



Lil' Red Wagon

of the Servant of God Julia Greeley

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Put It In Julia's Canoe ► The Guild's New Program

Well over a hundred years ago, on Aug. 2, the Feast of Our Lady of Angels of Portiuncula, the Servant of God Julia Greeley crossed the street from St. Elizabeth Church to Mrs. Fisher's grocery and café to get something to eat. Mary, the kitchen girl had already finished the dishes and tidied up. "Oh, get something for Julia anyhow," Mrs. Fisher told her. "All right," said Mary, "but you'll have to pray for me, Julia." That prompted Julia to say, "Mary, I'll put you in a canoe with a lot of others I pray for. But I'll pray special for Mrs. Fisher, all by herself."

If you have an urgent petition, either for yourself or another, the Julia Greeley Guild invites you to consider putting it in Julia's canoe. Do so by sending a brief report of the serious need to JuliasCanoe@gmail.com. The intention will be forwarded to the Guild's Julia's Canoe Prayer Circle: members and friends of the Guild who have

committed themselves to praying along with Julia for various intentions in her canoe.

In return, the Guild asks that you notify it in writing, at the address below, of any favors received through Julia's intercession.

If you do not have an email account, send your intention to Julia's Canoe, c/o Julia Greeley Guild, 1535 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80203-1913.



The Julia's Canoe Prayer Circle ►

In the course of the cause for Julia's canonization, it will be necessary to prove that God has granted two otherwise unexplainable miracles through Julia's intercession. For this reason, the most important thing that one can do as a member of the Guild is to join in praying for Julia's intercession.

As one way of facilitating this, the Guild will be inviting those with a serious need to place their intention in **Julia's Canoe**, by sending it to JuliasCanoe@gmail.com. All such requests sent directly to the Guild will also be placed into the canoe. We have invited our members and friends to consider individually praying for these intentions, or at least some of them, through Julia's intercession.

You can commit yourself to do so by joining the Julia's Canoe Prayer Circle. Send your name and email address to JuliasCanoePrayerCircle@gmail.com, and the Guild will send you a list of intentions you can chose to pray for through Julia's intercession.

Special Thank You ►

A special thank you to the Julia Greeley Guild's friend Tom Sarmo, who gifted us with the new logo for the Julia's Canoe program. Tom is the same artist who gave us our charming red wagon logo back in 2014. Tom Sarmo's whimsical imagination, which we believe Julia would have loved, can be enjoyed at <https://www.facebook.com/TomSarmo.Art/>



Frassati Academy Hears of Julia ►

by Debbie Nowak, Guild member

On Feb. 21, I gave a presentation on Julia Greeley to all 110 students (kindergarten through sixth grade) and about a dozen teachers at Frassati Catholic Academy in Thornton. The children were split into two groups, to accommodate their large number.

I spoke first to the older children, before addressing the younger ones, changing my talk slightly for the ages of the children.

I began by asking them, "What is a saint?" The children had great answers, such as, "someone who loves God," "someone who helps others," "someone who cares about the poor," etc. I pointed out how all these qualities are exemplified in Julia's life of service to God and the poor, as well as her love for Denver's firefighters, who daily put their lives on the line.

Frassati Academy is named for Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, whom Pope St. John Paul II called, "The Man of the Beatitudes." I told the children why I thought Julia could be called "the woman of the Beatitudes," as she demonstrated throughout her time here in

Denver, humble service to the poor, works of mercy, forgiveness, and silent suffering.

I also mentioned the other saints of Denver's streets, as Fr. Ron calls them. Mother Cabrini (whose time in Denver overlapped Julia's), Mother Teresa, and John Paul II. The children were amazed when I told them there were still people alive in Denver today who remember



meeting Mother Teresa and John Paul II when they came to Denver! Although no one is alive today who knew Julia, we have stories about her from the days when people were alive who knew her.

I talked a little about the canonization process; how Julia is now called "Servant of God" and what that means. I also told them how they can help her to become a saint, by praying for her intercession and telling others about her, as well as letting us know

if any of their prayers get answered.

