



Lil' Red Wagon

of the Servant of God Julia Greeley

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School Thanks Julia for Enhanced Playground ♥

Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic STEM School at 3900 Pierce St. in Wheat Ridge CO has thanked Julia Greeley for helping it raise funds for its newly enhanced "outdoor campus," which is now a safe and cheerfully attractive space for its student to spend their recesses outdoors.

The playground area includes a basketball court, a soccer field with artificial turf, and also other areas which can be adapted to a



This memorial stone is placed near the southwest entrance to the campus. It is the tiny white item at the left end of the fence shown on the next page.



a variety of games, as well as a permanent hopscotch layout.

The new East Campus Development's multi-functional design also allows for an outdoor lab/classroom, a greenhouse, and a school garden, as well as prayer area with benches surrounding a statue of Our Lady of Comfort.

Redeveloping a much cracked and uneven parking lot surface, beset with thorn-bearing trees had been on the wish list for 15 years.

Since Julia Greeley was known for her love for children, the school put its plan for upgrading the long-neglected space into her hands, and soon found they had raised far more than they had originally envisioned.

Marvelous News:

Secret Deliveries: The Story of Julia Greeley ♥

I wanted to let you know the good news that the manuscript I wrote about Julia Greeley, that you so kindly helped me with last year, is under contract and scheduled for publication with Ignatius Press and Magnificat, in their line of children's books!

I am thrilled and so honored to be able to have the chance to share Julia's story and her great love with children and to help more people know her great love.

The process of making proposals and having a book accepted can take a long time,

but it's so worth the wait when a book finds the right home.

I remember that you asked me to let you know when you could tell the Julia Greeley Guild about the project, and now we have a green light! We don't have a publication date yet--it takes a while--especially to get illustrations done--but I will keep you posted as things progress.

Thank you again for the great blessing of your help!

In Christ, Maura McKeegan

St. Anthony Messenger ♥

Though it says nothing about her being a Secular Franciscan for 17 years, St. Anthony Messenger has posted a marvelous article on Julia, by Vanesa Zulate Goldberg in its November 2021 Celebrating Saints issue. The whole article is important, but its last paragraph bears being reprinted here.

“In our Church, we need to continue to share the story of Servant of God Julia Greeley in our parishes, in our diocesan offices, and in our formation classes. Her story is not only one of resiliency but also one of a woman who lived through the absolute evils of white supremacy, racism, and slavery, and still loved her neighbor. We must remember as a Church that even though Julia loved her neighbor, that does not mean making excuses or justifications for the way white supremacy and racism live still within our Church institutions.”

Miracles and Saints with Msgr. Robert Sarno ♥

A fine podcast of Ryan Bethea interviewing Msgr. Robert Sarno about the process of canonization has special authority to it because Msgr. Sarno recently retired from 38 years of working in the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Listen to it only when you have sufficient time – 81 minutes.



<https://www.audacy.com/podcasts/kinda-christian-40668/miracles-and-saints-with-msgr-robert-sarno-354074582>.

At Brooklyn Firehouse ♥

by Jay Nies, editor, Catholic Missourian
Brooklyn priest Monsignor Raymond Roden got some interesting looks when he set about subtly sharing some of Servant of God Julia Greeley's joy.

While visiting a Brooklyn firehouse on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, he handed out



copies of a devotional booklet called "An Hour with Julia Greeley" and prayer cards depicting the sainthood candidate's likeness.

"They were a little startled, I think," the priest acknowledged. "We'll have to see how much of it sinks in."

.... Msgr. Roden spoke of his admiration for her at a recent virtual meeting of the Servant of God Julia Greeley Guild.

.... Long affiliated with New York's Catholic Worker community, Msgr. Roden first read about Miss Greeley in an article by Amanda W. Daloisio in *The Catholic Worker* newspaper.

He was struck not only by her evangelical ardor but also her willingness to cultivate personal relationships and give one-on-one help to people in need.

"She was all about St. Therese's "little way" and being a "fool for Christ," he said. "Unfortunately, that doesn't seem to be a popular way of life these days. That's why I hope devotion to her takes off."

The "little way" was how St. Therese of Lisieux described doing little things and carrying out life's everyday tasks with great joy and love.

Julia Constantly on Move ♥

On a recent evening of web surfing, we found Julia at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis MO, on the lips of three unnamed seminarians who posted a video honoring Julia and the Sacred Heart during the 2020 Black Catholic History Month at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d73dtfbdoJE>



Then we found her in Somerville NJ, where the US history class of Immaculata High School was presenting her as an "Unsung Hero" for Black History month.



And we found her on Ave Maria Radio (broadcasting from Ypsilanti MI) which symbolized her with the following image when presenting “From Slavery to Model of Mercy – the Powerful Story of Julia Greeley.”



