



Aline Dalton SL
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Born in Kansas City, Mary Catherine attended Sacred Heart Elementary, staffed by Loretto and Redemptorist High School. She had several jobs after graduation until she entered Loretto in June, 1939.

As Sister Aline she began her teaching career at Loretto High in Louisville, followed by two years at St. Michael's High School in north St. Louis. Her next assignment, also for two years, was to Mora High School, in New Mexico, followed by eight years at Bernalillo High School also in New Mexico.

Aline earned her A.B. degree from Loretto Heights College in Denver, Colorado in 1951 and a Masters from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1959.

Next Aline was at St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs for ten years — from 1954-1964. In 1958 she was appointed principal of the high school and superior of the community. After a year in Santa Fe, she went to Holy Family High in Denver as principal and superior of the community from 1965 to June 1970.

In September, 1970, she joined the staff at Loretto School in Kansas City and was treasurer for nine years. In the spring of 1978 she had a three-month sabbatical and went to Rome, Italy to spend the time. While there, she worked part-time in the Library of the Seminary Department of North American College.

She returned to Kansas City and resumed her work as treasurer. In September, 1979, she was invited to return to Rome for full-time employment. For two years

she worked in the Library and then transferred to the Business Office. In December, 1984 she decided it was time to return home as she was the only Sister of Loretto in Rome as Charles Marie Parsons and Frances de Chantal had already returned.

After a year at the staff office, Aline returned to Holy Family High School in Denver for one year as bookkeeper/business manager, and after a sabbatical she did some clerical and alumni work at Holy Family, then worked in the Loretto Development office.

Aline was always a real go-getter and during this time at Holy Family she established a Holy Family Golf Tournament and that was so well received that in 1996, she established the the Sisters of Loretto Golf Tournament to benefit the Retirement Fund which was an immediate success. This annual golf tournament is still going strong after all these many years and will be renamed the Aline Dalton Memorial Golf Tournament beginning with this year's tournament in August.

Aline retired to Loretto Center Littleton, Colorado in 2000 and managed the health Insurance for the Loretto Center Community.

In February of 2004 Aline moved to the Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary, and lived there until her death.

At the time St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs celebrated its 125th Anniversary year, David Gorman a graduate of the Class of 1964 wrote:

"For those of us who attended St. Mary's during those years, Sister Aline represented a positive authority figure, who was able to be both strict and supportive at the same time – an often difficult balance to achieve. Through her personal efforts, patience, sincere concern, and strong leadership, Sister Aline set a positive course for a decade of students who could not possibly have immediately understood the impact that she would ultimately have on their lives. I am one of those students.

For the majority of my classmates, those years represented a critical time of meaningful personal development, an affirmation of their individual capabilities, and an opportunity to begin charting the course they would follow for the rest of their lives...Fortunately for me and others during that time, Sister Aline would not give up. She was strict in her discipline, consistent in her approach, and unwavering in the confidence she demonstrated in us. In truth she had more confidence in us than we did in ourselves." "We were blessed."

God bless you, Aline. You were an outstanding educator and obviously touched many, many lives during your career.