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The Provincial Superior

*"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord"*

Dearest Sisters,

The song of the Psalmist is the expression of the simple and profound faith of our dearest Sr. Lia who left us suddenly and on tiptoe. On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2011, at 4:15 p.m., our dear Sister, who was suffering from cardio-circulatory vasculopathy, passed away serenely in the arms of Sr. Josephine, who while approaching her bed to offer her some tea, saw her taking her last breath.

In a testament letter, Sr. Lia had expressed her wish that after her death, nothing should be written about her and in the same letter she asked for much prayer for her soul.

We respect the desire of Sr. Lia for whom prayers of suffrage were offered by the Sisters of the two Communities in the Mother House, of the nearby Communities and above all, of the Community of Moncalieri where she had lived for the past 30 years until the month of November last year. Many others also took turns to offer prayers for her and to pay their last homage, including her beloved nieces and nephews and some young mothers whom she had helped in the school.

Today, the eve of the Feast of Divine Providence, at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Mother House, we celebrated the funeral Mass presided over by Fr. Paolo Comba, former Chaplain of the Community of Moncalieri, who knew Sr. Lia well.

Then, we accompanied the mortal remains of our beloved Sister to the Cemetery of Turin where she now rests in the hope of enjoying the fullness of eternal happiness together with her sister Sr. Editta, whom she had loved much.

Dearest Sisters, let us truly pray for Sr. Lia, who served our Religious Family for many years, so that the Lord may reward and welcome her among His chosen ones.

I greet you all fraternally.

  
Madre Franceschina Milanese, Superiora Provinciale