I shared with them some of the stories about Julia's life. I told them about her childhood as a slave and how she lost an eye due to a slave master's whip, yet Julia wasn't angry or

resentful towards white people, or about her disability. She never mentioned discomfort from either her eye or the arthritis that ravaged her body in her later years, which we only discovered when her body was exhumed. I told them how she would sneak out in the middle of the night to leave food on the doorsteps of her white neighbors. They seemed to particularly love the story of little Marjorie Ann Urquhart, the child Julia holds in the holy card.



I also explained what a relic is and I gave the teachers holy cards with the third-class relic, while the children all received the black and white holy cards. We prayed together the prayer for Julia's intercession. I ended by inviting everyone to the 100th anniversary Mass on June 7, 2018, with promises of firefighters and little red wagons.

I also invited them to visit Julia's remains at the Cathedral, which the fifth grade did on March 2, when they were able to attend Mass there with the Archbishop and say a prayer before Julia's tomb.

I had an excellent time speaking to the children about Julia and I highly recommend more presentations to school groups. Julia



had a great love for children and they are quick to return the love.

The line drawing of Julia was done by the librarian's daughter, Katie Larson, and was also passed out for the children to color.

Also Spreading Julia's Fame ►

A video of Fr. Blaine's presentation at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Lakewood last Sept. 27 was recently discovered at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLAZvRiZWLS> on YouTube. It had had 22 viewers.

Fr. Blaine gave a power-point lecture to 43 historians and history buffs at History Colorado in downtown Denver on June 26.

Mary Leisring gave a presentation on black history month and another on Julia Greeley to about 90 students in Danielle Byrne's classes at St. John Baptist Middle School in Longmont on March 8.



The fifth-grade class of Frassati Catholic Academy made a pilgrimage to Julia's grave in the Cathedral Basilica on Mar. 2, after their Mass with Archbishop Aquila.

Mary has also been asked to give a presentation at Blessed Sacrament Church in Denver, but no date has been set yet.

Centennial Plans Afoot ►

Archbishop Samuel Aquila and Bishop Jorge Rodriguez will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2018, to mark the centennial of Julia Greeley's death. Mark this date and time in your calendar now and plan to be there.

Bishop Joseph Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago and vice postulator for the cause of Fr. Augustus Tolton, and Bishop Terry Steib SVD, bishop emeritus of Memphis, have both expressed their intentions of joining us.

Lt. Derrick Johnson of the Denver Fire Department will have a firefighters honor guard at the Mass. There'll be red wagons, too.

The Guild invites any suggestions that you might have to make the occasion more special.

Julia Greeley Evening ►

Trattoria Stella at 3201 E. Colfax has committed to giving the Julia Greeley Guild 10% of all its evening sales on its Julia Greeley Sunday Evening, June 10, 2018, 5-9 p.m.

Memorial at Mt. Olivet ►

The Guild, in conjunction with Mt. Olivet Cemetery, commissioned this black granite stone to mark the site of the Servant of God's grave from 1918 till 2017. The stone will lay flat on the ground with a little bit of tilt. The Guild has decided to have a ceremony to bless the stone once it has been installed and landscaped. More on this in the next Wagon.



A New Friend's Poem ►

A Remarkable Soul Julia Greeley

A little red wagon quietly making its rounds
Delivering necessities when no one is
around

Carried by a woman glowing with love
Bringing others happiness, a shining light
from above

Always craving anonymity, never wanting
fame

Everything she did was in "Jesus' Name

Helping the poor, unceasingly praying all
alone

Living in humility to attain her heavenly
home

I know that Julia is in heaven right now, I
know she still cares

I know that Julia is a soul that is truly, truly
Rare

--Carol Wong, Honolulu

Discounted Rockies Tickets ►

In support of Julia's Cause, The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministry is once again offering discounted tickets for six 2018 Rockies games. The tickets are for seats located in section 117 under the overhang.

Orders for the tickets need to be sent to Mary L. Leisring, Archdiocese of Denver Office of Black Catholic Ministry, 1300 S. Steele Street, Denver, CO 80210-2599, with a check payable to "Julia Greeley Fund."

The Fund has been established by the Archdiocese to cover various expenses entailed in Julia's Cause for Canonization.

