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of the Servant of God Julia Greeley

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Congregation Names *Relator* for Servant of God's Cause ♥

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 16, 2022, the Congregation (soon to be Dicastery) for the Causes of Saints assigned



Msgr. Maurizio Tagliaterri as *Relator* for the cause of Julia Greeley.

As such he will be directing the drafting of Julia's *Positio* by Ms. Cristiana Marinelli.

A priest of the Diocese of Modigliana, Italy, Msgr. Tagliaterri has a doctorate in church history from the Gregorian University and a diploma in librarianship and archival



science from the Vatican Secret Archives. He was appointed to the college of relators at the CCS by Pope Francis, and was *Relator* for Ven. Father Augustus Tolton's cause, whose *Positio* was also drafted by Ms. Marinelli.

Annual Mass! Note Well! ♥

The Julia Greeley Guild will celebrate its annual Mass remembering the 104th anniversary of the Servant of God's death, not on the day itself, but on the eve thereof.

Bishop Jorge Rodriguez will be main celebrant of the Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 pm on **Monday June 6**. Please plan to be there and sit as a Guild, in the front, on the left side of the main aisle. Wear your Greeley stole, if you have one. Sacred Heart red is our official color.

National Essay Winner ♥

Nativity: Faith and Reason Catholic grade school in Broomfield was excited to learn that one of its

students, Dianna Lopez, was the national winner of the Catholic Textbook Project's nationwide 2022 History Essay Contest for 4th Graders.



Lopez's essay, entitled "The Biography of Julia Greeley," was one of the early results of the Archdiocesan School Office's new curriculum guide for the study of history, published last year, which becomes mandatory only this August.

In its standards for the 4th grade history course, the curriculum guide calls for the study of the Life of Servant of God Julia Greeley, and encourages a visit to her tomb at the Cathedral. Suggested in the guide as

resources are Fr. Blaine's book and pamphlet and the art book written by the 5th grade students of Annunciation Grade School in 2019.

Nativity has actually gone beyond the curriculum guide's requirements, and its 4th, 5th and 6th grade teachers all covered Julia this year -- in keeping with the ancient Roman dictum "repetition is the mother of learning."

Julia Greeley Home Begins Firefighters Prayer Union ♥

Prompted by Julia Greeley's well-known affection for firefighters, Mary Callan, former executive director of the Julia Greeley Home, began a prayer union last year aimed at helping both firefighters and the Greeley Home.

The Julia Greeley Firefighters Prayer Union is a ministry of the Julia Greeley Home, which houses women experiencing homelessness. The women living in the home help prepare the prayer cards and enrollment certificates and pray regularly for firefighters.

"This is the first time that we're doing something [at the Julia Greeley Home] that isn't focused on homelessness and women coming out of homelessness," Callan said. "It's something where the women are participating in giving back in the most powerful way through prayer."

Mass is also celebrated for all of the enrolled firefighters and fire stations on the 11th of each month by the Capuchin Franciscans at Our Lady of the Angels Friary in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In a May 5 article in the *National Catholic Register*, Autumn Jones said, "The prayer union is the first of its kind, dedicated

specifically to firefighters, and operates similar to a Mass guild, with small donations accompanying the enrollment of each firefighter or fire station. Participants can be enrolled for a year at a time or perpetually, and the prayer union is open to all types of fire crews, inner city to wildland, and any type of department, full time to volunteer.

"Any donations received through the prayer union are split evenly between the Julia Greeley Home in Denver and one of two nonprofits that supports firefighters. If a firefighter is from the Denver area, half of the donation goes to the Denver Firefighters Charitable Foundation. For firefighters enrolled from other locations across the United States, 50% of the donation goes to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation."

Callan said the percentage for the Julia Greeley Home goes directly to the women by keeping a roof over their heads and training them to get back on their feet.

On March 31, Callan presented the prayer union's first enrollment certificates to the Denver Fire Department and to Denver Fire Station No. 1.

During the presentation, Denver Fire Chief Desmond Fulton said he knew of Julia Greeley from stories his uncle would tell

about Denver's "Angel of Charity," as Greeley was often called. Fulton heard about her service to the poor, but did not realize her affection for firefighters until the prayer union was brought to his attention. "What an amazing woman," Fulton said. "This is the goodness

we need right now."

