

## Friendship according to St. Augustine

### Key Concepts:

- **Christian Friendship**: A **union of souls** rooted in mutual love for God.
  - Only **God** can truly unite two people in friendship.
  - Friendship is a **divine gift**, not just a human choice.
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### Duties of Friendship (St. Augustine)

#### 1. Love

- Love your friend by loving **God in them**.

#### 2. Confidence

- Trust deeply, **share secrets** knowing they're safe with your friend.

#### 3. Frankness

- Speak truth, even if it hurts—**honesty strengthens** true friendship.

#### 4. Prayer

- **Pray for your friends**, asking God to guide and protect them.

### Key Takeaway:

**True friendship** is built on faith, honesty, love, and prayer. It grows stronger when centered on **God** and **guided by the Holy Spirit**.

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## St. Augustine's Teachings on Service

### LOVE

- **Loving others** allows us to **see God**.
- By **loving your neighbor**, you **cleanse your heart and vision** to recognize God's presence.
- Serving others with love reflects **charity**, which is where **God dwells**.

“By loving your neighbor, you cleanse your eyes so you can see God.”

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## HUMILITY

- You are a **work of God**—do not praise yourself, but **God who works in you**.
- True service comes from recognizing that your abilities are **God's gifts**.

“Praise not yourself, but God in you.”

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## Synthesis of Augustine's Way of Service

From Theodore Tack's summary (p. 81–82):

### How to grow in service like the Good Samaritan:

1. **Bear trials** without losing faith.
  2. **Keep God's commandments**.
  3. **Serve with mercy and love**, just like Christ.
  4. **Do not rely on yourself**, but trust in **Christ**.
  5. **Help carry others' burdens**—this fulfills the **Law of Christ**.
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## Key Quote from St. Augustine:

*“This is the law of Christ, that we carry one another's burdens mutually... When we love Christ, it is easy to put up with others' weaknesses.”*

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## Main Takeaways

- True service is done with **love, humility, and mercy**.
  - **God works through us** when we serve others.
  - We must see **Christ in every person** and respond with compassion.
  - Growing in service means carrying each other's burdens with patience and empathy.
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## CARITAS REVIEWER

**Theme:** Living Out the Augustinian Value of Love (Caritas)

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## OPENING SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

- Love is patient, kind, not envious or boastful.
- Love never ends; the greatest is love.
- Without love, even great deeds mean nothing.











**The Lord's Prayer** – Prayed as a communal opening.

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## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Understand the **Augustinian meaning of Caritas**.
  2. Learn **Latin terms** related to love.
  3. Reflect on **personal experiences** of love and service.
  4. Illustrate a “**Map of Love**” using the concentric heart.
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## REVIEW: MODULE QUIZ (True or False)

| Question  | Answer  |
|---|---|
| Augustine died on August 28, 540                |  FALSE |
| Augustine had a daughter named Perpetua         |  FALSE |
| Augustine loved Hebrew more than Greek          |  FALSE |
| Augustine's baptism was delayed due to sickness |  TRUE  |
| Faustus was a Christian                         |  FALSE |
| <i>Confessions</i> is a biographical work       |  FALSE |
| <i>Confessions</i> has 13 books about his life  |  FALSE |
| 3 core Augustinian values are from Sermon 267   |  TRUE  |
| Sermon 267 was delivered on Easter              |  FALSE |
| Friendship is related to Caritas                |  TRUE  |

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## IMPORTANT EVENTS IN ST. AUGUSTINE'S LIFE

- **354:** Born in Thagaste (Numidia)
  - **370s-384:** Studied and taught rhetoric in Carthage, Rome, and Milan
  - **386:** Conversion in a garden
  - **387:** Baptism; death of Monica
  - **391:** Ordained priest
  - **396:** Became Bishop of Hippo
  - **430:** Died on August 28
  - Known as: Philosopher, mystic, theologian, “**River of Eloquence**”
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## **WORKS OF ST. AUGUSTINE**

- **Books (Libri)**
  - **Sermons (Sermo, Tractate, Enarrationes)**
  - **Letters (Epistulae)**
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## **Sermon 267 (Pentecost Sunday, June 2, 412)**

“If you wish to be alive in the Holy Spirit:  
Hold on to **Caritas**, love **Veritas**, desire **Unitas**, that you may attain **Aeternitas**.”

### **Latin:**

“Tenete caritatem, amate veritatem, desiderate unitatem, ut perveniatis ad aeternitatem.”

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## **THE CONFESSIONS**

- **Author:** St. Augustine of Hippo
- **Genre:** Autobiographical prayer
- **Theme:** **REST** in God
- **Started:** 397 AD

### **Types of Confessions:**

1. Confession of Sin (pride, sensuality, curiosity)

2. Confession of God's Glory
  3. Deep spiritual realization—can only speak by God's grace
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### ♥ Concentric Shape of Love (Map of Love)

| Layer | Guiding Question                             |
|-------|--|
| 1st   | How do you care for your body?               |
| 2nd   | How do you show compassion to those in need? |
| 3rd   | How do you honor God in daily life?          |
| 4th   | How does God guide your relationships?       |

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### 📖 AUGUSTINIAN TERMS RELATED TO LOVE

| Latin Term            | Meaning  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Amor</b>           | Love, desire (amor sui vs. amor Dei)                 |
| <b>Affectus</b>       | Emotional inclination or attachment                  |
| <b>Voluntas</b>       | Will, intention; willing the good                    |
| <b>Concupiscentia</b> | Lust, disordered desire (effect of the Fall)         |
| <b>Gaudium</b>        | Joy—true joy is in eternal things                    |
| <b>Frui vs. Uti</b>   | Frui = enjoy (God only); Uti = use (everything else) |
| <b>Caritas</b>        | Self Giving  |
| <b>Capuditas</b>      | Greedy, self-centered love                           |
| <b>Dilectio</b>       | Deliberate, chosen love                              |

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### ☀️ FOUR OBJECTS OF LOVE

1. **God** – love with all your being
  2. **Self** – for holiness, not selfishness
  3. **Neighbor** – love extends to others
  4. **Body** – used as a tool to serve God
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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What motivates your service?
  2. How do you purify selfish motives in service?
  3. Are you aware of God's presence in those you serve? What hinders this?
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## SILENT MEDITATION

With background music, for reflection and prayer.

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## CARITAS as an Acronym

| Letter | Action   |
|--------|--|
| C      | <b>Caring</b> for others & the common good     |
| A      | <b>Affirming</b> dignity & effort of others    |
| R      | <b>Refraining</b> from judgment; showing mercy |
| I      | <b>Investing</b> time & gifts for service      |
| T      | <b>Training</b> heart and mind in maturity     |
| A      | <b>Accepting</b> imperfection with humility    |
| S      | <b>Sharing</b> blessings with the poor         |