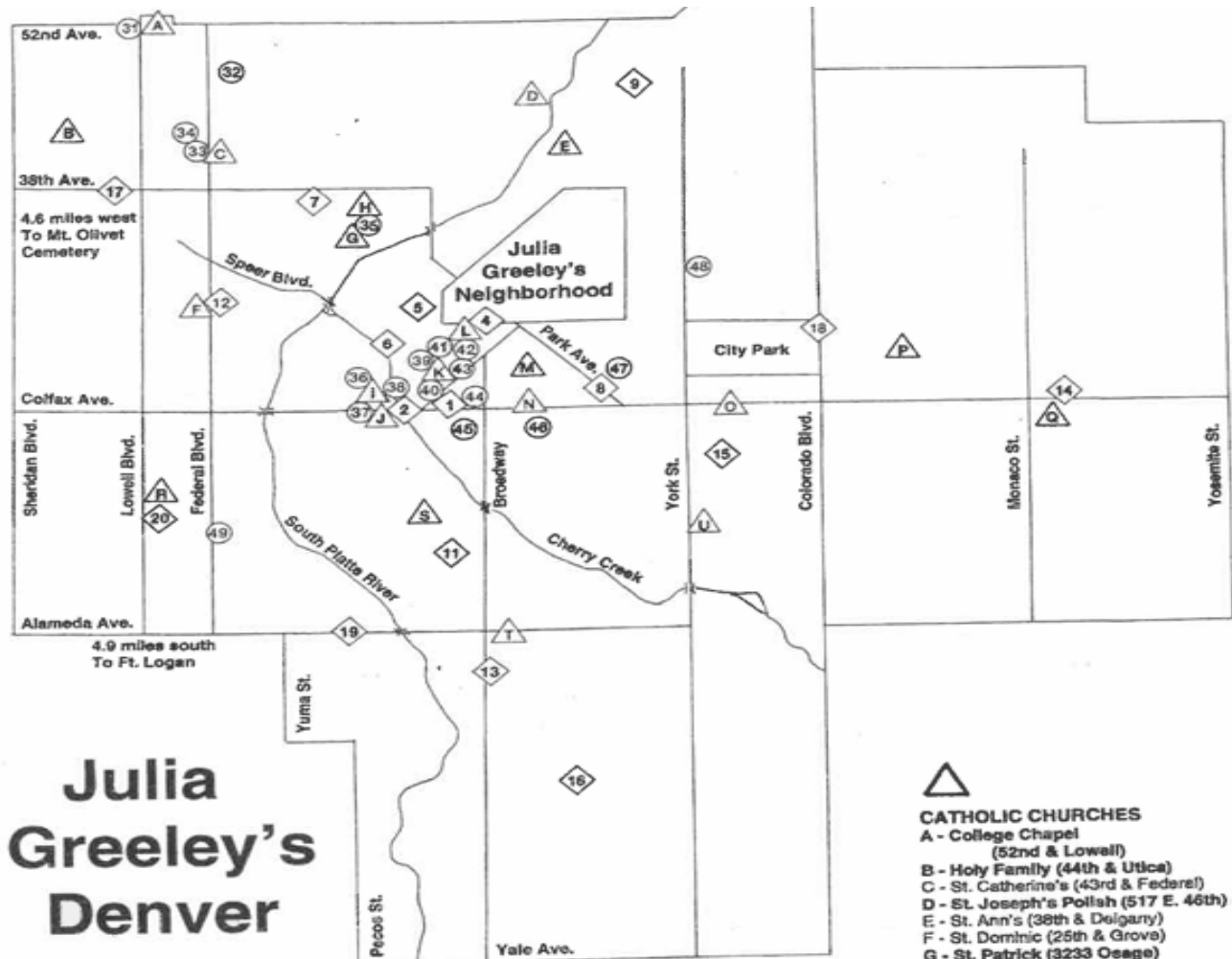


Julia's Faith and Firehouse Outreach



Julia Greeley's Denver



FIRE HOUSES

- 1 - 1326 Tremont.
- 2 - Santa Fe & Colfax
- 3 - (on Inset map)
- 4 - 2026 Curtis
- 5 - 1817-23 Blake
- 6 - 14th & Market
- 7 - 35th & Tejon
- 8 - 1618 Marion
- 9 - 47th & Gilpin
- 10 - (on inset map)
- 11 - 3rd & Cherokee
- 12 - 28th & Federal
- 13 - Center Ave. & Broadway
- 14 - Onelda & Colfax
- 15 - 11th & Clayton
- 16 - Iowa & Ogden
- 17 - 38th & Osceola
- 18 - 2207 Colorado Blvd
- 19 - Alameda & Pecos
- 20 - 6th & Knox



