

The Augustinian Hermit Fr. Alexius Molitor was born as Johann Adam Mueller in Simmershausen/Rhoen on November 19th, 1730 to Johann Adam Georg Mueller and his wife Susanne, born Fleck. In the years 1743 to 1748 he studied at the Augustinian school in Muennerstadt and was there temporarily notary of the student congregation. In 1748 Molitor became novice at the Augustinian convent of Oberndorf, where he took over his monastic name Alexius and definitely changed his name into Latin. Already during his noviciate he was labelled as a composer. On October 24th, 1749 he professed to the Augustinian monastery Muennerstadt. After his profession he studied philosophy either in Constance or in Freiburg/B. Afterwards he moved to the convent of Mainz in 1752 at the latest where he studied theology at the university. On December 22nd, 1753 Molitor was ordained. In the Augustinian monastery of Mainz he was confessor and preacher as well. Since the year 1761 he was „*Director chori musici*“ in Mainz. Fr. Alexius died peacefully on June 16th, 1773 in Mainz on hot tempered fever. Molitor was considered „*Musices Compositor famosissimus*“ among his contemporaries. The broad distribution of his works not only in Augustinian convents but also in libraries of other orders or princes underlines the high esteem towards this composer.

Catalogue of Works:

manuscript:

18 Masses, 2 Requiems, 2 Oratorios, 1 Offertory, 1 Alma Mater, 1 Motet, 1 Te Deum