



Lil' Red Wagon

of the Servant of God Julia Greeley

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Closing of Diocesan Phase ►

After 21 months of gathering information about Julia Greeley and her reputation for sanctity and fruitful intercessions, the archdiocesan inquiry ended its phase of the Church's



investigation and carefully wrapped and sealed three complete sets of its 11,750 pages report.

Each set is bound in 36 volumes and sealed in two record-size boxes. Two sets of the report are meant to be taken to Rome for the apostolic phase of the



investigation. The third set will remain sealed in the Denver archdiocesan archives.

The final sealing of the documents took place in a special Mass held in the Christ the King Chapel of St. John Vianney Seminary at the John Paul II Pastoral Center on Aug. 10. It was attended by the officials of the diocesan phase, as well as numerous members of the Julia Greeley Guild.



Guild members Charlotte McKinney, Essy Goffinett, and Mary Leisring and Cause officials Lucinda Marques and Bro. Reginald Cruz, CFX, from Rome were among the many friends of Julia at the closing ceremony.

Delivery in Rome ►

The four boxes were taken to Rome in mid September by Vice Postulator David Uebbing, the archdiocesan chancellor, and were delivered to the registrar of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at 10 a.m. on September 14.

There they will first be examined to make sure that everything was done properly on the archdiocesan level. After that the documents will be studied in order to prepare an official position paper supporting the Cause's claim that Julia practiced the virtues to a heroic degree and that she has had a reputation for intercessor power. The Positio will then be examined and discussed by several commissions of the Congregation. If they approve the Positio, Julia would then be named a Venerable.



David Uebbing and Rome-based Postulator Dr. Waldery Hilgeman delivered the Denver inquiry's documentation to Msgr. Giacomo Pappalardo, chancellor of the Sacred Congregation.



The boxes were last seen by Uebbing and Hilgeman on a shelf in the registrar's office, just underneath papers relating to the Servant of God Chiara Lubich, foundress of the Focolare Movement, whose cause is also being postulated by Dr. Hilgeman.

Greeley Canoe Masses ►

In conjunction with the Julia Greeley Guild, the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception has scheduled a monthly series of Masses being offered for the intentions of those who have put themselves in Julia's Ca-



noe. A symbolic canoe is being obtained and all the intentions placed in Julia's Canoe, either by email or other forms of submission, will be listed in a digital file constantly updated by Brigid Demko and placed in the symbolic canoe usually near Julia's Tomb during the scheduled Masses.

Times & Places of the Masses

2018:

Mon., Nov.29, 12:15 pm, St. Elizabeth Church
Tues., Dec. 18, 5:30 pm, Cathedral Basilica

2019:

Wed., Jan. 9. 12:10 pm, Cathedral Basilica

Thu., Feb. 14, 7 am, Cathedral Basilica
Fri., Mar. 1, 5:30 pm, Cathedral Basilica
Sat., Apr. 13, 4:30 pm, Cathedral Basilica
Sun., May 12, 8:30 am, Cathedral Basilica
Fri., Jun. 7, 5:30 pm, Cathedral Basilica

Place yourself and your intentions in Julia's
Canoe at juliagreeleyscanoe@gmail.com

Prayer for Mary Leisring

All our Members and Friends are urged to ask Julia to make Mary Leisring one of those whom she prays for all by themselves. Ask that she help Mary's doctors to quickly discover what is causing her being sidelined since late August, so they can then start treating her condition. Or even better, ask Julia to obtain a cure herself.

Blessing of the Stone ►

About 25 Friends of Julia Greeley gathered at the site of her former grave in Mt. Olivet

Cemetery on July 11 to bless a new lustrous black grave marker designed by the Julia Greeley Guild and executed and paid for by the Cemetery.

The stone incorporates all that was on the 1956 stone, tells that Julia was buried here 1918-2017, and directs people to her new tomb at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap., wrote and performed the blessing, assisted by Cathedral Basilica Rector Fr. Ron Cattany and Guild President Mary Leisring. A reception followed the ceremony.

A Favor Received ►

Recently, my wife and I went to an administrative court hearing to appeal her Social Security Disability denial. Two years ago, at 50, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Since then, she has been unable to work. In that same period, work for me has been sporadic at best. Our



situation is truly getting desperate. After the hearing, we intentionally walked over to the Basilica to light some candles and pray. We were attracted to Julia Greeley's tomb and asked her to intercede for a positive outcome. We went home not expecting to hear anything for about four months.

Two weeks to the day later, my wife's lawyer called to let her know the judge expedited the case and ruled in her favor. Two weeks and one appeal were far faster than anyone expected. Even the lawyer seemed astonished. While it may seem a small thing to many, to us this was huge and no small miracle. We are grateful and humbled by what is to us obviously Julia Greeley's intercession.

C. & L. M.

Greeley Presentations ►

Fr. Blaine gave a presentation to about 50 residents of the Gardens at St. Elizabeth in North Denver on Aug. 28.