Game 1 – Fri., May 25 vs. Reds @ 6:40pm

Price: \$27 per ticket

Face Value: \$42

Payment deadline: Fri., May 4, 2018

Game 2 – Sat., June 2 vs. Dodgers @ 5:15pm

- Price: \$30 per ticket

- Face Value: \$42

- Payment deadline: Friday, May 11, 2018

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Game 3 – Thur., July 12 vs. Diamondbacks @ 1:10pm

- Price: \$27 per ticket

- Face Value: \$29
- Payment deadline: Thur., June 21, 2018

Game 4 – Tues., July 24 vs. Astros @ 6:40pm

- Price: \$30 per ticket
- Face Value: \$34
- Payment deadline: Tues, July 3, 2018

Game 5 – Friday, Aug. 24 vs. Cardinals @ 6:40pm

- Price: \$30 per ticket
- Face Value: \$42
- Payment deadline: Friday, Aug. 3, 2018

Game 6 – Wed., Sept. 5 vs. Giants @ 6:40pm

- Price: \$27 per ticket
- Face Value: \$29
- Payment deadline: Wed., Aug. 15, 2018

Memberships ► Help us build our Guild paid 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> Dues are \$20 a year or \$50 for three years. Married couples are enrolled for a single fee.

Friends of Julia

on our mailing lists – 3-19-2018
(was 724 on 1-17-2018)

734

which includes

Guild Memberships

as of 3-19-2018
(was 106 on 1-17-2018)

108

Coming Meetings ► All Guild Members and other Friends of Julia are invited to our planning meetings at the Cathedral rectory at 1530 N. Logan St., just behind the Cathedral. The Guild meets every third Thursday of the month, usually at 12:30 a.m. The next meeting will be Apr. 19. Any last minute changes will be listed on the Guild's web site: www.juliagreeley.org.

Remembering Fellow Friends ►

We commend to Julia's intercession the eternal happiness of her deceased Friends.



**Geraldine Magnie
Elaine Massie
Hanna Nevin
Ginger Perkins
Wilmetta Ann Roth**

Calendar of Julie's Cause ►

These are important landmark events in the Process of the Cause for Canonization:

Aug. 4, 2016 – The Archbishop contracted Dr.

Waldery Hilgeman, J.U.D., to be Roman Postulator for the Cause.

Aug. 6, 2016 – Archbishop Samuel Aquila asked the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints (CCS) for the decree *nihil obstat* (nothing stands in the way) for opening **Julia's** Cause. **Julia** was thereby entitled to be called Servant of God.

Oct. 22, 2016 – The CCS published its decree *nihil obstat*.

Nov. 14, 2016 – The United States bishops (USCCB) endorsed Archbishop Aquila's decision to open the Cause.

Nov. 30, 2016 – Archbishop Aquila issued an edict asking the faithful for participation in the Cause which he was about to open.

Dec. 18, 2016 – Archbishop Aquila officially opened the Cause at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception during 8:30 Mass.

Feb. 21, 2017 – Second Session of the Tribunal.

Apr. 11, 2017 – Archbishop requested permission from the CCS to exhume and transfer Julia's mortal remains to the Cathedral Basilica.
 May 6, 2017 – The CCS granted said permission.
 May 26, 2017 – The Exhumation began of Julia's body at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.
 May 28, 2017 – Julia's skull was partially uncovered.
 May 31, 2017 – The last of Julia's bones were collected by Dr. Christine Pink, Metro State University anthropologist.
 June 6, 2017 – The CCS authorized transfer of Julia's remains to the Cathedral.
 June 7, 2017 – Julia's mortal remains were received, blessed, authenticated, and placed in the northwest corner of the transept of the Cathedral Basilica

Third-Class Relics ►

To receive a single third-class relic of the Servant of God Julia Greeley, send a self-addressed, self-stamped #10 business size envelope to Julia Greeley Guild, Cathedral Basilica, 1535 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80203-1913. The relics are free, but not available in bulk.

More Information ►

For more on Julia and her fame, visit the Guild's web site at <http://www.juliagreeley.org>. View also the archdiocese's video of "Julia Greeley: Our Model of Mercy" at <https://vimeo.com/151101683>

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