



Lil' Red Wagon

of the Servant of God Julia Greeley

**official newsletter of
The Julia Greeley Guild
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Denver Sanctity Revisited ♥

In several previous issues, we have given a growing list of Servants of God who have spent time in the Denver metropolis. There were nine such people listed in Issue 21, one of them already a Venerable, and five Saints.

To these we can now add Servant of God Michelle Christine Duppong, who we've just learned was born in Wheat Ridge CO on Jan. 25, 1984. She was baptized at St. Joan of Arc Church in Arvada CO on Feb. 5, 1984, and lived with her parents, Ken and Mary Ann Duppong at 5834 Oak St. in Arvada for the first year of her life. The Duppongs then moved to Haymarsh ND.



5834 Oak St., Arvada CO

Michelle returned several times to the Denver area during her 2006-2012 service as a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students to attend retreats at Camp St. Malo and Mother Cabrini Shrine. She died of cancer on Christmas Day, 2015, and Bishop David Kagan of Bismarck opened her cause on June 15, 2022. FOCUS plans to unveil a documentary on Michelle later this year.



Julia in Kansas City♥

The Guild recently received word from nine senior girls at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City MO, telling of their class projects on Julia Greeley, aimed at letting the rest of their school know about Julia through "making a video that will be played on the school news, distributing prayer cards, and decorating a bulletin board.

The Academy is a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (based in St. Louis), the religious community of Guild board member, Sr. Marion Weinzapfel, C.S.J.

One of the girls sent the Guild the following beautiful email:

“Hello! My name is Gabriella Bailey and I am a senior at St. Teresa's Academy located in Kansas City, Missouri. I am working on a group project in my religion class about black women who are up for the process of canonization. My group's assigned woman was Julia Greeley.

“We are so inspired by the life she lived and how she remained positive through all the hardships she had been through. At such a young age she faced things most people won't have to in their whole life.

“Although she was freed from slavery through the Emancipation Act, she still was a servant and could have chosen to live a miserable life; however, she didn't.

“Learning about her, we have learned that she respected the dear neighbor without distinction. Her values align directly with those of our school values. We wanted to reach out and thank you for all the work you are doing to help this incredible woman obtain sainthood and we are so grateful to be able to educate ourselves on her with the help of your website.

“We look forward to living out her mission and sharing what we have learned about her with the rest of our school. Thank you so much! Gabriella Bailey”



Gabriella Bailey (left) and her project fellows, Emma Bridges and Caroline Stucky. Others involved in the project: Emily Cisper, Leigh Dolan, Aspen Armstrong, Clare Harrington, Ava Vanalstyne, and Spike Tennyson.

Cause Still Moving ♥

Work has begun on writing the Positio, which is taking place at Focolare Movement headquarters on Via Frascati in Rocca di Papa, one of the Castelli Romani, about 15 ½ miles from Rome

We have no idea what their deadline is, nor even for that matter if they have a deadline. You can be sure, however, that when we do know something, another issue of the Wagon will tell you all about it post haste. Make sure we have your current email address.

Presentations at Nativity ♥

When Mary Leisring and Essy Goffinett gave a presentation on Julia Greeley to the fourth-grade class at Nativity Faith and Reason Catholic School, Broomfield CO, on



Mar. 27, they found the students already acquainted with Julia and ready to ask a lot of questions.

The school also had its own surprise presentation for them. They were introduced to Julia MarieCaldwell, daughter of Kristen and Nick Caldwell. After Kristen had suffered multiple miscarriages, the school's assistant principal, Sister Marilú Abesú, suggested she ask Julia Greeley to intercede for a safe delivery of another child. Kristen, her family and friends prayed for Julia's

intercession throughout the next pregnancy, and baby Julia Marie was born Feb. 10, 2023.

An interesting sidebar to the story is the fact that Caldwell was the family name of Julia Greeley's slave "owner" at Caldwell MO (now Woodland MO) in the mid-19th century.

Regis High Diversity Day ♥

Mary and Essy Goffinett also spoke about Julia with two different groups at Regis High School's Diversity Day on Feb. 14. It was their second year there.

While praying our prayer for Julia's intercession, the students asked her to intercede for school safety as well as for their families. Some of the students stayed after school to ask more questions.

Save the Dates

Upcoming Major Events: ♥

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for two Masses in June:

Bishop Jorge Rodriguez will be main celebrant and homilist for the 105th anniversary of Julia's death, at 5:30 p.m. on **June 7 at the Cathedral**

Father Eric Zegeer, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, will be main celebrant and homilist for the 143rd anniversary of Julia's Baptism, at 7 p.m. on **June 26 at Sacred Heart Church.**

2023 Bus Pilgrimage ♥

With the help of a 56-passenger Colorado Coach Line bus, 56 happy devotees of Julia Greeley wended their way on Saturday, Mar. 18, past some 19 sites known to have been visited by the Servant of God.

