



Lil' Red Wagon

of the Servant of God Julia Greeley

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103rd Anniversary Edition

SAVE THESE DATES !!!

June 7 – Julia's Death Anniversary
Mass, Cathedral Basilica – 5:30 pm
Bp. Jorge Rodriguez, celebrant

June 26 – Julia's Baptism
Anniversary Mass, Sacred Heart
Church, 2780 Larimer St. – 7 pm

Third Edition Available ♥

The Guild is pleased to announce the publication of the Third Expanded Edition of *In Secret Service of the Sacred Heart* by Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap. Publication Printers of Denver's South Platte



neighborhood finished printing 2,000 copies of the book on June 3. The new edition contains 25 new pages devoted to things learned about Julia since the first edition of 2012, as well as coverage of the opening of Julia's Cause for canonization and the successful prosecution of the diocesan phase of the Cause.

The new edition sells for \$22.00 and, in its new section, contains 17 color photos.

The Guild wishes to thank Deacon Steve Stemper of the Catholic Foundation of Northern Colorado for helping the Guild find a new printer with an affordable price. Our original printer, Mido Printing Company, closed its shop in 2019.

The new edition will be available through JuliaGreeley.org, as well as at Gerkens Religious Goods in Denver and the Josephite Center in Baltimore.

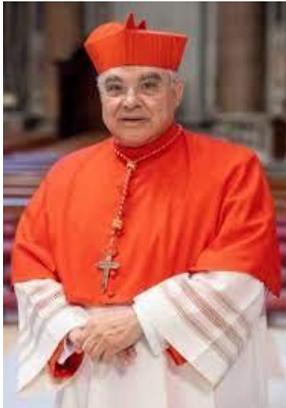
Heaven Doesn't Need Saints Canonized, People Do ♥

by Cindy Wooden, CNS, 5-3-2021

The Catholic Church's proclamation of new saints demonstrates that it is possible for men and women to live holy lives and

that God is present and at work in the world, said the prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

“It’s useful on earth, not for heaven,” said Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, the prefect, when asked, “What is the use of proclaiming saints?”



In an interview published May 4 in *L’Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, the cardinal noted how the Second Vatican Council spoke of the “universal vocation of holiness.”

“To proclaim saints helps convince us that this vocation really exists, that the Gospel works, that Jesus does not disappoint and that we can trust in his word,” Cardinal Semeraro said in the interview the day after Pope Francis and cardinals resident in Rome held a consistory to approve the canonization of seven men and women.

The causes took years, even decades of work: studying the lives and writings of the candidates, verifying the events surrounding the deaths of those who were martyrs and looking at cures submitted as miracles attributed to the candidates’ intercession.

But, the cardinal said, “our work of discernment in the causes of saints is not done primarily with the head or with feelings, but on our knees, praying and asking for the light of the Spirit.”

“The saints don’t need our recognition,” he said. “But when we appreciate them as such, we recognize the presence of God among us and what can be more beautiful and comforting for a Christian than to feel the warmth of the closeness of the Lord?” Asked about the difference between saints and any person who acts heroically to help

another, Cardinal Semeraro said, “God is love and every expression of authentic charity has His fingerprints. But there are differences. While the heroes of this world show what a person can do, the saint shows what God can do.”

“Canonizing one of its sons or daughters, the Church is not exalting a human work but is celebrating Christ alive in him or her,” the cardinal said. “Christian heroism proclaims God and spreads in the world his grace and blessing, which we cannot do without.”

Two Annual Masses ♥

Long before there was a Guild, Father Medrano, pastor of Sacred Heart and son of the parish, marked several anniversaries of Julia’s death with open-air Masses near her grave at Mt. Olivet.

In 2013, the Guild began the annual practice of having such a Masses at Sacred Heart Church on or near June 7, the anniversary of Julia’s “passing the pearly gates.”

When Julia’s body was transferred to the Cathedral in 2017, the annual Masses moved there also, where we have been able to have a much larger gatherings of Julia friends.

Moving the Mass to the Cathedral, however, unwittingly took our attention away from the previous good relationship we have had with Julia’s former stomping grounds.

So starting this year, the Guild will begin a second annual Mass at Sacred Heart Church – this one on a smaller, more intimate scale.

Julia herself didn’t know when she was born into slavery so she probably never celebrated her birthday. We do know, however, when she was reborn into the freedom of Christ’s kingdom, and that is another great anniversary that we can celebrate.

