

Sister Alice Regine Zipfel, C.PP.S.

Born: February 18, 1932

Professed: August 10, 1952

Entered into Life: March 3, 2018

Verse on her memorial card:

**“My eyes are fixed on the Lord pleading for His mercy.”
(Psalm 123)**



March 5, 2018

Dear Sisters,

A few minutes before 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, our Sister Alice Regine Zipfel slipped away from this life as quietly as she lived. She was surrounded by Sisters Estelle, Luanna and Suzanne. Her family was with her throughout the day and had left less than an hour earlier.

Sister Alice Regine was born on February 18, 1932, to Albert and Leona (Rau) Zipfel, the second of their three children, book-ended in the family by her brothers, Ralph and Paul. She was baptized as Marian on March 4, 1932, and she reached the fullness of her baptismal life one day before the 86th anniversary of that occasion.

Sister Alice Regine entered the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in 1949 and professed her first vows on August 10, 1952. She completed a bachelor's degree in English at Fontbonne College and a masters' degree in Early Childhood Education at Oklahoma City University. She also held a license in the Montessori method.

Sister Alice Regine served as an elementary teacher in Missouri at St. Maurus, Biehle; Our Lady of Fatima, Florissant; St. Mary, Glasgow; St. Henry, Charleston; St. Stephen Protomartyr, St. Louis; All Saints, St. Peters; and as a teacher and administrator at Linda Vista Catholic School. She also taught at Most Precious Blood School in Chula Vista, California. In addition, she served as the administrator of our Motherhouse Retirement Center from 1981-84, as directress of Sisters in temporary vows in 1985-86 and on the General Council from 1986-92. After retiring from teaching, she worked in our Ecclesiastical Art Department from 1994 until 2014 when her ministry became prayer and presence in St. Joseph Community.

In 1996, Sister Alice Regine was recognized as Person of the Year by Linda Vista Catholic School. In 2002, she was the recipient of the first annual Sister Alice Regine Zipfel Award named in her honor “in recognition of the individual who best exemplifies an enduring love of God and His children in concert with the mission of Linda Vista Catholic School.”

Among the qualities mentioned when she received these awards were her ability to teach cooperation rather than competition, her collaborative leadership style, her sense of humor, and her gentleness as a woman of prayer.

Though Sister Alice Regine's memory began to fail her, she never forgot people. She always welcomed visitors by name with her characteristic smile. Even in these recent months as she grew weaker, she summoned the strength to greet others and to thank them for coming to visit. Gracious, gentle, generous, genuine, grateful – these are qualities that she embodied throughout her life which we all will sorely miss.

Sister Alice Regine's body will return to St. Joseph Chapel at 3:30 on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, and her wake will be from 3:30 – 8 p.m., with a Prayer Service of Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Her wake will continue Wednesday, March 7, 2018, from 9 – 10:45 a.m. with her Funeral Mass at 11 a.m., all in St. Joseph Chapel.

Sister Alice Regine is survived by her brothers, Ralph and Bishop Paul, and by a niece and four nephews. Her family held a very special place in her heart, and she in theirs. Let us hold them close in prayer as they grieve the loss of her earthly presence.

Sister Alice Regine was always quick to give a smile and a hug. We pray that she now is smiling in the embrace of the loving God to whom she gave her life. We trust that she will continue to enfold us in the “hug” of her prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Janice Bader". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Sr. Janice Bader