



Lil' Red Wagon

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Julia Moves to Curé d'Ars ► The Guild recently reorganized itself by dissolving its incorporated status and inserting itself into the welcoming embrace of Curé d'Ars parish, where it will continue to do all it has been doing, but now as a parish ministry of Curé d'Ars parish. Doing so will enable us to have a much larger organization interested in our endurance into the future and allow our donors to claim tax credits for gifts made to the Guild, without any need on our part to apply for a separate tax exemption. This will eventually involve our changing some of our ways of doing business, and further information will be forthcoming as the changes are made. For now, however,



we thank Fr. Simon Kilonga and his pastoral and financial councils for extending to us a very warm welcome. Thanks also to Attorney John Carver who assisted us in dissolving the corporation.

'Local Face of Mercy' ► The Guild is thrilled to report that Denver archdiocesan officials have chosen **Julia Greeley** as the local face of mercy for Catholics to model during the international Jubilee Year of Mercy, now in its second month. She will be introduced to the archdiocese at its conference entitled "Mercy Chose Me: Fully Living the Jubilee Year" at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 11385 Grant Dr., Northglenn, CO on Saturday morning, Jan. 23. A major part of the conference will include a new video introduction to "**Julia Greeley** – Denver's Witness to Mercy," a panel discussion on **Julia's** witness of mercy, and the unveiling of a newly commissioned image of our patron, made by internationally-known icon writer Vivian Imbruglia. Panelists will be Mary Leising, Eileen Love, Linda Chase and Capuchin Fr. Blaine Burkey.

Seize the Moment ► Now is the time to show your devotion to Julia. One of the easiest and most effective ways you friends of **Julia**, who are receiving her **Lil' Red Wagon**, can show archdiocesan officials your interest in and devotion to **Julia** would be to register and attend this free-of-charge conference. Register now at www.archden.org/mercy and pack the halls with friends of Julie, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la..

Moving in Julia's World ► Gina Francis of the Capuchin's Development Office and Guild President Mary Leising are presently leading an effort to make available another bus pilgrimage which will take Julia's friends on a ride by numerous sites which **Julia** frequented and make actual visits to a handful of them. The pilgrimage, led by Fr. Blaine, will provide

insights into why the archdiocese chose **Julia** as its local model for the Year of Mercy, and will seek her intercession in entering more fully into the spirit of the Jubilee. Linda Chase, Penny Bishop, and Capuchin Brothers Montie Chavez & Anthony Monahan will be helping with pilgrimage logistics. A 50-passenger charter bus will leave Capuchin headquarters at 3613 Wyandot, Denver, on Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. and return at about 4 p.m. Reservations for the event, can be made at juliagreeleyguild@gmail.com Cost of the fund-raising event: \$65 per person.



Fr. Blaine took a group of Capuchin postulants on a similar pilgrimage this past year. They are shown here in front of the former Jesuit residence at Sacred Heart Church, 28th and Larimer, where **Julia** occasionally cooked for the Jesuits. Most of the young men are currently in the Capuchin novitiate in California.

Save the Date ► The Fourth annual **Julia Greeley** Mass of the Sacred Heart will be held



June 3, 2016 (the First Friday nearest her June 7 anniversary of death). The Joyful Noise Choir from Cure d' Ars Parish will be providing beautiful and uplifting songs. The Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church, 2760 Larimer Street, Denver, CO 80205 at 7:00 p.m. with a reception following, sponsored by the women of Endow.

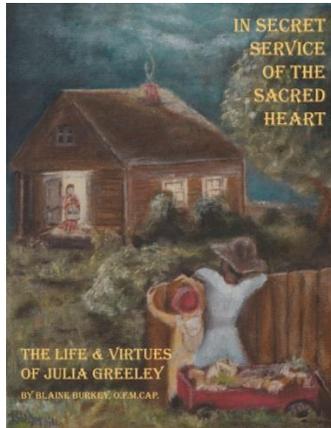
Guild Meetings ► The Guild meets at Cure d' Ars Parish Center, 4701 Martin Luther King Blvd. (just west of the church). The next planning meeting, open to all of **Julia**'s friends, will be Thursday, January 21, at 10:30 a.m. (ring the doorbell).

In Secret Service Reprinted ► A slightly-revised second printing of our study of **Julia** came off the press just before Christmas. It contains an update on precisely which of Julia's eyes was destroyed by the slave master and copies of several of Jamian Ajamu Jacobs' drawing of various episodes of **Julia**'s life. Each printing has been for 1,000 books.



Julia Greeley Home ► The Home was opened for single homeless women. The purpose of the home is to take these women "off the street" and prepare them to reenter society productively. Fr. Regis Scanlon, who began the program, put it under the patronage of **Julia Greeley**, because of the countless hours she spent on the street caring for the poor and, at least once sleeping in a friend's donkey barn. The Home, which was first opened in Arvada, has been recently relocated to a larger facility. Learn more at: <http://www.juliagreeleyhome.org>

Why the Wagon ► **Julia Greeley** used her little red wagon to deliver food, clothing, and fuel to the poor, often secretly. Her Guild's wagon is meant to report the spread of her fame and to encourage her friends to introduce her to new friends. For example, you can help us grow our mailing list by sending us email addresses of friends who would like to receive the *Wagon*.



From *In Secret Service*: Mercy Needed a Dress ► “The young women to whom she appealed entered into the spirit of making other girls happy, and many a dress was discarded before it would have been otherwise. These garments were always given to **Julia**, all freshened—cleaned and pressed—with perhaps new bits of ribbon and lace. How happy **Julia** was to carry these packages to her ‘White girls’—after dark of course.” –**Rose M. Hagus**
April 13, 1939.

Add to Your Own Calendar ►

Feb. 24: **Julia** was received into the Secular Franciscans as Sr. Elizabeth (1901).

Jun. 7: **Julia** died (1918).

Jun. 26: **Julia** joined Catholic Church (1880).

Aug. 1: First meeting of **JG** Guild (2011).

Memberships ► Help us build our Guild membership by joining the **Julia Greeley Guild** and inviting others to join. A membership

application form can be printed at <http://www.juliagreeley.org/guild.html>

Consider setting yourself a goal of introducing two new people a week to **Julia Greeley**.

Conversation starter: “Have you ever heard of **Julia Greeley**?”

Testimonials Wanted ► The Guild is anxious to have on file reports of any favors you feel you have received through Julia's intercession! Lest any details be forgotten, please submit them in writing to the **Julia Greeley** Guild.

Information ► For more on **Julia** and her fame, visit the Guild's web site at <http://www.juliagreeley.org>. Enjoy there a short video about **Julia** made by Channel 9 News in February of 2013.

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Not Far Away ► Less than 29 months till the centennial celebration of **Julia**'s death.



Merciful Father, who were well pleased by Your Son's pouring forth limitless love upon mankind through the Blood of His Sacred Heart, deign to bless the example which His servant Julia Greeley gave the people of Denver in practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