Ria de Dios gave a presentation to nine Secular Franciscans from St. Elizabeth Fraternity at Mother Cabrini Shrine on Sept. 1.

Fr. Blaine gave a power point presentation to about 12 members of the Southeast Deanery of Serra Club on Sept. 13.



Fifth-graders at Annunciation Catholic School ask questions about Julia Greeley, who used to visit their area.

Frankie Rachell-Bruce & Ria de Rios gave a presentation at All Souls Church in Englewood on Oct. 6.

Fr. Blaine, assisted by Essy Goffinett, Kate Springs, and Fr. Charles Polifka, answered questions about Julia for almost two hours in



Fr. Charles Polifka (far right) presented Fr. Blaine Burkey to the banquet and Vicar General Fr. Randy Dollins (2nd from left) presented the award to Fr. Blaine. Also in the photo: Angelita Sims & Terry Paige, co-emcees.

the 24-student fifth-grade class at Annunciation Catholic School on Oct. 22. The students had been studying Julia's life for several weeks already.

Bakhita-Drexel Award ►

Close to a hundred benefactors of the Office for Black Catholic Ministry, including a sizeable band of Capuchins and their friends, attended the SS.Bakhita & Drexel Award Banquet at Proof of the Pudding night club on Sept. 16. The archdiocese presented this year's award to Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap., for his support of the Cause for Canonization of Julia Greeley, especially by his writing the book *In Secret Service of the Sacred Heart*. Fr. Blaine used the occasion to tell what he considers the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the writing of the book.

Fr. Ron Cattany purchased a table at the event for the core group of Guild members who most regularly attend Guild meetings.

New Coalition Supports Two African-American Venerables, Three Servants of God

Xavier University in New Orleans announced on July 31 the establishment there of a new resource center to facilitate research on black American candidates for sainthood and other holy black Catholics.

Although the Catholic Church has many saints of African descent, it has no black American canonized saints.

The five persons to be studied at the center are Ven. Pierre Toussaint, 1766-1853; Ven. Mother Henrietta Delille, 1813-1853; and the Servants of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, ca 1794-1882, Fr. Augustus Tolton, 1854-1897; and Julia Greeley ca 1840-1918.

A sixth person, Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA, 1937-1990, is expected to be added to the group, having received a unanimous green light yesterday from the US bishop's conference in Baltimore.

Original Photo Found ►

In 2011 when Fr. Blaine was compiling *In Secret Service of the Sacred Heart*, no one could tell him where the precious photograph of Julia Greeley which the archdiocese had been using previously for many years, neither the one Marjorie Urquhart and her mother had made available back in 1939 or the one they had given to Fr. Pacificus Kennedy, OFM, in 1978 who gave it Mary Frances O'Sullivan in 1994, who promptly gave it to the Archdiocese.

It eventually was presumed we might never see those early copies of the photo, but we knew we would never be without the precious image, since it has been digitally scanned innumerable times and is now all over the world.

It is always preferable, however, to have the original negative or the copy made closest in time to the original 1916 negative.

Assigned by Vice Postulator David Uebbing, to look for the missing photos, Ashley Trujillo, an intern at the *Denver Catholic*, found them in the paper's photo morgue on May 1 of this year, where they had been misfiled many years ago. They are now under lock and key in the office of the Cause.

Middleschoolers Respond ►

Guild president Mary Leisring gave a presentation on Julia Greeley, black inventors, and other things at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Longmont CO during February's Black History Month.

56 students later sent her thank you notes, many of which contained such things as the following:

"I especially enjoyed learning about Julia Greeley. Knowing that we have a future saint from Denver makes me proud."

"You taught me so much on that Day about Julia Greeley That I mostly know Everything about her. Thank You!"

"Thank you for informing me about Julia Greeley. I will try my hardest to make her a saint."

"My favorite part was you teaching us about the woman from Denver and her life story. I think the casket thing they are going to put her bones in at the Church is very beautiful!"

"Thank you for coming and telling us about Julia Greeley! It was really cool to find out that a future saint came from Colorado. I probably wouldn't even know who Julia Greeley was if it wasn't for you. Thank you again for coming and teaching us about Julia Greeley."

"I had no idea that there was a soon-to-be saint from Denver! My favorite thing was learning all about her."

"I enjoyed learning about Julia Greeley. My favorite part was learning about all her kind deeds. It warmed my heart and inspired me."

“It was really fascinating to learn about Julia Greeley. I had no idea we have had a candidate for sainthood that lived and worked in Colorado.”

“My favorite part was how deep we went into talking about Julia Greeley. The presentation taught me a lot about not just her, but also about the history of African Americans in the Church.”

“I find it pretty cool that we could have a saint from the Denver area. Julia Greeley seems like she was a very miraculous woman that made a large difference in many people’s lives.”

“I enjoyed everything! If I had to choose a favorite, though, it would be learning about Julia Greeley. She was extraordinary!”

