



Lil' Red Wagon

of the Servant of God Julia Greeley

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Birthday of Julia's Lil' White Angel

A September 11 Remembrance Our Beloved Julia Greeley ♥

by Mary Anne Simpson

After your final passage in 1918 Beloved Julia
 So much has changed,
 But remains the same
 The world is in sore need of your sweet intercession.

Your little white angel and my mother Marjorie Anne,
 Born eleven days past September,
 Could not fathom the new significance of 9/11
 Ten years of grief, human horrors, loss and retaliation.

Your devotion to your Lord and Savior is celebrated;
 A humble servant of the Sacred Heart
 Casting off the badges of inhumane slavery
 You graced the Earth for a short time

You stood with the firemen, the poor and woe begotten.
 Your weeping blinded eye turned to the healer of all scars.
 Be kind to one another is all He said.

Your lesson of forgiveness was passed to me.
 Grandma Ag and Mom explained,
 Harboring resentments is a crown for bad actors.
 An eye for an eye makes all the world blind.

Your life became a symbol of the power of love.
 Your message of forgiveness and devotion to good,
 Was not on a pulpit or podium at City Hall.

It was on the nowhere streets and alley way of
 Forgotten castoffs and their only hope,
 Be kind and generous in My name.

You prayed with the Cops on the beat,
 Before any fiery rescue you gathered them all,
 To pray for deliverance from man's unbearable heat,
 God save the forgotten on the fourth floor.

Your lesson to all, a timeless anthem of God's call,
 Do to others as you would have them do unto you,
 Reminding us all, scars on the outside,
 Meaning nothing at all.

How to explain Julia Greeley in 2011,
 She was triumphant in her own way
 She knocked on Grandma's door
 Seeking pretty dresses for Denver's most poor.
 We have no pretty dresses my Grandma tearfully exclaimed.

Nonsense Julia said, my little white angel is coming,
 And she did, bringing joy and laughter,
 Where once there were tears.

Your little white angel Marjorie Anne,
 Became your companion on trolley cars and strolls.
 Visiting and caring for Denver's forgotten souls,
 Passing her white angel from pris'ner to pris'ner on chain gangs,
 Don't you worry folks, you'd say. She'll be okay. It's His way.

Dear Julia the lesson you left,
 Is as visable today as before,
 Open your heart and do one small thing,
 To bring hope, laughter and joy to someone,
 Do it in His name.

[Editorial comment: The poem on the previous page was found, one might say “quite by accident,” but really “quite by Providence” on the web at Yahoo Voices. I found it on Dec. 7, 2011, and printed a copy which I am only recently rediscovered in one of my many folders. From what I understand it is no longer on the web, as Yahoo Voices was discontinued and disassembled in 2014. I was unaware when I copied it in 2011, but the poem is written by Mary Anne Simpson, daughter of Marjorie Urquhart, the little girl in the sole photo we have of Julia Greeley].



The child in this photo is also Marjorie Anne Urquhart shortly after her birth on September 11, 1915, being admired and loved by her mother Agnes, Ag of the poem.

Linda Marie Chase Honored ♥

Wagon wishes to correct a sin of omission in failing to report that the Guild, already on Feb. 20, 2020, named Linda Marie Chase the fifth honorary life member of the Julia Greeley Guild. The official document reads as follows:

Julia Greeley Guild

Peace and All Good! We are sure you are personally well aware of the progress our Guild has made in promoting the cause of the Servant of God Julia Greeley, Denver’s Angel of Mercy, during our first nine years.

The archdiocesan tribunal has gathered sworn testimonies from numerous people with knowledge of the cause, an historical commission has gathered historical

documentation about her life, and her body has been exhumed, forensically examined, and transferred to a permanent tomb in the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, where the faithful may more easily seek her intercessory assistance. The local inquiry has been concluded, and its results are in Rome awaiting the beginning of the Roman phase of the process.