Julia Greeley loved firefighters with a "beautiful, Christlike love," said Lt. Derrick Johnson, a Denver firefighter and permanent deacon with the Archdiocese of Denver and



Mary Callan & Chief Fulton

member of the Guild, who helped make arrangements for the presentation.

“We ride, oftentimes, a train of grace that we don’t even realize is around us,” said Johnson, who also serves as a chaplain for the Denver Fire Department. “Having somebody pray for me and interceding on my behalf to God, it just brings me great joy. It helps to strengthen what we do.”

“As a firefighter, I’ve been on calls where you’re interacting with people that society wills to throw away; they are on the fringes,” he said. “You’re going out to the marginalized and to those in the moment of greatest need. They are calling you as a perfect stranger to come help them. In that person, you’re called to see the distressing face of Christ.”

For Johnson and his fellow firefighters, responding to calls involving the homeless is another opportunity to act in the spirit of Julia Greeley.

Children’s Book This Fall ♥

Maura McKeegan wrote to say, “I am delighted to let you know that my picture book about Julia Greeley, now titled *Julia Greeley: Secret Angel to the Poor*, is scheduled for release this fall, through Ignatius-Magnificat. This is much sooner than I expected! I will let you know when I have a specific release date!”

Julia’s Intercessory Power ♥

“I promised Julia Greeley I would write you if my prayers were answered. They were and I relate the situation as promised.

“In 2019 I had a CT scan that showed a number of cysts in my body. The most concerning were the cysts in my pancreas. I began a daily prayer to Julia asking her to help me. I asked that she remove the cysts if it was the will of God. I was to have another

test one year later. Actually, I had an ultrasound about a year and a half later and the cysts were gone. I mentioned my prayers to the doctor but he felt these things happen, not necessarily miraculously. I am profoundly grateful and feel Julia answered my prayers.” – Rosemary K.



“Thought I would share my Julia story with you to hopefully brighten your day as much as it did mine.

“I had purchased a new Queen size BedInABox mattress. I lugged the box up to the second floor to the bedroom. Then I was trying to figure out how to get the old queen mattress out of the room. I tugged and tugged but the old mattress didn’t have any handles or loops to grab onto so my tugging was getting me nowhere except frustrated and out of breath.

“I took a short break and thought of Julia and how she carried a mattress on her back across town. I



hadn’t truly appreciated that until I tried moving one by myself. I said a prayer to Julia and asked for her help, then took a deep breath and went to try again. This time the mattress moved, just a little but it gave me hope. I was able to carry it down the hall into the other bedroom and lift it on top of the spare room mattress. My frustration turned into joy!

“Anyway, just wanted to share. Not a miracle per se. but I still thank Julia for her help. I know I couldn’t have done it without her!” -- Rose L.

Sr. Marion Brings Guild 60 Years of Experience ♥

When the Julia Greeley Guild moved its headquarters to Cure d’Ars parish in 2016, it gained one of its strongest promoters, Sr. Marion Weinzapfel, who brought with her a rich experience and accomplishment as a

local and foreign missionary of the Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Later this summer the Guild will celebrate with Sister her 60th anniversary of life with her community.

Born in Evansville IN and baptized Anna Maria Weinzapfel, Sister entered the community in 1961 and entered its novitiate in 1962.

Receiving a BA from Fontbonne College in 1966 and an MA in education from St. Mary's College in 1975, Marion as she was now known, served in education for 20 years at schools in Georgia and Texas, and as



administrator at Holy Angels Model School in Indianapolis.

Then from 1986 till 1991, she served as program director at the St. Charles Lwanga Center in St. Louis, dedicated to

advocating for racial equity within the Black Catholic Community.

During this time, she also earned an MA in theology from the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans.

Sister Marion then moved to Denver and became part-time pastoral assistant at Cure d'Ars Church. Soon after, she served at St. Ignatius Loyola Church. There she met Marcellina and Albert Oti, from Gulu, Uganda. They were helping catechists and first-responders in their war-torn land.

In 2004, Sister Marion visited Gulu and saw the "commuter" children who slept in town, out of fear of abduction. She returned to Gulu as part of a larger Denver group in 2007, doing a trauma-healing workshop.

