, 2020

Important Schedules for September

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| September 1 | World Day of prayer for the Care of od Creation UNO-R CAS Fresh initiation Day 2 / training and workshop Seminar (Mass Com) UNO-R RDO: Call for Papers/ Freshmen Orientation on RDO Service |
| September 2 | 71 st Birthday of Fray Miguel Miro, OAR Prior General Birthday of Fray Federico Gregorio, OAR – Former UNO-R Chaplain UNO-R CoEng Freshmen Orientation |
| September 3 | 51 st anniversary of Simple Profession of Fray Hernando Coja, OAR, former UNO-R Treasurer |
| Sept. 3 & 4 | UNO-R Phase 1 Midterm Exams |
| September 4 | SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION Birthday of Ms. Brenda Saliendra, Sister General of the order 27 th anniversary of the presbyteral ordination of Fray Emilio Jaruda, Jr, OAR former Chaplain and VP-Academics of UNO-R UNO-R Virtual Exhibit on Our Lady of Consolation (UNO-R Facebook page) |

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| September 5 | <p> Birthday of Fray Sixto Bitangjol, OAR, former UNO-R President UNO-R CAMHS: Honors' Assembly UNO-R IS: Parents' Online Orientation </p> |
| September 7 | <p> CBA General Assembly CAS: Literary Week Online Contest SDPC: Suicide Awareness and Seminar on Study Habits for 1st year students (Psych) </p> |
| September 8 | <p> BIRTHDAY OF MAMA MARY School Board Meeting DSA: Student Celebration of Augustinian Saints CAS Webinar on the Social Work Profession in time of the Pandemic </p> |
| September 9 | <p> 35th anniversary of the Presbyteral Ordination of Fray Dionisio Selma, OAR CAS Virtual Fieldtrip (Agriculture) </p> |
| September 10 | <p> SOLEMNITY OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, PATRON SAINT OF UNOR Opening Celebration of the 4th Centenary of the Birth of the Province of San Nicolas de Tolentino. 50th Founding Anniversary of the Recoletos de Provincialate as a community in Quezon City (est. 1970) 49th Founding Anniversary of the CSNT-R, Talisay City, Neg. Occ. 31st Presbyteral Ordination anniversary of Fray Amadeo Lucero, OAR UNO-R Virtual Exhibit on St. Nicholas of Tolentino UNO-R FB page UNO-R RDO College Presentation of Research Involvement Plan </p> |
| September 11 | <p> UNO-R CAS: E-games Challenge for Students and Online Quiz Bee (Social Work) </p> |
| September 13 | <p> Golden Anniversary of simple profession of Fray Dionisio Cachero, OAR, former President of UNO-R. 23rd anniversary of Presbyteral Ordination of Fray Jose Ernil Almayo, OAR, Provincial Secretary. </p> |
| September 14 | <p> UNO-R CAS: First Week of peer Teaching (Mass COM) UNO-R COEd Honors' Convocation UNO-R SDPC Seminar for Independent Students </p> |
| Sept 15-16 | <p> UNO-R RDO: Webinar on Grammar and Originality in Research </p> |
| September 17 | <p> CAS: Seminar on Animal Welfare </p> |
| September 18 | <p> Birthday of Fray Henry Santiago, OAR – member, UNO-R Board of Trustees UNO-R CAS: LMS peer Teaching (MassCOM) UNO-R CAMHS: Pharma Acquaintance </p> |
| September 19 | <p> Birthday of Fray Joel Alve, OAR, former UNO-R VP-Academics and VP-Student Welfare, and Dean of the UNO-R College of Arts and Sciences. UNO-R COEd: Community Outreach UNO-R COEng: Tiger's Assembly </p> |
| September 21 | <p> UNO-R CAS: General Assembly (Mass Com) </p> |
| September 22 | <p> UNO-R CAMHS: White Coat </p> |
| September 24 | <p> 53rd Presbyteral ordination anniversary of Fray Emeterio Bunao, OAR, former UNO-R president </p> |
| September 25 | <p> UNO-R CAMHS: Tree Planting for Pharma World Day </p> |
| Sept 25 & 26 | <p> UNO-R Phase 1 final exams </p> |
| September 27 | <p> 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees World Tourism Day </p> |
| September 28 | <p> BLESSED MARTYRS OF JAPAN UNO-R Start of Phase 2 of UNO-R online classes UNO-R CCJE: General Assembly and Awarding of Dean's Lists </p> |
| Sept 29-30 | <p> UNO-R RDO Grammar in Research Writing </p> |
| September 30 | <p> Birthday of Fray Ferdinand Fornilos, OAR, former OAR VP – Student Welfare UNO-R CAS: Webinar on Online Stress and Anxiety (Psychology) </p> |
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NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, Patron Saint of UNO-Recoletos



Born in 1245 in Sant'Angelo, St. Nicholas of Tolentino took his name from St. Nicholas of Myra, at whose shrine his parents prayed to have a child. A studious, kind and gentle youth, at the age of 16 Nicholas became an Augustinian Friar and was a student of the Blessed Angelus de Scarpetti. A monk at the monasteries at Recanati and Macerata as well as others, he was ordained in 1270 at the age of 25, and soon became known for his preaching and teachings. Nicholas, who had had visions of angels reciting "to Tolentino", in 1274 took this as a sign to move to that city, where he lived the rest of his life. Nicholas worked to counteract the decline of morality and religion which came with the development of city life in the late thirteenth century. He gained a reputation as a preacher and a confessor. C. 1274, he was sent to Tolentino, near his birthplace.

On account of his kind and gentle manner his superiors entrusted him with the daily feeding of the poor at the monastery gates, but at times he was so free with the friary's provisions that the procurator begged the superior to check his generosity. Once, when weak after a long fast, he received a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Augustine, who told him to eat some bread marked with a cross and dipped in water. Upon doing so he was immediately stronger. He started distributing these rolls to the ailing, while praying to Mary,

often curing the sufferers; this is the origin of the Augustinian custom of blessing and distributing Saint Nicholas Bread.

The town suffered from civil strife between the Guelphs, who supported the pope, and Ghibellines, who supported the Holy Roman Emperor, in their struggle for control of Italy. Nicholas was primarily a pastor to his flock and remained faithful to the Holy See.

During his life, Nicholas is said to have received visions, including images of Purgatory, which friends ascribed to his lengthy fasts. Prayer for the souls in Purgatory was the outstanding characteristic of his spirituality. Because of this Nicholas was proclaimed patron of the souls in Purgatory, in 1884 by Leo XIII.

Nicholas died in September 10, 1305 after a long illness. People began immediately to petition for his canonization. Eugene IV canonized him in 1446, and his relics were rediscovered in 1926 at Tolentino.

He is depicted in the black habit of the Hermits of St. Augustine — a star above him or on his breast, a lily, or a crucifix garlanded with lilies, in his hand. Sometimes, instead of the lily, he holds a vial filled with money or bread.

VIVA, SAN NICHOLAS!



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