JULIA'S FRIENDS & OTHERS

- 31 - Ryan House (5127 Lowell)
- 32 - O'Donnell Dairy (48th & Decatur)
- 33 - Urquhart Home (4270 Hooker)
- 34 - McDonough Park (42nd & Federal)
- 35 - Mother Cabrini's House (34th & Navaho)
- 36 - Washington School (11th & Lawrence)
- 37 - Habert Home (1106 Colfax)
- 38 - Fisher Grocery & Boarding House (1037 11th)
- 39 - St. James Hotel (1528 Champa)
- 40 - St. Mary's Academy 1 (1450 California)
- 41 - Denver Catholic Register (1824 Curtis)
- 42 - Gilpin House 1 (1743 Champa)
- 43 - Denver Dry Goods (16th & California)
- 44 - Horan Mortuary (1527 Cleveland)
- 45 - Gilpin House 2 (1321 Bannock)
- 46 - St. Mary's Academy 2 (1340 Penna.)
- 47 - St. Joseph's Hospital (1800 Humboldt)
- 48 - Arkin House (2837 Josephine)
- 49 - O'Donnell Home (5th & Federal)



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

- A - College Chapel (52nd & Lowell)
- B - Holy Family (44th & Utica)
- C - St. Catherine's (43rd & Federal)
- D - St. Joseph's Polish (517 E. 46th)
- E - St. Ann's (38th & Delgany)
- F - St. Dominic (25th & Grove)
- G - St. Patrick (3233 Osage)
- H - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (26th & Navaho)
- I - St. Elizabeth (11th & Curtis)
- J - St. Leo (9th & Colfax)
- K - St. Mary's Proto-Cathedral (1550 Curtis)
- L - Holy Ghost (1850 Curtis)
- M - School & Pro-Cathedral (1850 Logan)
- N - Immac. Concept. Cathedral (Logan & Colfax)
- O - St. Philomena (14th & Detroit)
- P - Blessed Sacrament (Elm & Montview)
- Q - St. James (13th & Newport)
- R - Presentation (8th & Knox)
- S - St. Joseph Redemptorist (6th & Gallapago)
- T - St. Francis de Sales (Sherman & Alameda)
- U - St. John Evangelist (5th & Josephine)

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37. Terrance F. Owens (b. ca 1856/57), Denver's fifth fire chief (190

After enrolling many firemen in the League of the Sacred Heart, she went downtown to see Chief Terry Owens.²⁰⁷ "What you selling now, Julie?" he asked. "Tickets for the Orphans Ball or the Orphans' Picnic?" She sold more tickets for church affairs than anyone else in Denver. — "Dese tickets are for Heb'n, Chief, and I wanna give 'em to all your men." — Terry looked over a leaflet and said "That's fine, Julie, but don't forget me." — "No, suh! You not the foist memba, but you the chieftest."²⁰⁸



Fire Chief Terry Owens

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10. Sr. M. Irene Lally, S.C.L., Leavenworth, May 6, 1974:



Sr. M. Irene Lally
SCL

"When I was a small girl I saw Black Julia many times in the church praying. She went out on the street with gunny sacks filled with wood, coal, clothes and food and medicine and would make her rounds to the desperately poor for whom no one else provided. She took care of and administered what supplies she could beg for them. Policemen and firemen would give donations to her and recommend her wherever she went because she was taking care of the forgotten poor. She, in turn, provided them with Sacred Heart badges and medals for those with whom they came in contact. Sister M. Irene doesn't know where Black Julia stayed because people always saw her in the church or on the streets delivering things to the poor."¹⁴⁹

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Questions for Reflection: Julia's Faith and Firehouse Outreach

1. Julia was committed to growing her faith through regular fasting, adoration, daily communion, and prayer services. How do you practice commitment to your faith?
2. Julia was committed to supporting first responders with her prayers, her appreciation, and her awareness of their needs. Looking at your family and/or community, who are your examples of sacrificial servants of others? How can you offer your prayers and appreciation for them?

