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Dear Sisters and Associates,

Esther Glover was singing with a heavenly choir as she entered her final resting place on August 5, 2015. She was born in Kansas City, MO on September 22, 1922 and became an Associate in 1990. A Jubilarian this year, she never stopped following her commitment statement of her desire to be an example for others as an Associate.

She lived the Franciscan Mission as the matriarch of her family, volunteering in her community and staying active in her parish, St. Monica's. A good friend of hers, Sister Francis Joan Clements remembers Esther as a faith-filled, strong woman who was always thinking of others.

As a Minister of Praise Esther always prayed for justice for the poor and for peace when she said her daily rosary. She moved beyond prayer by participating in The Central City Covenant Board in Kansas City and was a founding member of the Kansas City Community Development Board. She served on countless boards and committees aimed at improving her Kansas City neighborhood.

Her involvement in these and similar groups found her pursuing affordable housing for those in need well into her 80's. Her dedication and service won her a Certificate of Appreciation in the area of Economic Development.

Her age did not prevent her from keeping up on political news and growing in her faith. A few years ago she asked for a copy of the Catholic Catechism for Adults from the Associate Office and always wanted to stay informed about the events and news from Oldenburg. If she learned about a helpful book she wanted to find it to read and was interested in learning from well-known authors and speakers such as Sister Joan Chittister.

Her guide through her later years was without a doubt, St. Monica. Esther updated and renewed her Associate commitment by changing her mission to following the prayer of St. Monica:

“Cast yourself with confidence, into the arms of God. And be very sure of this, that if God wants anything of you, God will fit you for your work and give you the strength to do it.”

Esther, you truly had the strength and gifts for your mission of peace and justice. May you now, with the confidence of a good and faithful servant, be welcomed into God's loving arms.

In Loving Memory,

Carolyn Meyer

