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Dearest Sisters,

At 3:00 a.m. last night, the Queen of Apostles visited our James Alberione community of Albano, Italy to accompany to heaven our sister:

GALBUSERA SR. EVANDRA
born in Milan, Italy on 18 September 1934.

Sr. Evandra was the only child of a well-to-do couple who were also musicians. In fact, her father Emilio and her mother Cristina taught piano in the city of Lecco.

Sr. Evandra entered the Congregation on 10 January 1956 in the community of Alba, after having completed her studies in business and then obtained a diploma as a pianist from the Bologna Philharmonic Academy. And it is precisely for her musical talent that this dear sister will be remembered in every community in which she lived. In fact, she devoted herself so wholeheartedly to this apostolate that her nickname in the Congregation became “Musico” (the Musician) and she habitually used this affectionate moniker as her signature.

After her initial formation and a period of apostolic experience in Brescia and Turin, she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate, concluding this period of formation with her first profession on 25 January 1960. Sr. Evandra’s *curriculum vitae* is very simple: because of her musical abilities, she always lived in large FSP communities that needed an organist and music teacher. For more than 10 years in Rome, she organized and guided the hymns for the big feasts and solemn celebrations held in the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary. The sisters who sang in the choir at that time remember the beautiful motets of Pierluigi da Palestrina that Sr. Evandra would play with great vivacity, originality and true mastery of the pieces. She had the ability to “make the keyboard sing.” Following this, she spent the next 10 years in Alba, where she worked in the typography and also directed the community choir for the liturgical celebrations held in the Church of the Divine Master. In addition, she taught music to numerous groups of FSP formandees.

In 1981, Sr. Evandra was assigned to the Generalate, where she carried out various household services and also directed the community choir. None of the sisters will ever forget the enthusiasm with which she played the festive “March of the Wise Men” for the Feast of the Epiphany each year, delighted at the opportunity to entertain the community with a lively musical score that gave liberal range to her artistic skills and competence.

In 2010, after thirty years at the Generalate, Sr. Evandra, was transferred to the James Alberione community, Albano, where she spent the last period of her life quietly deepening her rapport with the Blessed Mother, to whom she entrusted all her special intentions with great filial trust.

Several months ago her physical condition began to decline steadily due to a neck tumor and she was moved to the wing of the community reserved for the sisters in need of round-the-clock care. Always a loving daughter of Mary, Sr. Evandra placed herself in the Blessed Mother’s hands with even greater intensity and the nurses who looked after her say that she underwent a profound transformation. The Queen of Apostles truly traced out in her the features of Jesus, making her very sweet, docile, lovable and grateful for even the smallest service done for her.

On this beautiful Feast, which is also the vigil of Pentecost, it makes us very happy to imagine Sr. Evandra rejoicing and participating wholeheartedly in the Liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem. May the Holy Spirit, poured out upon her in Baptism, Confirmation and religious profession, now grant her fullness of life and joy.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenza
Superior General

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Feast of the Queen of Apostles