



Dear Sisters,

Today, January 2, 2014, at 1:30 AM (local time), in the clinic of Sucre, Cordoba (Argentina), the Lord called to the eternal wedding feast our sister

**SR. M. VERONICA EVELINA ISABEL CASTILLO,
born in Rodeo (San Juan), Argentina, on December 10, 1937.**

With this call to eternal life at the beginning of the new year 2014, the Lord reminds us that he is the fulfillment of all things, and that time is given as a gift to make the journey toward his House.

Evelina entered the Congregation in Cordoba on October 7, 1961, and was sent to Rome for the novitiate, which began on March 24, 1964. She made her first religious profession in Rome on March 25, 1965, and remained there for several years, working in the Priestly apostolate. She then returned to Argentina and made her perpetual profession in Buenos Aires on June 29, 1971. During her preparation for the mission, she also received specific preparation in music, a gift she placed at the service of the community and the local Church.

In 1968 she is collaborating at the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Cordoba, then with the Pauline brothers in Cordoba, then at the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Buenos Aires. In 1972, she is the local superior of the house at Mar del Plata, and in 1974, a local councilor and novice mistress in Buenos Aires. In 1976, she is local superior in Cordoba DM; in 1981 she is offering her assistance in the house for priests in Mar del Plata. She offers her services in many ways, alternating between the Liturgical Apostolate Centers and the houses for priests. She is also asked to collaborate as a local councilor, and nominated a regional councilor in 2000.

In her request for the renewal of vows and for perpetual profession, she repeated the expression: *"I am very happy in my vocation and I am certain of the Lord's call to this Congregation"*. She truly lived and experienced the love for the Congregation, a sense of belonging, which was evident in the witness of her life and in many small gestures expressing interest in the life of our Family. In the reports regarding her vocational growth, presented in preparation for the various stages of the religious life, she was described as: *"generous, adapting herself to any type of work, which she carries out with responsibility, silence, and attention to the apostolate. She loves the piety, the spirit of the Sister Disciples, she is sociable with everyone, and grateful for the gifts she receives."*

During this last period, the situation of her health became critical due to heart problems. Recently she wrote to her Novice Mistress, M. M. Eloise Pastorino: *"Thank you, Mother, for your remembrance and your affection, for your prayer, of which I am in great need. I am suffering from heart problems. It has become enlarged and sometimes interferes with my breathing so that I tire for small things. The doctors and nurses are taking good care of me, and in the meantime, I abandon myself to the arms of Jesus. I experienced great joy for the progress in the cause of Mother M. Scholastica, whom I greatly admire and love. Here we are celebrating the beatification of a priest of great sacrifice and humility, Father Brochero. Continue to pray for us, Mother, that we may increase in number, since the vocations are scarce. I love very much, Mother!"* (Cordoba, November 12, 2013).

The sisters in Argentina bear witness to her: she was the image of the "faithful Disciple" focused on the Divine Master. Her relations with others were always fraternal, with a constant search for peace and harmony in her interpersonal relationships and in the community. We remember many good and beautiful things about her, such as her gentle, respectful, and delicate service toward the elderly priests in the Alberione House in Cordoba; her attention to the people in the Liturgical Apostolate Centers, with her characteristic cordiality. The testimonies are based fundamentally upon these "precious pearls": **love of God and love of neighbor**, beginning with a life that is humble, silent, discreet and ministerial, the true roots of the Pauline Family.

Your desires for the good of the Delegation of Argentina, Sr. M. Veronica, will certainly become prayers of intercession, united to Venerable Mother M. Scholastica, who greatly loved the land of Argentina! May your heart rest in God!

S. H. Paolo Haurer