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of the Servant of God Julia Greeley



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Book a Seat Now

Reservations Underway for Julia Greeley Lenten Bus Pilgrimage on Mar. 28 ♥

A limited number of tickets for seats on the 2026 annual Julia Greeley Bus Pilgrimage are still available. Make sure one has your name on it by buying it for \$85 at <https://cpma.ejoinme.org/2026JuliaGreeley>

As in the past, the five-hour pilgrimage will begin 10 a.m. at the Capuchin Provincial Office at 3613 Wyandot St., Denver, and briefly visit some 20 sites connected

with Julia's story, spending larger periods of time at Julia's Boarding House, Sacred Heart Church and Immaculate Conception Cathedral-Basilica. Fr. Blaine will provide copious information on Julia and prayer leadership through-out the pilgrimage. Each pilgrim, will also receive a copy of Father's pamphlet, *An Hour .with Julia Greeley*, and a pilgrimage style lunch meal.

Save These Dates, Also

106th Death Anniversary ♥

Mass at Julia's Tomb, June 5

Celebrant to be announced

**Immaculate Conception Cathedral
Basilica, Colfax & Logan, Denver
5:30 p.m.**

146th Baptism Anniversary ♥

Mass at Julia's Parish, June 26

Father Eric Zegeer, celebrant

**Sacred Heart Church,
28th & Larimer, Denver 7:00 p.m.
Reception following, ground floor**

Breaking News

Julia "In the Hood" Mar. 25 ♥

The Capuchin Franciscan province ended the Feb. 19 episode of "In the Hood," its monthly live video series and podcast, by announcing the subject for its 7 p.m. Mar. 25 episode would be Julia Greeley's cause for canonization.

Names of the hosts for the hour-long program have not yet been announced.

To receive further information and reminders to view upcoming episodes, please contact kenedy.brazzell@capuchins.org

New Research on Julia ♥

Dr. Alexia Williams, assistant professor at the University of Illinois, a Yale University graduate who attended our bus pilgrimage, with her

mother, in 2023, has written a book chapter entitled “Julia Greeley’s Fugitive Hagiography: Unearthing Local Roots, Claiming Global Recognition.”

The volume entitled *Objects and Archives in Global Catholic Culture*, edited by Mary Dunn and Anna Katerina Roudolph, is scheduled for publication this Fall by the University of New Mexico press.

Prof. Williams’ chapter of the book is a biographical and archival study examining “the limited yet compelling documentary traces that preserve Julia’s life and memory, drawing on theory and research methods in African American Studies.”

Information for obtaining the book will be made available later.

Women’s Hall of Fame ♥

In late January, the Guild submitted its fifth biennial recommendation that Julia be named to the next class of the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame. The CWHF expects to announce this year’s choices by the end of June, and induct its choices at its annual gala in 2027. Hopefully this will be the year. A special thanks to Dr. Maryann Hand for her skillful help in updating the text of our recommendation.

School for Postulators ♥

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has opened a Center for Sainthood Studies at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park CA, and its first certification course for postulants was held in nearby Vallambrosa Retreat Center, Feb. 16-21. The course is being taught by postulants and canon law experts from Rome, including Emmanuele Spedicato and Waldery Hilgemann. The training focuses on the initial work required at the diocesan level such as interviewing historians and theologians, before a petition is sent to the Vatican.

Pamphlet Out of Print ♥

Liguori Press has decided to end publication of its “An Hour With” series of pamphlets. *An Hour with Julia Greeley* will not be lost altogether, as Liguori plans to issue a book later this year which will contain texts of several of the Hours, and Julia’s is one of the survivors. More info when available.

Greeleyan Goliath ♥

Wagon recently spent several hours surfing the web, looking for anything new about Julia Greeley, when all at once a goliath appeared labelled **Groklopedia. Julia Greeley.**

It was an AI wikipedia-takeoff, which scrolled on and on and on, discussing very systematically seemingly everything ever said on line about Julia, and viewing it from a conservative viewpoint vis-à-vis what it would consider wikipedia’s liberal approach.