Julia Greeley Pilgrimage ►

Anne Sieben, a consecrated pilgrim (see societyofservantpilgrims.org), who spends much of her life on pilgrimage to various shrines, is planning to walk from St. Louis to Hannibal to Cheyenne to Laramie to Denver—five cities connected with the life of Julia Greeley—during Lent of 2019. She plans to leave the Benedictine Abbey of St. Louis on March 6 and arrive at the Cathedral Basilica in Denver on April 20. On the way she will spread word of Julia wherever she finds herself. Anne is a mendicant pilgrim and will daily beg for lodging and food along the way.

Holy People in Denver ►

(This is an update of an earlier Wagon article):

Soon at least eight Servants of God will be known to have spent time in Denver.

Most recently **St. Pope John Paul II** visited here during World Youth Day Aug. 12-15 of 1993.

St. Teresa of Calcutta was here twice in the 1980s. The first time in mid-June of 1986. After addressing 600 teenagers at the second annual Awakening Conference at the YMCA in Estes

Park, she attended the National Right to Life Committee’s annual conference in Denver. She was later at McNichols Arena in 1989, at which time she revealed that she would be sending her first Sisters here in 1990.

The next most recent visitor has not yet been named a Servant of God, but will be in the very near future. While in her final bout with cancer, **Sr. Thea Bowman** visited Denver twice in 1989, and evangelized from her wheelchair. In February she spoke to the Mile High Congress at the Radison Hotel at 16th St. & Court Pl. on “At the Threshold of Creative Ministry;” and on Aug. 24-26 she gave a revival, renewal mission on “Sharing the Good News” at Queen of Peace Parish in Aurora. The Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, has been ready to open Thea’s cause, awaiting an expected, and now granted, green light from the U.S. Catholic bishops’ conference.

The Servant of God **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen** spoke at the Denver City Auditorium on June 19, 1953.

St. Katharine Drexel visited Denver in 1911 and was on the campus of Sacred Heart College, now Regis University, on Oct. 18. Just across Lowell Blvd., the Servant of God Julia Greeley was keeping house and cooking for the Ryan Sisters.

The Servant of God **Father Leo Heinrich** came to Denver in 1907 and was martyred here on Feb. 21, 1908, while distributing Communion at St. Elizabeth’s Church.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini spent some long periods of time here in 1902 and 1905 in conjunction with the beginning of her convents, school, and orphanage and is presently more remembered for her involvement in the beginnings of the Cabrini Shrine in Golden.

The Servant of God **Julia Greeley’s** time in Denver differed from all the above in that she was the earliest here and the others were here cumulatively not much over a year, while Julia spent most of the last 38-40 years of her life in our midst.

There is no evidence that **Julia** and Mother Cabrini and Mother Drexel ever met. However, among her personal papers St. Katharine did have a typed copy of **Julia’s** obituary from the *Register*, so she at least was aware of **Julia’s** existence. Fr. Leo, however, was the pastor of

St. Elizabeth's Church, where **Julia** regularly attended meetings of the Franciscan Third Order (now known as the Secular Franciscan Order), and in all likelihood Fr. Leo led those meetings.

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>

Paid 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 found and printed at our web site, <http://www.juliagreeley.org/guild.html> **Dues are \$20 a year or \$50 for three years. Married couples are enrolled for a single fee.** All checks sent to the Guild should be made payable to "Cathedral Basilica," with the notation on the memo line "for Julia Greeley Guild"

Friends of Julia

On our mailing lists – 11.4.2018

780

which includes

Guild Members

Dues paying – 11-16-2018

129

Recalling 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

Testimonials Needed ►

The Guild is anxious to have on file reports of any favors people feel they have received through **Julia's** intercession! Lest any details be forgotten, please submit them to the Guild in written form. Having these on file will enable the Cause to show the power of her intercession.

Coming Meetings ►

All Guild Members and other Friends of **Julia** are invited to our planning meetings at the Cathedral rectory, 1530 N. Logan. St. The Guild meets every third Thursday of the month, at 10:30 a.m. Next meetings: Nov. 15, Dec. 20, and Jan. 17. If you have not previously been to a meeting, it would be good to contact the Guild ahead of time to make sure the meeting is still on schedule.

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Frankie Rachell-Bruce, phone secretary

Sharon Dorflinger, membership secretary

Calendar of the Cause ►

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

Aug. 4, 2016 – The Archbishop hired 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 the 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

May 30, 2018 – Julia's remains moved into new Carrara marble sarcophagus in Cathedral.

June 7, 2018 – Mass celebrating centennial of Julia's death, marked by attendance by representatives from Denver firefighters, use of red wagons to present liturgical gifts, & proclamation of Julia Greeley Week by Colorado governor.

July 11, 2018 – Julia's former grave marked with a black marble stone.

Aug. 10, 2018 – Denver phase of the investigation ended & Acta thereof wrapped and sealed.

Sept. 14, 2018 – Acta of the Denver phase delivered to the CCS.

Wagoneers ► Fr. Blaine Burkey, protem editor; Mary Leisring, president & circulation manager.