Well aware of the significant and invaluable role which you personally — even long before the founding of the Guild in 2011 — have played in helping make these events possible, the Julia Greeley Guild wishes to preserve the memory of this totally indispensable contribution. Thus at a recent meeting, we unanimously agreed to name you,

Linda Marie Skidmore Chase Honorary Life Member of the Julia Greeley Guild

Please accept this document as a testimony of our love and respect for you and all you have done to assist Julia on her way towards recognition on the Church’s altars. Thank you for following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Given at the Cathedral Basilica, during a subsequent Guild meeting, February 20, 2020.

Mary Leisring, President
Kevin Knight, Secretary



Julia's Way to Heal Racism ♥

"There is a final gift that uniquely aids us in the process of conversion, which has repeatedly come up in conversations with those who have suffered from racism, including Denver's own 'Angel of Charity,' Julia Greeley. This gift is the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which teaches us the depth of Jesus' love for every person, no matter their circumstance, race, or degree of holiness. The Father and Jesus love us first and desire to make every human being their home. With his Sacred Heart, which has been wounded by the sins of the world, Jesus loves each of us with great tenderness and mercy, and he teaches us to extend that love to others.

"During her lifetime, Julia Greeley was known as one of the strongest promoters of this devotion, walking on foot to deliver leaflets and badges from the Sacred Heart League to households and to each fire station in the city, every First Friday.

"We know that she suffered from racial discrimination, but she bore those wounds with strength and forgiveness, which surely came from God's grace and her devotion to Jesus' wounded Sacred Heart. She knew in her heart that she was a beloved daughter of the Father and this allowed her to share that love with others despite how some treated her." -- **Archbishop Samuel Aquila in "Jesus desires to heal wounds of racism," Denver Catholic, June 27, 2020.**

The Spread of Julia's Fame ♥

Guild members have been unable to present programs on Julia during the social distancing months of 2020, but the word has found its own way to move about.

Wagon has learned, for example, that Fr. Matthew Book has been telling his parishioners at Light of the World Church in Littleton CO about Julia and her story.

Later we heard that St. Francis of Assisi Church in Castle Rock CO has a nice display in its foyer on Julia Greeley.

Readership of the *Wagon* and membership in the Guild has also increased dramatically during the pandemic.



Greeley Canoe Masses ♥

Intentions placed in Julia's Canoe, either by email or other forms of submission, are listed in a digital file constantly updated by Brigid Demko. In conjunction with the Guild, the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception is celebrating a series of monthly Masses for all in Julia's Canoe. Upcoming Masses will be on:

Sun., September 13, 5:30 p.m.

Thu., October 15, 5:30 p.m.

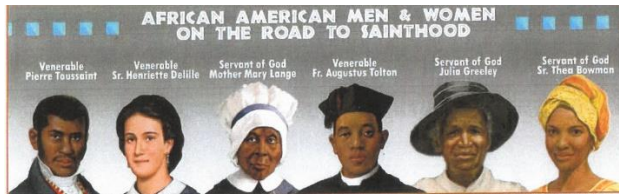
Thu., November 12, 5:30 p.m.

Thu., December 17, 5:30 p.m.

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

NEW Julia Uniforms For Public Meetings ♥

Handmade "Julia Greeley Stoles" for use at public guild affairs are now available. Designed for use over red blouses or shirts at public meetings the stoles were designed and fabricated by Patricia Taylor and are available at the Guild office for \$35.00. The stole has an emblem of the Sacred Heart on one side and one of a little red wagon on the other. There are two models, one with red beading, and the other with black beading.



Black Siblings in Sanctity ♥

Besides Julia, five other U.S. men and women of color are being considered for canonization by the Vatican.

Like Julia, in spite of great challenges, they were exemplary in serving the poor and oppressed, and their service touched the lives of all who came to know them. Two of them, Ven. Pierre Toussaint and Ven. Father Augustus Tolton, are also former slaves.

The stories of all five are available through the following links to videos about them:

Ven. Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853)

<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/venerable-pierre-toussaint/>

S.G. Mary Lange (1784-1882)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDWbHs4twS4>

Ven. Henriette Díaz Delille (1813-1862)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whJY9xCYD-4>

S.G. Julia Greeley (ca 1835-1918)

<https://vimeo.com/151101683>

Ven. Augustus Tolton (1854-1893)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJlKN2x87gk>

S.G. Thea Bowman (1937-1990)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDmgME1JEAY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IcIOU2sflo>

The Julia Greeley Home ♥

In late July, the Julia Greeley Home sent out a remarkable flier about its superior approach to homeliness.



