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"All Praise, All Honor, All Blessing to You, O Most High God!"

Francis of Assisi

I believe that my Franciscan vocation began on the day of my birth; I was born on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4th. I am the 7th of 9 siblings, children of Manuel Antonio Trujillo and Asención Salazar de Trujillo. The Franciscan priests and the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration from Lafayette Indiana gave my little mountain village of Lumberton, New Mexico, just a few (4) miles from the Colorado border, its life and flavor. All of village and family life centered around our church and school activities. Very early in my elementary school life I was challenged to think about God calling me to become a sister. Indeed, four women from our small parish had preceded me into the Convent. I, too, joined upon finishing high school. Our small parish nurtured 7 vocations: 2 priests and 5 sisters. These women were my friends, my mentors, my teachers from pre-first through high school, a very natural transition for me. I left St. Francis School to attend the convent school taught by the same sisters who had taught me the previous 13 years! My assigned ministry was in the field of health services as Medical Information Systems Administrator. For over 40 years I worked in this field, either in hospitals or teaching MIS in colleges / universities. I came to Mount Saint Francis in 1991. Since coming to Colorado Springs I have ministered as Provincial Councilor, Provincial Treasurer and Coordinator of our Province's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission and Spiritual Assistant to the St. Francis de Sales Fraternity of Secular Franciscans. With a grateful heart for my 60 years in community, I pray with St. Francis — "All Praise, All Honor, All Blessing to You, O Most High God!"