

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 . . .



“When the time of our particular
sunset come,
Our thing . . . our
accomplishments
Won't really matter a great deal,
But the charity and Care
With which we have loved others
Will speak with vitality
Of the great Gift of Life
We have been for others.”



**Mary Delphine Sullivan, fmm
(M. Robert Southwell)**

**Born: Aug 16, 1926
Entered: Sept. 16, 1946
Novitiate: Mar. 19, 1947
First Vows: Sept. 17, 1949
Final Vows: Sept. 17, 1952
Born to Eternal Life: 5.1.2009**

Early Years

After graduating from Girl's Catholic High School Maiden MA, Mary worked at the Second National Bank in Boston. For six years she was an active member of the Tributary Theatre of Boston.

God's Call

Sr. Mary entered the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Sept. 16 1946 in North Providence, RI.

Missionary Life:

After pronouncing her first Vows, September 16, 1949, she was sent to St. Francis Sanatorium known as St. Francis Hospital-The Heart Center in Roslyn, NY. She trained and worked as a practical nurse at St. Francis Sanatorium Hospital Roslyn, Long Island, NY. This hospital cared for children afflicted with Rheumatic Fever and subsequent heart disease.

Feb of 1956 she was missioned to Kobe, Japan where she taught seventh and eighth grades at Stella Mans International School.

When the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary clinic in Pusan, Korea she was one of the founding Sisters. She served as a nurse in the clinic.

In 1961 she left for Rome, Italy where she worked in the Secretariat for the International Community during the Council years returning to the U.S. in Aug. 1967.

She did her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Rhode Island College and her post graduate degrees at the University of Birmingham, Alabama in management. At Rhode Island College, she studied Gerontology.

She taught two years at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover Mass -Then became the first person at the newly opened Apostolate for the Handicapped in Providence in the area of mental retardation.

In the mid seventies Sr. Mary began working in the education department at the Dr. Joseph Ladd Center in Exeter, R.I. During these years she was also a member of the Sister's Senate and later one of the four person team for the Senate of Religious

Sr. Mary retired from the Ladd Center in July 1990. She volunteered five years with Rhode Island Project Aids and for three years at The Genesis Center's English as a Second Language program. She also worked for two years at St. Paul the Apostle in Foster, R.I. For several years she worked with the Province Library's English as a Second Language Program.

In her later years she was able to spend more time in contemplative prayer and study. She shared her gift as a skilled seamstress and quilter.

Whenever there was need for a Sister to stay with a dying Sister during the evening and night shifts, Sr. Mary always volunteered her services using again her training as a nurse.

In many other ways that were mostly hidden, Mary gave community service. There are some priests that attribute their vocation in part, to Sr. Mary.

