

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 fills 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.

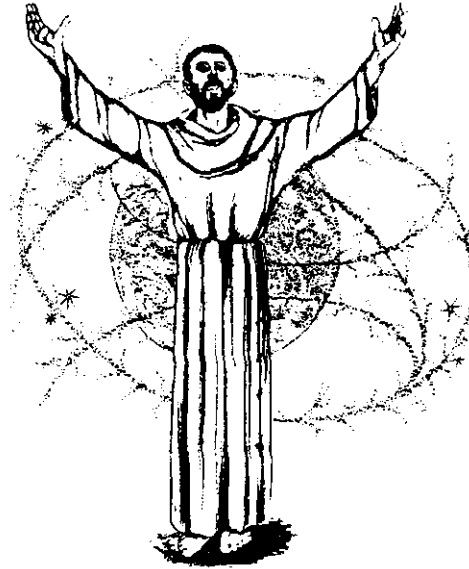
God fills the hungry with good things,
and sends the rich away.
The promise made to Abraham and
Sarah, is filled to endless day.

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. Mary Ann Loughlin, FMM
(M. Clarus of the Sacred Heart)
Born: February 13, 1929
Entered: Sept.15, 1946
Novitiate: Mar.19, 1947
First Vows Mar. 19, 1949
Final Vows: Mar.19, 1952
Born to Eternal Life: 2-7-2010**

Early Years

Born in Manhattan, New York, February 13, 1929, Sister Mary Ann Loughlin had a variety of working experiences before her FMM days: being counselor for children at Divine Providence and Camp St. Helene, receptionist and switchboard operator for a law firm, tutor to grammar school children and volunteer in hospital work filled her time during her teens.

God's Call

From an early age, Mary Ann experienced God's call. Her father had hoped that she would attend college before entering a religious community but he realized that she had a vocation. She entered the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary at Fruit Hill September 16, 1946.

Missionary Life

The day after her first vows, March 19, 1949, she was missioned to help close the house in East Boston

In September of 1949, Mary Ann was sent to Kennedy Memorial Hospital now called Franciscan Hospital for Children as a group mother, and then to Fruit Hill doing various charges. She made her final vows in March of 1952.

The next six years were spent principally in academic pursuits. She earned her BA from Emmanuel College and then traveled west to St. Louis where she did an academic year,

followed by another westward move to San Francisco for her residency year at St. Mary's, which led to a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from St. Louis University. Armed with her studies and her experience, Mary Ann then returned east and successively held the positions of Assistant Administrator and Administrator at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, from 1958 to 1970. This was for her an extremely worthwhile time, not without both successes and failures.

From August, 1970, she was missioned to the Central Information Service in Rome that she described as, "an unforgettable period of her religious life. There she became more acutely aware of the international character of the Institute and savored the experience with great joy. She had a brief but extensive trip through FMM missions in India and also the privilege of working for the General Chapter.

In 1973, she returned to the United States, where she collaborated in the preparation of the Provincial Chapter of 1974. She then used her experience and skill in planning and executing the renovation of Fruit Hill to meet State Code for the care of sick and elderly sisters. Before the completion of this special assignment, in 1975, she was called to serve as the Administrator of KMH in Brighton. A staff member at KMH wrote of Mary Ann: "She was a wonderful FMM and a great leader at KMH....she came at a difficult time and was able to bring the hospital and day school to a good place...lots of hard work and dedication... These were challenging years."

In 1979, Sr. Mary Ann was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Northeastern University. From 1979 to 1983, she served as a provincial councilor. During the next several years, she served as the provincial treasurer and until her illness; she continued her ministry in financial matters. At one point in her life she was concerned that Sisters would be able to understand that administration is service and that it could be mission. Mary Ann certainly considered her ministry in finances as mission.

Sr. Mary Ann was an avid reader, and enjoyed classical music. Later in life, she had hoped to resume piano playing, learn horticulture, cooking and sewing. Her gift for financial matters and other matters that called upon her clarity of thinking and writing kept her too busy for these other activities

Her hopes concerning FMM life were intense: "I hope that we will persevere in our efforts to listen to one another, to understand different points of view, to accept one another and yet remain united in the fundamentals. Ah, yes, there is the rub! We do not always agree on what is fundamental. I hope that we will persevere in private and community prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us, to grant us discernment, and to strengthen us in our efforts towards renewal." After a long period of intense suffering, she returned peacefully to God.

