

# *Sister M. Evangelista Calvin*

## *June 1, 1913 - March 26, 2005*



**Secular Name:** Adele Agnes  
**Entrance:** August 13, 1929  
**Place of Birth:** Lithuania  
**Parents:** Joseph and Anna Kalvinskas  
**Siblings:** Mary, Joseph, Ann, Virginia

**Elementary School:** St. George School, Detroit MI

**High School:** Commerce High, Detroit  
St. Francis Academy,  
Pittsburgh

**Higher Education:** Duquesne University,  
Pittsburgh

**Degrees:** BS in Education

### **Ministry:**

Adele Agnes Calvin entered the community in 1929 when the congregation was a mere seven years of age. After completing her novitiate, she immediately began teaching Grade Five at St. Joseph School in Mahoning City where she remained for six years.

During her ninth year as a member of the community, she was asked, and accepted, to be one of the five women sent to São Paulo, Brazil to begin our life and mission in South America. For the next 25 years, she dedicated her life to this adopted country and its culture. In addition to teaching primary grades for a number of years, she also served as Novice Director.

Upon her return to the USA she taught primary grades in many of our mission homes. She also spent two summers on the Island of Carriacou instructing teachers on developing and strengthening reading skills in children.

In addition to all of this, Sister Evangelista always was artistic and creative and this creativity was part of her life. She won countless awards for her afghans, quilts and needle point work.

Upon her return to the Motherhouse, Sister Evangelista continued creating her beautiful crafts until her eyesight would no longer allow her this pleasure. During her final days as a prayer minister, she remained the image of light, gentleness and strength through her constant fidelity and serenity.

***"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."***  
***(St. Francis)***