In 2008, five Sisters of St. Joseph began the "Uganda Project," working in health,

education, and pastoral areas. Marion's pastoral work in Gulu included working with catechists, the Catholic Women Association, the Archdiocesan Synod Secretariat, and the resulting Policy Committee.

Back from Gulu in 2015, she did pastoral work at Cure d'Ars Parish, retiring in 2018.

Her commitment to and work in dismantling racism remains strong. She works with various, parish, diocesan and interfaith groups and continues supporting Gulu as a board member of "Team Africa Ties that Bind." She also recently organized a pilgrimage to Birmingham and Montgomery.

Sister Marion says, "I prize and promote the giftedness, history, strength, activism and spirituality of people of color. I feel incredibly blessed to be called as a CSJ to the dear neighbor and called deeper, to be able to join others to do the work of racial justice. With Jesus and all Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates, I dream of a world of dignity, justice, and peace for all."

We could guess Julia Greeley would have had the same dream.

Chronology of the Cause ♥

These are important events involved in Julia's Cause for canonization:

- Aug. 4, 2016 – The Archbishop hired Dr. Waldery Hilgeman, JUD, to be Roman Postulator for the Cause.
- Aug. 6, 2016 – Archbishop Samuel Aquila asked the Congregation for the Causes of Saints for the decree *nihil obstat* (nothing stands in the way) for opening Julia's Cause. Julia is thereby entitled to be called Servant of God.
- Oct. 22, 2016 – The Congregation of Causes of Saints published its decree *nihil obstat*.

- Nov. 14, 2016 – The U.S. hierarchy unanimously endorsed Archbishop Aquila’s decision to open the Cause.
- Dec. 18, 2016 – Archbishop Aquila officially opened the Archdiocesan Phase of the Cause at Immaculate Conception Cathedral Basilica during the 8:30 Mass.
- Archdiocesan Chancellor David Uebbing is the local Vice Postulator of the Cause; Fr. Giovanni Capucci, the Archbishop’s Delegate; and Fr. Vincent Phung, the Promoter of Justice.
- May 26-31, 2017 – Julia Greeley’s mortal remains were exhumed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Colo., by team led by Dr. Christine Pink, PhD, Metro State University. All of Julia’s bones were recovered (including an extra rib). Dr. Pink determined Julia’s height to have been five feet, one inch, and said that her spine, legs, and hands were covered with arthritis.
- June 7, 2017 – The Servant of God’s bones were transferred to the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, where they were received by Auxiliary Bishop Jorge Rodriguez in a solemn ceremony. After the creation of third-class relics, the bones were placed in a redheart-wood funerary chest, which was permanently placed in the northwest corner of the transept, where the faithful may now privately reverence Julia’s bones and invoke her intercession.
- May 30, 2018 – Julia’s remains and the red funerary chest were placed in a new Carrera marble sarcophagus.
- Aug. 10, 2018 – The Archdiocesan Phase of the Cause was completed and 11,750 pages of data were sealed for delivery to Rome.
- Sept. 14, 2018 – The Acta of the Archdiocesan Phase were delivered to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.
- January 2021 — The Congregation certified that the Archdiocesan Phase was executed correctly, thus allowing the opening of the Apostolic (Roman) Phase of the Cause.
- Nov. 12, 2021 – Cristiana Marinelli of Rome was hired to draft the Official *Positio* for the Cause.
- Feb. 14, 2022 – The Congregation of the Causes of Saints assigned Msgr. Maurizio Tagliaterri as its Relator for Julia’s Cause.

A Plant Grows in Brooklyn ♥

On Feb. 21, 2016, Virginia Haddad, the niece of Julia’s “little white angel” flew 900 miles from southern California to join a local bus pilgrimage to Julia’s grave and other associated sites. Returning home, she continued spreading the word about Julia.

Three years later, Anne Sieben, a consecrated pilgrim, begged her way on foot on a Julia Greeley Lenten pilgrimage which took her along the 1,300 miles from St. Louis and Hannibal in Missouri to Cheyenne and Laramie in Wyoming to the tomb of Julia in the Denver Cathedral Basilica. Along the way she spread the word about Julia to all she met.