Then we saw her in Lakewood CO on the wall at Light of the World Parish’s new outward reach center.



In the Brooklyn (NY) Tablet, with an article by Erin de Gregorio we were

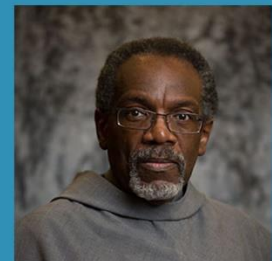
delighted to find this photo from one of the Masses at Denver’s Sacred Heart Church showing the praying hands of our own Charles and Mary Leisring.



Then we heard about her from Friar Douglas McMillan, O.F.M.Conv. on a podcast about a hidden figure from Black Catholic History, which is accessible at <https://franciscanvoice.podbean.com/e/julia-greeley-servant-of-god/>

Black Catholic History

with Friar Douglas McMillan



And back in Denver, at Risen Savior Catholic Church, we found a little-known video on Julia Greeley by Fr.Scott Bailey.

Posted in 2020, it can be viewed at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdmnGHo9wRM>



And there is a new video called “Servant of God Julia Greeley” offered by a Catholic Saints Channel at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCYq9Tp13xy>



Then we saw an image of her by Nicole Thomason being offered for \$15 at
<https://www.thomasonarts.com/fine-art-prints/julia-greeley-limited-edition-print>



Another new image was drawn by Michelle Solomon is available for 15.19 at
<https://society6.com/michellesolomonart>



This 3½ inch peg doll of Julia Greeley being offered by **Amanda of worthy for Agape** for “from \$12.99” at
<https://worthyofagape.com/product/servant-of-god-julia-greeley/>



We could go on forever! What an explosion the opening of her Cause set off. Julia Greeley, who hobbled all over Denver 1880-1918 spreading the good news of God’s merciful love, is now spreading it like wildfire all over the earth.

a new old thought:

The Gospel of Julia ♥

“The life of each saint is the life of Christ; it is a new Gospel”

Jean-Pierre de Caussade SJ (1675-1751)

New Edition Available in Various Venues ♥

The new edition of In Secret Service of the Sacred Heart sells for \$22.00 and it contains 25 totally new pages and 17 color photos.

The new edition is available through Julia Greeley.org, as well as at Gerken's Religious Goods in Denver, Thomas More Parish Book Store in Centennial, Cabrini Shrine Gift Shop in Golden, and the Josephite Center in Baltimore.



Julia Presentations ♥

- ♥ St. Ignatius of Loyola, Springs TX, ZOOM, Nov. 17, Mary Leisring
- ♥ Howard University, Washington DC, ZOOM, date TBD, Mary Leisring
- ♥ Julia Greeley Committee at St. Matthew the Apostle Church, Gahanna OH, ZOOM, date TBD, Mary Leisring.



Julia's Canoe Masses ♥

Intentions placed in Julia's Canoe, either by email or other forms of submission, are listed in a digital file constantly updated. In conjunction with the Guild, the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception celebrates monthly Masses for all in Julia's Canoe.

These are on the First Fridays of the month. A member of the Guild leads a prayer for Julia's intercession and the Litany of the Sacred Heart after the Mass near Julia's tomb in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Upcoming Masses will be on:

Fri., December 3, 5:30 p.m.

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

Welcome to Our Meetings ♥

All Guild Members and other Friends of Julia are welcome at our planning meetings. During the pandemic, we meet by ZOOM every Third Thursday of the month at 10:30 am MT. Next meetings: November 18 and December 16. If you have not previously been to a meeting, you will need to contact us at 720-352-4995 to obtain the meeting ID number and password. ZOOM meetings have allowed friends of Julia to join us from anywhere on the planet. We've already enjoyed having friends from Perrineville NJ, Austin TX, Duluth and Minneapolis MN, Jefferson City MO, and Brooklyn NY join the Colorado faithful.

Official Guild Statistics ♥

Friends of Julia
On our mailing lists – 9-28-2021

1,127

which includes

Guild Members
Dues paying –9-28-2021

246

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

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.

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

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

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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

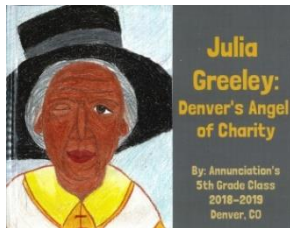
discounts and foreign shipping should be discussed ahead of time with the Guild at 720-352-4995.

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-14 -- In Secret Service of the Sacred Heart: Remembering the Life and Virtues of Julia Greeley, 3rd edition, 168-page book by Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap., bringing

together everything of significance about Julia published between 1918 and 2021. -- \$22.00 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