A Program for Women in Difficulty, Seeking Self Sufficiency

Our residents never faced this:



Because they found this:



We give women the respect and dignity they deserve. They do the rest. Please support our program that helps women find a true path to self-sufficiency.



With your help, each of these women-and many more-have escaped the homeless trap. ☼ Foreclosures, high rents, family traumas, financial collapse, can force a woman to lose her home and security. ☼The solution is more than a tent or a handout. ☼We offer practical and spiritual encouragement through a program that emphasizes personal responsibility and achieving goals. ☼ We can't do this without you. Please support us.

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.

Guild Forebearers♥

honored posthumously

Msgr. Matthew Smith
Agnes Rooney Urquhart
Marjorie Ann Urquhart Simpson
Fr. Eugene Murphy, S.J.
Eleanor Pavella Castellan
Theodora O'Donnell Arnold
Fr. Pacificus Kennedy, O.F.M.

Honorary Life Members ♥

honored while with us

Fr. Marcus Medrano
Mary Frances O'Sullivan
Sr. Mary Prudence Allen. R.S.M.

Fr. Gene Emrisek, O.F.M.Cap.
Linda Marie Skidmore Chase

Deceased 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
Fr. Marcus Medrano
Joseph Staab

Official Guild Statistics ♥

Friends of Julia

On our mailing lists – 9-11-2020

990

which includes

Guild Members

Dues paying –09-11-2020

201

Paid Memberships ♥

Help us build our **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"

More Information ♥

Guild official web site:

<http://www.juliagreeley.org>.

“Julia Greeley: Our Model of Mercy”:

<https://vimeo.com/151101683>

PowerPoint by Mary Leisring:

<https://youtu.be/RjK4SdAOP41>

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Fr. Ron Cattany, Pastor

Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap., Consultant

Other Guild Officers ♥

Frankie Rachell-Bruce, phone secretary

Sharon Doerflinger, membership secretary

Dustin Caldwell, recording secretary

Minnie Cassell, associate secretary

Essy Goffinett, associate secretary

Ria de Dios, associate secretary

Wagoneers ♥

Fr. Blaine Burkey, pro tem editor; Mary

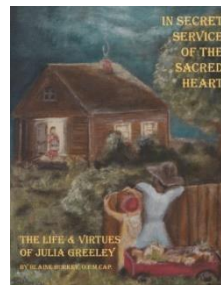
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Greeley Guild Galleria

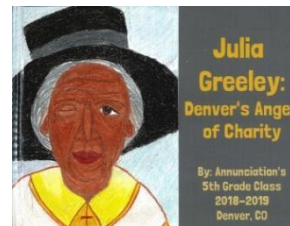
The Guild has a number of items available for purchase at its office at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1525 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80203-1913. A check made out to “Cathedral Basilica” in the amount of the price of the item(s) wanted and the name and address, phone number, and email address of the purchaser should be accompanied by the item number(s) and number of copies desired. Domestic shipping and sales tax will be paid for by the Guild. Quantity discounts and foreign shipping should be discussed ahead of time with the Guild at 720-352-4995.

Unless told otherwise, the Guild will subscribe free of charge all purchasers to *Julia’s Lil Red Wagon*, the Guild’s free newsletter you have in hand.



Item JG-11 -- In Secret Service of the Sacred Heart: Remembering the Life and Virtues of Denver’s Angel of Charity, Julia Greeley, O.F.S., a 156-page book by Fr. Blaine Burkey,

O.F.M.Cap., bringing together everything of significance about Julia published between 1918 and 2012. -- \$20.00 a copy.



Item JG-12 – Julia Greeley: Denver’s Angel of Charity, a full-color children-illustrated 17-page book, produced by Annunciation grade

school’s fifth-grade class, now in its second printing. -- \$15.00 a copy.



Item JG-13 – An Hour with Julia Greeley, a 24-page pamphlet by Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap., provides an excellent brief and accessible overview of Julia’s life and witness. -- \$2.00 a copy