Now, another three years later, word about Julia is being planted further afar. Guild member Msgr. Ray Roden has planted the word about Julia in the midst of his fellow priests around Brooklyn NY, and he and six African-American parish priests are excitedly planning to make a 1,650 mile pilgrimage to Julia’s tomb in mid-July. Please accompany them with your prayers.

Julia Presentations♥

- ♥“Empowered by Place: Julia Greeley’s Denver,” Historic Denver, Virtual Conversation, Feb. 9, 2022, 7:30-8:30 pm, Fr. Blaine presented a slide show, 38 people attended.
- ♥“Empowered by Place: Julia Greeley’s Denver,” in person Walking Tour, Historic Denver, Feb. 12, 2022, 3:30-4:30 pm, led by Alison Salutz, 20 were signed up, but only two attended, due to snow storm the previous evening.
- ♥Samaritan House staff & volunteers, Denver, Feb. 23, 2022, Fr. Blaine assisted by Essy Goffinett & Kate Springs, slide show, ca 30 attended.
- ♥Regis Jesuit High School, Aurora, Mar. 8, 2022, Mary Leisring, assisted by Essy Goffinett, ca 50 attended.
- ♥La Hermanas womens group, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Denver, Apr. 6, Kate Springs, Essy Goffinett & Minnie Cassell, ca. 30 attended..
- ♥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., June 3, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., July 1, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., August 5, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., September 2, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., October 7, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., November 4, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., December 2, 5:30 p.m.

Place yourself and your intentions in Julia’s Canoe at juliascanoe@gmail.com.

A Guild Fundraiser ♥

A shirt featuring Julia and her five fellow candidates for canonization (shown on the next page) is now available at <https://juliagreeleyguild.homesteadcloud.com>



Small	\$25.00
Medium	\$25.00
Large	\$25.00
XLarge	\$25.00
2XLarge	\$27.00
3XLarge	\$29.00
4XLarge	\$39.00

Special for Rockies Fans ♥

The Guild will no longer be offering discounted Rockies tickets, BUT our Guild members (and others), if we are blessed to have a 2022 baseball season, can continue to obtain discounted tickets through the auspices of A New Dawn – Black Lives Have Not Always Mattered. For more details, contact Mary Leisring at 720-352-4995.



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 Gerkens Religious Goods in Denver, Thomas More Parish Book Store in Centennial, Cabrini Shrine Gift Shop in Golden, and the Josephite Center in Baltimore.



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 a.m. MT. The meetings in 2022 will be on Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, and Dec. 15. 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, Brooklyn NY, and LaVegas NV join the Colorado faithful.

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

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 Guild Friends.

Geraldine Magnie

Elaine Massie

Hanna Nevin

Ginger Perkins

Wilmetta Ann Roth

Fr. Marcus Medrano

Joseph Staab

Patricia Lucille Deleon

Janie Smith
Charles Leisring
Fr. Regis Scanlon, O.F.M.Cap.

Our Officers ♥

Mary Leisring, President & Treasurer
Dustin Caldwell, Vice President
Kevin Knight, Secretary
Fr. Sam Morehead, Pastor
Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap., Consultant

Other Guild Officers ♥

Frankie Rachell-Bruce, phone secretary
Sharon Doerflinger, membership secretary
Office vacant, recording secretary
Minnie Cassell, associate secretary
Essy Goffinett, associate secretary
Ria de Dios, associate secretary

Guild Contacts ♥

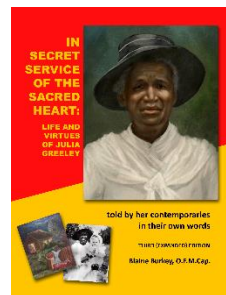
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Greeley Guild Galleria

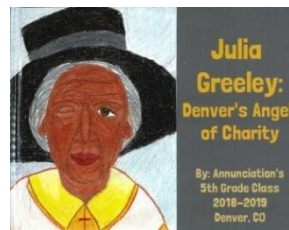
The Guild has a number of items available for purchase at its office at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1525 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80203-1913. A check made out to "Cathedral Basilica" in the amount of the price of the item(s) wanted and the name and address, phone number, and email address of the purchaser should be accompanied by the item number 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

