

◆ ◆ ◆ **SAINT MONICA** ◆ ◆ ◆**MODEL OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

**COURSE PLAN METHODOLOGY:** *Saint Monica, Model of Christian Mothers* by F. A. Forbes is represented by the abbreviation **SM**. Each weekly assignment is summarized in the first line of the week's daily course plan. The specific daily assignments are outlined in the following lines indicated by the **MON, TUES, WED,** and **THUR** abbreviations. The written assignments may be done on Thursday or over the weekend, but are due on Monday. We suggest assigning the weekly written assignment at the beginning of the week. This will allow the student time to think about the assignment while he is reading. **The chapter study questions, chapter vocabulary and glossary are located in the Elementary Literature Study Question booklets available for purchase from Kolbe Academy.** Answers should be given in complete written or oral sentences.

WEEK 1	
SM	<p><b>Chapters 1-5.</b> Have the student look up all the vocabulary words for Chapters 1-5 in the glossary prior to reading. Study questions may be completed as the student reads or at the end of the week when reading has been completed.</p> <p><b>Written Assignment:</b> Describe Monica's relationship with her mother-in-law. What is it like when Monica and Patricius first get married, and what causes it to change?</p>
MON	<p><b>Read the preface page and Chapters 1-2 and About the Author (at end of book) and answer Study Questions. Chapter 1.</b> Monica lived in the fourth century in Tagaste, the member of a wealthy family. Her grandmother told her of the days of the persecution of Christians. Her nursemaid was an old woman who protected her from the pagan society. While drawing wine for midday meals, she began to drink some every day in disobedience. It taught her to distrust herself and put her trust in God.</p>
TUES	<p><b>Read Chapters 2 and 3 and answer Study Questions. Chapter 2.</b> When Monica was twenty-two, her parents arranged for her to marry Patricius, a pagan who was known to have a terrible temper. They lived in his mother's house, and his mother and the servants treated Monica poorly. She realized how different it was to live without God in one's life and spent much time in prayer for her husband and the servants. Patricius went back to his old amusements with his pagan friends and spent less time at home. Monica bore three children, of whom Augustine was the oldest. <b>Chapter 3.</b> It was not the custom to baptize babies so Augustine was not baptized, but Monica dedicated Augustine to God and taught him well. Augustine was sent to a pagan school and was not a good student and was whipped for not doing his work. Later it became obvious that he was very intelligent, and Patricius sent him to Madaura where, becoming thoroughly entrenched in pagan society, he became a great sinner.</p>
WED	<p><b>Read Chapters 4 and 5 and answer Study Questions. Chapter 4.</b> When her mother-in-law got old, Monica secretly took care of her needs. The mother-in-law investigated and found out it was Monica and the slaves had lied about her. The slaves were punished and the mother-in-law apologized to Monica, and they became friends. Through the example of Monica, the whole household except Patricius became Christians. Augustine came back from Madaura but was no longer close to his mother because of the pagan influences he had succumbed to, and he let her know he was not interested in Christianity. However, Patricius finally did become a Christian. <b>Chapter 5.</b> Augustine went to Carthage to study and was again caught up in pagan life. Patricius' mother died a holy</p>

	death, and shortly after, Patricius was baptized and he also dies.
<b>THUR</b>	<b>Work on Written Assignment.</b>
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