So this year on Saturday, June 26, the Guild will celebrate the 141st anniversary of Julia’s baptism at Sacred Heart Church, with

a 7 pm Mass, and we hope many of our Members and Friends are able to join us. **Put both Masses on your calendar while you're still thinking about it.**

Julia and St. Joseph ♥

During this Year of St. Joseph, we would love to be able to say something about Julia's devotion to St. Joseph.

Unfortunately, none of her lifetime friends had anything to say about it to Fr. Kennedy, but Pope Leo XIII issued *Quamquam Pluries* his encyclical letter on devotion to St. Joseph on Aug. 15, 1889, just nine years after Julia entered the Church, which makes it reasonable to think that Julia possibly heard a good deal at that time about St. Joseph and his role in the salvation history.

That very same year, the parish of St. Joseph at Sixth and Galapago Sts. finished and dedicated its new church building, and there is evidence that Julia visited many if not all of Denver's parish churches.

News About Her Cooking ♥

Fr. Blaine went to the Jesuit Archives at Regis University to see if he could find references to St. Joseph devotions in the 1889 house diary at Sacred Heart parish and instead found in 1893:

Sept. 16th. Saturday. Giulia, a colored woman takes charge of the kitchen, as our Brother Cook had to supply [for] Br. Tovani [at Sacred Heart College], who fell sick few days before.

Oct. 10 Br. Benj. Tovani comes from the College this afternoon to remain with us for some months filling the place of cook which Br. Gilbert occupied before he went to the College in the same capacity.

Br. Tovani however will not commence his work before a week, as he is convalescent yet.

Oct. 14. Our colored cook is preparing for her exit.

Oct. 15. Our colored cook went away tonight, and Bro. Tovani enters upon his duty as cook.

So now we have a precise month when Julia cooked for the Jesuits. But we know she also cooked for Frs. Barry and Swift, and they were

not stationed at Sacred Heart until 1901 and 1905, so she cooked there more than once.

Fr. Blaine only went through the first 81 pages of the diary and stopped at Apr. 30, 1895. There are 474 more pages to go before Julia died in 1918. Who knows what else might be found there's there?



Julia at Christ the King ♥

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church and School celebrated the life and service of Julia Greeley, Denver's Angel of Charity, at the 9:00 am school Mass on Apr. 27.

Students at Christ the King spent time prior to the celebration learning about Julia, her conversion to Catholicism, and her incredible life of service, seeking to imitate Christ's selfless love with those most in need.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Witold Kaczmarzyk. Guest vocalist Yasmine Hunter was accompanied by pianist John Prager, and they performed a most beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace."

Kate Springs was in attendance as a special guest from the Julia Greeley Guild.

Middle school students provided canned goods and non-perishable food items which were donated to the St Vincent de Paul Pantry. These items overflowed from the two Lil' Red Wagons near the altar. The Lil' Red Wagon is a symbol of Julia Greeley's charitable work on the streets of Denver where she could often be found sharing food from her wagon with those in need.

This event was organized by Ms. Sandra Moss who coordinates an initiative at Christ the King Roman Catholic School to celebrate the diversity found in the Catholic church.



Our Lady of the Pines ♥

Capuchin Fr. Curtis Carlson called to our attention a display which Our Lady of the Pines in Colorado Springs has in its church foyer, calling

attention to Julia’s service of the poor, with a Red Wagon placed below it to collect food donations for the poor.

Wagon/Buggy/Bag ♥

As Julia’s Cause has moved forward, the Red Wagon has become a striking symbol for Julia. Interestingly enough, however, only one of the witnesses cited in *In Secret Service of the Sacred Heart* has said anything about Julia pulling around a red wagon to deliver her goods to the poor. ▶

Chief Judge Neil Horan said, “I have a very vivid boyhood recollection of her. I went to old Sacred Heart School and Church and over the years on my way to either place, I would meet Julia pulling a little red wagon loaded with clothes that she had collected.”



Marguerite Graves Stephens said, “My parents, the current baby, and I visited Grandmother this cold freezing snowy evening. Going home about 9 o’clock we met

Julia, she was pushing a baby buggy which she used to carry clothing & such for the needy.”

Rose Ann Honeyman had still another conveyance in her memory of Julia. “She carried a big black bag. If you gave her an apple or an orange or candy it went into the bag, and somebody got it at the next house she visited. Now I didn’t like the looks of the bag and didn’t like to take anything out of it.”

The wagon won out in her later-day friends’ imagination, quite possibly because of its color and her love for the Sacred Heart and firemen.

