

Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland,
You gave hope to our people in a
time of distress and comforted them
in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims
to pray with confidence to your divine
Son, remembering His promise:
"Ask and you shall receive,
Seek and you shall find".

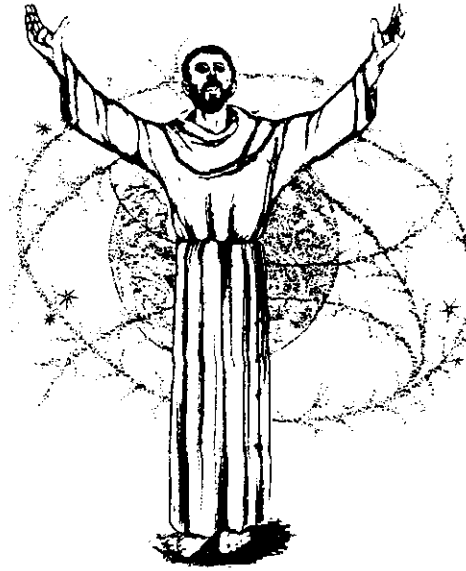
Help me to remember that
We are all pilgrims on the road to
heaven.

Fill me with love and concern for
My brothers and sisters in Christ,
especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick or
lonely or depressed. Teach me how
to take part ever more reverently in
the holy Mass.

Pray for me now, and
at the hour of my death.

Amen.



**Sr. Eileen Joan McGoldrick, FMM
(M.Conalla)**

**Born: OCT. 27, 1915
Entered: June 11, 1942
Novitiate: Dec. 15, 1942
First Vows: Dec. 15, 1944
Final Vows: Dec. 15, 1947
Born to Eternal Life: 4.29.2008**

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

Early Years

Sr. Eileen Joan McGoldrick was born in Sligo, Roscommon, Ireland to devout parents Michael and Margaret McGoldrick. She had 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

God's Call

Sr. Eileen entered the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary June 11, 1942 in Our Lady of the Angels Novitiate in Loughlynn, Ireland.

Missionary Life

Soon after pronouncing her first vows in Loughlynn, December 15, 1944, she was sent in mission to the USA, Holy Family Community North Providence.

She pronounced her final vows, December 15, 1947 in Holy Family Chapel, North Providence.

Her ministry for the next 30 years was that of a commissioner, one of our many Sisters who went all over the United States selling the handwork made in the workrooms, thus obtaining the funds to support missionary works in the USA as well as young girls

employed in work rooms in overseas missions. This was a means inaugurated by Bl. Mary of the Passion, foundress, to raise the condition of women in those countries, giving them an occupation and at the same time, cultivating in them their native sense of beauty.

Sr. Eileen's pleasant, outgoing personality suited her for this ministry, which she fulfilled traveling throughout the USA. Her companion and dear friend was Sr. Leonore (Roseanna Theroux) who died at 103 years. The strength and endurance required to carry heavy suitcases and walk a lot served both Sisters well in their later years. Both remained energetic women throughout their lives.

In her later years, Sr. Eileen did accounting and business courses at Johnson and Wales and Sawyer School. She also did a Healing and Holiness course, which helped her in her ministry to the sick.

Beginning in 1976, she served as a religious education teacher in St. Jean the Baptist Parish in Pawtucket. She also visited the sick in their homes.

From 1995 to 2004, her ministry was that of pastoral work at St. Francis Chapel. She served as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and also visited the sick and elderly in their homes.

Her preferred prayer life in her later years was charismatic. She was active in the charismatic prayer group at St. Charles Church attending weekly meetings.

Declining health necessitated her being sent to Queen of Peace Community, Fruit Hill where her ministry continued to be that of prayer and suffering.

In 2006, she was admitted to St. Antoine's Residence for twenty four hour nursing care. She celebrated her 60th Jubilee in 2007.

