

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!”**



**ASSUNTA KISLITZIN, FMM
(M. of St. Kenny)**

Born: Jan. 27, 1914
Entered: Dec. 13, 1934
Novitiate: Dec. 15, 1935
First Vows: Dec. 15, 1937
Final Vows: Dec. 15, 1940
Born to Eternal Life: 3.25.2010

Early Years

Born in Harbin, China, and baptized in a Russian Orthodox family in Northern China, Sister Assunta was received into the Roman Catholic Church at the age of sixteen.

Sister had had three years of teaching prior to entering The Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

God's Call

In December 1934 she entered the Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Chefoo.

Missionary Life

Because of her prior experience teaching, she was happy to be able to replace a sick Religious Teaching in N.D. de Victoires, Tientsin, China while only a Postulant.

After taking the habit, Sr. Assunta was sent to Rome in 1936 where she completed her Novitiate in Grottaferrata, and had the privilege and the joy of remaining at St. Helen's for six months before returning to China.

In 1939, she was sent in Mission to Chang Chung, China, to teach in N.D. de la Misericordie School.

In 1947, she was missioned to Peking, now called Beijing where she taught in Sacred Heart International School.

In July 1951, much to her regret, Sr. Assunta was obliged to leave her mission because of cultural and religious repression of ethnic minorities called "occupational dissidents." It was a time of unrest in China, which in the '60's erupted into the "Cultural Revolution." She travelled to Macao and remained there until 1968 continuing to teach in the College of Santa Rosa do Lima. At the end of that same year Sister came urgently to United States in order to help her sister take care of their elderly and very ill Mother.

After her mother's death, Sister returned to St. Francis Convent in San Francisco where her ministries were as receptionist, in the Hostel, Sacristan, Librarian and part-time student.

While in this mission, the soft-voiced, amiable Sister gained many friends among her former pupils because of the good example she afforded them. Quite a number of them had taken residence in San Francisco and the nearby cities. Students continued to stay in touch with Sr. Assunta.

From 1970 to 1978 Sr. Assunta's mission was in O.L. of Millbrook Community and Cardinal Hayes Home for Children in Millbrook, NY.

She served as the community treasurer.

In 1978, she was missioned to St Francis Community in San Francisco where she experienced the advantage of living in a small community which brought Sisters in closer contact with the needs, aspirations, hopes, and problems of people whose lives they try to reach with Christ's concern, light and Love.

Thus it was that with another Franciscan Missionary of Mary, Sr. Assunta ministered in the Tenderloin section of San Francisco to residents in the poor hotels of the area and to "street people".

Another of her ministries was Correspondence, where-in needed advice was offered, sympathy and encouragement given, and unhappy situations avoided.

Her facility of speaking and understanding Russian, Chinese English, French, and Italian helped her in her outreach ministries.

Her later years were spent in suffering and prayer for the Church and the needs of the world.

