



*Servant of God Augustus Tolton  
Priest, Archdiocese of Chicago*

*Date of Birth: April 1, 1854*

*Date of Death: July 9, 1897*

*Date of Ordination: April 24, 1886*

- 1862: Martha Tolton escapes with her children to Quincy, Illinois.
- 1863: At the age of 9, Augustus Tolton begins working in a Quincy tobacco factory and his brother Charles dies at age 10.
- 1865: Augustus Tolton entered St. Boniface School and left a month later because parish and staff were being threatened and harassed by his presence.
- 1868: Augustus enrolled in St. Peter School, Quincy.
- 1870: Augustus confirmed at St. Peter Church at the age of 16.
- 1872: Graduated from St. Peter School at age 18.
- 1873: Tutoring begins in preparation for the seminary.
- 1878: Augustus enrolls in St. Francis College, now Quincy University. He received special instruction because he was far advanced over the other students.

-1880: He departed for Rome to enter the Urban College of the Propagation of the Faith.

-1886: Augustus Tolton ordained at St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome on April 24 and sent to the United States as a missionary. On July 7th he celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with the Franciscan Sisters in Hoboken, New Jersey. On July 18th, he celebrated his first Mass in Quincy at St. Boniface Church and was assigned the pastor of St. Joseph Church.

-1889: He began ministry in Chicago on December 19th.

-1891: St. Monica Church opens in a storefront.

-1894: St. Monica Church was dedicated on January 14th.

-1897: Father Tolton dies at Mercy Hospital in Chicago on July 9th. He was 43 years old. A funeral Mass was held at St. Monica on July 12th and at St. Peter Church in Quincy on July 13th.

(adapted from the Tolton Canonization Website)