

Canticle of Mary

My soul proclaims the Lord, my God.  
My spirit sings God's praise,  
Who looks on me and lifts me up,  
That Gladness fill my days.

All nations will now share my joy.  
For Gifts God has outpoured.  
This lowly one has been made great  
I magnify the Lord.

For those who fear the Holy One:  
God's mercy will not die,  
Whose strong right arm puts down  
the proud, and lifts the lowly high.

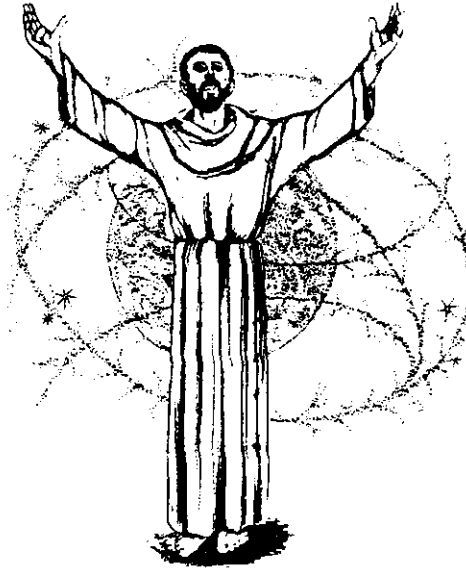
God fills the hungry with good things,  
and sends the rich away.  
The promise made to Abraham and  
Sarah, is filled to endless day.

Then, let all nations praise our God,  
The Father and the Son,  
The Spirit blest who lives in us,  
While endless ages run.

O God, come to our assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father . . .



*"Life's journey is to  
God's eternal Day . . .  
For in Life and in death,  
We belong to the Lord!"*



**Sr., Alice Dorothy Smilanich FMM  
( M. Arnulpha)**

**Born: Sept.22, 1912  
Entered: June 13 1941  
First Vows: Dec. 15, 1943  
Final Vows: Dec. 15, 1946  
Entered Eternal Life: 8. 22. 2007**

## Early Years

Sr. Alice Dorothy was born on September 22, 1912 in rural Penrose, Colorado. Along with her brothers she worked on the family farm.

After completing high school, Alice Dorothy attended the four year accounting/secretarial course and graduated from Barnes Business College in 1938.

## God's Call

After working for a few years, she entered the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in North Providence in June, 1941. She was 28 years old.

## Missionary Life

After pronouncing her first vows, Alice Dorothy was sent in mission to Fall River in January, 1944 where she taught in Espirito Santo school and also taught religion classes in the parish.

September of that same year, she was sent to Cincinnati where she was the assistant to the superior and also took care of the sacristy.

In December Alice went to Roslyn for eye surgery. The following March she was sent in mission to Monrovia, Liberia where she remained until 1970. During those years she was a

teacher, later directress of the elementary/high school compound and for a time superior of the community. She was fondly thought of as Mother to many of the Liberian young women who attended our school.

In March, 1970 Sr. Alice returned to the States for back treatment. After her recovery, she also helped in St Francis Community, and in St. Francis Hospital in the Personnel Department.

In June, 1972, Alice Dorothy served for a little over a year in charge of the province vacation house, Grace Haven, Narragansett. She was a welcoming presence for Sisters coming for rest and relaxation.

Her next sending was to Our Lady of the Eucharist Community in Brighton, MA where she served as the local coordinator.

In 1973 she had the joy of returning to Africa only this time she went to the Ghana/Liberia province. She put her skills as an accountant to good use in our hospital in Jirapa.

After three years she had the greatest joy of returning to her beloved Monrovia and assumed the role of Education Secretary for the Archdiocese of Monrovia. Once again Alice was among her beloved people. In 1981 Alice had to return to the USA for needed back surgery. Following her recuperation she

participated in a renewal program in Denver, CO. not too far from her "roots".

Once again this valiant woman returned to Liberia where she worked as Librarian in the Seminary up in Gbarnga. Unfortunately the Civil War began in late 1989. In 1990, she was air-lifted out of Monrovia. Due to her failing health and the war in Liberia Sr. Alice did not return to her beloved Liberia. This was a great cross for her but she accepted it. She enjoyed living in various communities in New York, Florida, Cambridge and Pawtucket always bringing her graciousness and kindness to all with whom she lived and worked.

In 1997 when her health was such that she could no longer remain in an independent living setting Alice Dorothy was admitted to the FMM Assisted Living Residence. Always alert and ready to participate, she enjoyed visiting with her Sisters, reading and playing cards with great spunk and humor.

When her failing health, hospitalization and medical problems increased, she was admitted to St. Antoine's Residence. Much to her delight she met some of her former Liberian students and so happily settled into her new surroundings.

Her passing to New Life was peaceful as she had lived.