



to Life: May 24, 1920
to Religious Life: August 15, 1939
to Eternal Life: November 27, 2018

Sister Gretchen Berg
Funeral Liturgy, Assisi Heights
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 11 o'clock



I shall arise and return to my God.

Sisters of Saint Francis
Rochester, Minnesota

Sister Gretchen Berg, born Betty Ann, was a giant of a woman; a leader with the simplicity of the troubadour. Her free spirit encouraged the freedom to be one's self. Warm, affable, consciously alive... that was our Sister. From her passionate love of Jesus in the Eucharist to her interest in Michael Jackson... all of life was sacred.

Gretchen celebrated life's happenings with the spirit of "That would have been enough." At her 75th birthday she shared:

"You, O God, are OVERFLOWING GOODNESS. I wish to name that abundance in my life. You gave me life, a healthy body and personal gifts... that would have been enough. You gave me my mom and dad, my brothers and sisters, my faith... my vocation, that would have been enough. You gave me a religious experience when I was eight years old that's never left me... that would have been enough. You gave me Peru... You gave me novices to live with... You gave me 6 years as a leader among my Sisters... that would have been enough. You gave me dreams... seminars on myth... precious persons to walk with... that would have been enough... each of these would have been enough."

Prior to her election as Congregational Minister, in June of 1970, Gretchen brought excitement to the Community by creating the Pastoral Weekends, fostering unity in the midst of diversity. These were critical years for women religious everywhere and under her leadership the congregation