One can only understand what it does, by making a trip to the site itself at [Groklopedia.com/page/Julia Greeley](https://Groklopedia.com/page/Julia%20Greeley).

Where did it come from? you may ask.

Groklopedia is an AI-generated online encyclopedia launched by Elon Musk’s xAI on October 27, 2025, as a Wikipedia alternative, meant to counter the omnipresent latter’s alleged bias.

Forked information is sourced from 71 Julia-related articles AI found on-line.

Of interest to the Guild, none of the information cited comes directly from *In Secret Service of the Sacred Heart*, because our book is not posted on-line. Which makes it clear that AI cannot find everything.

Intercession Requested ♥

I find a lot of peace and encouragement in learning about Julia Greeley. I was introduced to her through the Faith ND website as they shared her life as a Servant of God. I’ve

been asking for her intercession concerning my daughter who has been married 4.5 years now without children. She had surgery to help with some of the issues she is encountering.

On that day, I received a book I purchased (a child's book on Julia) some couple of weeks earlier. Had no idea they would coincide like that. It brought me joy, and a comfort: conformation that Julia was too praying for my daughter. I plan to give that book on Julia to my grandchild when he or she enters this world; and the book I'm ordering today, that you have written, to my daughter. Thank you for sharing Julia's life with the world. I feel blessed to have heard her story, and have her as a saint to call on!

--Janette F.

Presentations ♥

♥ **Feb. 25, 2026:** Mary Leisring made a ZOOM presentation to the Altar Society at St. Mary's Church in Mobile AL.

♥ **Mar. 26, 2026:** Mary Leisring will make a presentation to 4th graders at Nativity of Our Lord School, Broomfield.

♥ **Mar. 28, 2026:** Fr. Blaine is scheduled to lead another five-hour Julia Greeley Lenten bus pilgrimage in the Denver area.

♥ **TBA:** Mary Leisring will make a presentation at Jesuit Regis High School at a date yet TBD

The Message Stuck ♥

After Guild President Mary Leisring visited the fourth-grade students at Nativity parish in Broomfield in Spring of 2025, she received a packet of 16 decorated folders asking that she get well quick. *Wagon* asked to view the beautiful notes, hoping to find something in them about Julia. Note after note stuck to the teacher's assignment: get

well quick. Until the very last one, which gave perfect proof that Mary's intercessory purpose in telling them about Julia had taken roots. Jilus Gray went an extra mile and added a tiny pop-up mailbox to the folder, which contained an even tinier 11-word note:

Get Well
Mrs. Leisring
Servant of God
Julia Greeley
Pray for us
Jilus Gray

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Monthly Membership Forums ♥

All Guild Members and other Friends of Julia are welcome at our monthly membership forums, at which we exchange ideas and views on Julia and her cause for canonization. From Sept. to May, we meet by ZOOM every Third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. MT. The coming meetings will be on Mar. 19, Apr. 16, and May 21. If you have not previously been to one of these meetings, you will need to contact us at 720-773-1133 to obtain the meeting ID number and ZOOM 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.

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

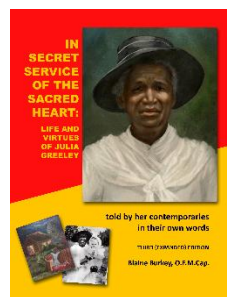
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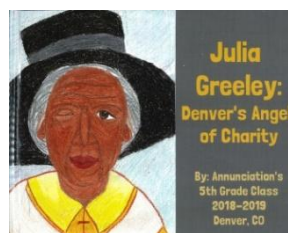
Julia Greeley Books

The following books are available for purchase at our office at Sacred Heart Church, 2760 Larimer St., Denver CO 80205. A check made out to "Julia Greeley Guild" 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 juliagreeleyguild@gmail.com. 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 childrens-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