The Nineteen-Eighteeners ♥

a lesson in patience

During the past 103 years, 25 other holy people, who died the same year as Julia, have been named Servants of God. The first one was Giuseppi Toniolo in 1934 and the latest Antonio Mansi in 2019. Ten of the 26 causes have not moved forward to Venerable. Fourteen of them have been named Venerable, the shortest period from the opening of a cause till the declaration of Venerability has been 12 years, the longest 69, and the average 29.4 years. Two of them were martyrs and were beatified without being named Venerable. Four of the Venerables have been beatified, and one of those has been canonized: St. Marianne Cope OSF. Most recently, Francis Mary Jordan SDS, founder of the Salvatorians, was just beatified at the Lateran Basilica in Rome on May 15, 2021. The other Blessed are Giuseppi Toniolo, Maria Desposorios Echegaray, and the Uganda martyrs Daudi Okelo and Jildo Irewa.

(Based on information available at www.hagiographycircle.org)

Miracles & Canonizations ♥

In the process of discerning a person’s worthiness for beatification and canonization, once it has been established by

Rome that the person practiced the virtues to a heroic degree, which for Julia hasn't happened yet, it then will become necessary to point to a favor received through the person's intercession in a case in which there is no other explainable reason than divine intervention.

In the hope that someday this will be necessary in Julia's cause, it is useful to hear what Capuchin Fr. Edward Foley, vice-postulator of Blessed Solanus Casey's cause, has to say about his current efforts. Listen to <https://solanuscasy.org/blessed-solanus-casey-next-steps-on-the-road-to-sainthood>

Fun Raising Fundraiser ♥

The Julia Greeley Guild Fundraiser

The Colorado Rockies invite you to come enjoy a game while giving back to The Julia Greeley Fund!

\$33 lower level (\$40 face value)

For available games, please call 720-352-4995
(available on Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Please make checks payable to the **Julia Greeley Fund**

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- These are the dates/times for the games:
1. Sun., June 6th vs. A's @ 1:10 pm
 2. Fri., June 18th vs. Brewers @ 6:40 pm
 3. Sun., July 4th vs. Cardinals @ 1:10 pm
 4. Sun., August 8th vs. Marlins @ 1:10 pm

5. Sat., Aug. 21st vs. D-Backs @ 6:10 pm
6. Sun., Sept. 26th vs. Giants @ 1:10 pm

Julia on Social Media ♥

To expand interest in Julia Greeley's cause and in an effort to increase membership and friendship in the Guild, we have launched a Facebook page. This page is being managed by Brigid Demko of the Cathedral Basilica staff. The page entitled "Julia Greeley Guild at the Cathedral Basilica" can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2732619723633828>

We are also in the planning stage of launching Twitter and Instagram pages that will be designed and managed by Guild member Dustin Caldwell. ▶

All three social media platforms will be overseen by Guild President Mary Leisring.

Meanwhile, it might be good to point out the existence of a Twitter account on Julia, which seems to be hosted by the Communications Office of the Archdiocese. It has some very fine videos and other postings between the time of the opening of the Official Cause in December of 2016 and July 13, 2020. It's at <https://twitter.com/hashtag/juliagreeley>.

Julia Presentations ♥

- ♥ Cathedral's Young Catholic Adults, K.of C. Hall, Grant St., June 3, Dustin Caldwell
- ♥ 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.

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 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 5, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., July 2, 12:10 p.m.

Fri., August 6, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., September 3, 12:10 p.m.

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

Fri., November 5, 12:10 p.m.

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: June 17, July 15, and Aug. 19. 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 and Jefferson City MO join the Colorado faithful.

Official Guild Statistics ♥

Friends of Julia
On our mailing lists – 6-1-2021

1,055

which includes

Guild Members
Dues paying –6-1-2021

221

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

Our Officers ♥

Mary Leisring, President & Treasurer
Dustin Caldwell, Vice President
Kevin Knight, Secretary
Fr. Ron Cattany, Pastor *till July 1*
Fr. Sam Morehead, Pastor *as of July 1*
Fr. Blaine Burkey, O.F.M.Cap., Consultant

Other Guild Officers ♥

Frankie Rachell-Bruce, phone secretary
Sharon Doerflinger, membership secretary
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Greeley Guild Galleria

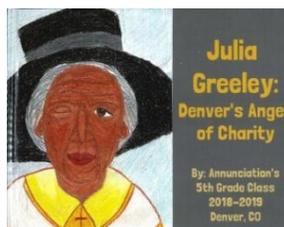
The Guild has a number of items available for purchase at its office at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1525 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80203-1913. A check made out to "Cathedral Basilica" in the amount of the price of the item(s) wanted and the name and address, phone number, and email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