They were on the Capuchins' Brown Robe Benefit 2023 Lenten Pilgrimage led by Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap. Numerous Guild members and friends were aboard



along with many more benefactors of the friars.

They included visitors from Illinois, Kentucky and various parts of Colorado.

Seats on the bus sold for \$100, which helped pay for the bus and its driver, Alex Hopper; a tasty box lunch from Capriotti Subs; and training programs for some 17 young Capuchins presently in formation.

Longer portions of the pilgrimage were spent in the PlanOmatic Office at 2911 Walnut St., where Julia lived for 13 years, when it was once a boarding house; at Sacred Heart Church, her long-time parish



center; and at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, where she is the only person buried.

At Sacred Heart Church, they also got to see the recently rediscovered painting of the Sacred Heart which Julia had viewed daily

from 1880 till a fire damaged it in 1911.
(See an article on the painting in Issue 38)



Favor Acknowledged ♥

For Lent, 2023, I had a very important petition-- that a long hoped-for housing opportunity would open up for my adult brother who lives with autism. There have been many obstacles to arranging for life-giving, safe, and affordable housing for him. I decided to pray especially through Julia Greeley's intercession. During Lent, a spot in an excellent supported independence apartment community became available. Then, most miraculously, my brother and our dad agreed to visit it. There has been much resistance!! Now, my brother is scheduled to move in in July.

Thank you, Julia Greeley, for interceding on our behalf and helping build community and shelter for the vulnerable ones!

--Mary T., St. Paul MN

Decree of Validity ♥

This is old news, but also new news. We've never seen it before and have been trying for over two years to get ahold of it. It's the official Latin decree saying that the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints approves the work done in Denver during the archdiocesan phase of the Cause. We need no translation; that's all it says. It clarifies,

however, that it was granted already on Nov. 20, 2020, not in January of 2021, as we had previously been told.



Prot. N. 3289-6/20

DENVERIENSIS
Beatificationis et Canonizationis
Servae Dei Iuliae Greeley
Christifidelis Laicae
e Tertio Ordine Sancti Francisci

In Ordinario Congressu, die 20 mensis Novembris huius anni 2020 celebrato, haec Congregatio de Causis Sanctorum sequens dubium disceptavit, nimirum: "An constet de validitate Inquisitionis Dioecesanæ apud Curiam ecclesiasticam Denveriensem peractæ, super vita et virtutibus necnon fama sanctitatis et signorum Servae Dei Iuliae Greeley, Christifidelis Laicae, e Tertio Ordine Sancti Francisci: testes sint rite recteque examinati et iura producta legitime compulsata in casu et ad effectum de quo agitur".

Haec Congregatio, attento voto ex officio redacto reque diligenter perpensa, rescripsit: **AFFIRMATIVE**, seu constare de validitate eiusdem Inquisitionis Dioecesanæ in casu et ad effectum de quo agitur, sanatis de iure sanandis. Contrariis non obstantibus quibuscumque.

Datum Romae, ex aedibus eiusdem Congregationis, die 20 mensis Novembris anni 2020.



+Marcellus Bartolucci
Archiepiscopus tit. Mevanien.
a Secretis

Upcoming Presentations ♥

- ♥ A magnificent article on Julia Greeley by Sheryl Tirol, with photos by Bear Gutierrez, is in the works for a coming issue of *Regis Magazine*.
- ♥ 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., May 5, 5:30 p.m.

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

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



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

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Greeley Guild Galleria

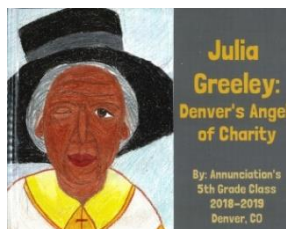
The Guild has a number of items available for purchase at its office at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1525 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80203-1913. A check made out to "Cathedral Basilica" in the amount of the price of the item(s) wanted and the name and address, phone number, and email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



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

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Welcome to Our Meetings ♥

All Guild Members and other Friends of Julia are welcome at our planning meetings. We meet by ZOOM every Third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. MT. The coming meetings in 2023 will be on Apr. 20, May 18, June 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.

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.

Our Officers ♥

Mary Leisring, President & Treasurer

Dustin Caldwell, Vice President

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Fr. John James Arcidiacono, Guild Liaison
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