Julia's Service to the Poor

8. Chief Judge Neil Horan (1899-1992), Denver, Sept. 15, 1978:

"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. Some times she would greet me with 'Hello, Sonny,'



Chief Judge Neil Horan

and a few cheery remarks. Other times she would have a little black book and she and the wagon would be stopped in front of a house where she had made a collection, then she would say, 'Sonny, would you please write that number (pointing to the number of the house) in this book — I left my glasses at home and I can't see too well without them.' I was always happy to comply — I doubt if she could write, even if she could see. Little did I realize that I was helping a person who I hope will someday be canonized. — I often saw her mopping the floor of the old church, but when I saw her on the street she would be pulling the little red wagon. She never seemed to use any of the clothes for herself. The old clothes she wore were always the same. God must have loved her greatly, because in her poverty she was always happy, seeking only to help others whom she considered less

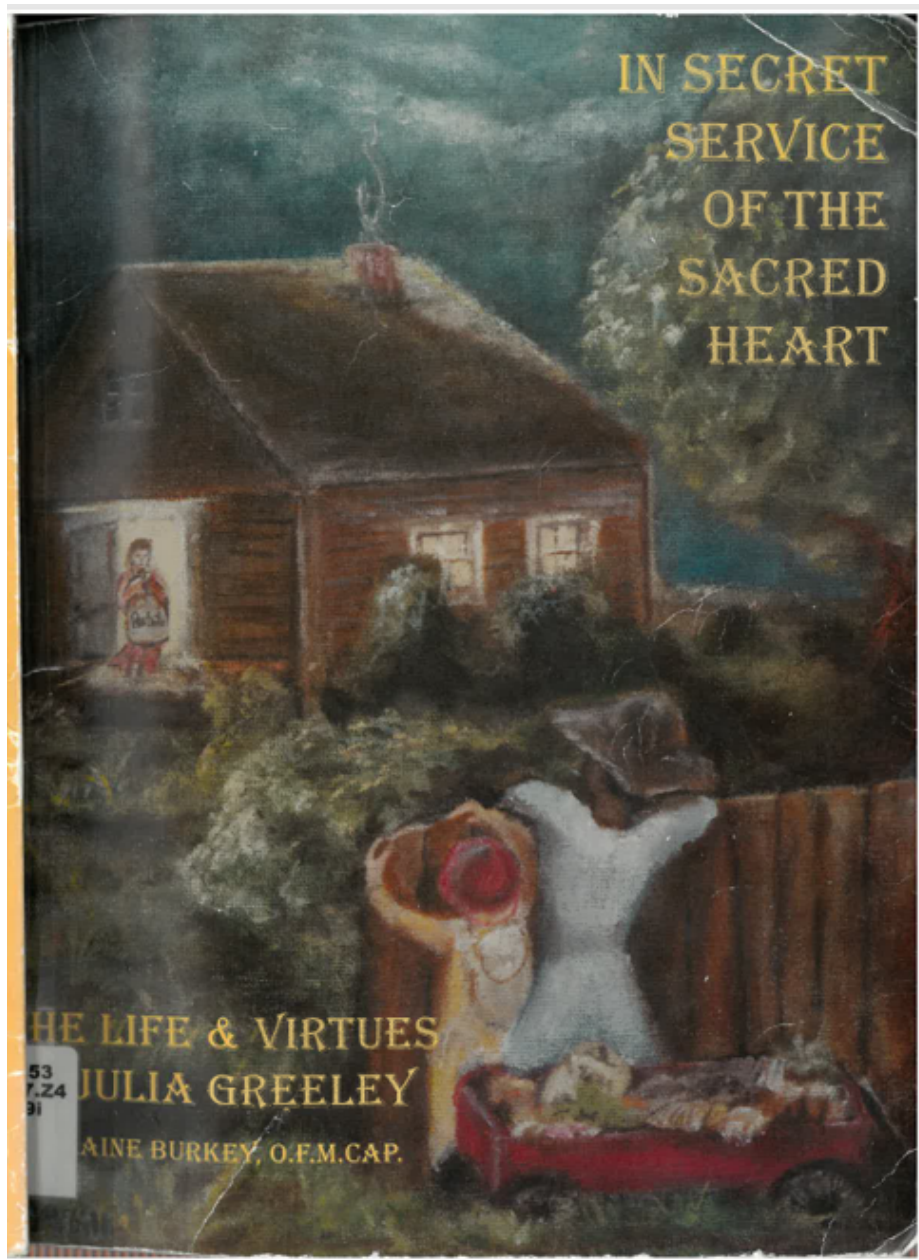
fortunate than herself. — It was incongruous to see that lovely smile while a tear dropped from her poor blind eye."¹⁴⁷

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"Julia put a sack of potatoes on porch of poor family right in front of door. She watched from across the street unobserved. It was very cold — nobody came out that door — Julia was afraid potatoes would freeze & get mushy. She went next door & got little child to ring the door bell — 'But don't dast say that Old Julia had anything to do with it.'

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See picture on the next page honoring this humble act.



Questions for Reflection: Julia's Service to the Poor

1. Like St. Francis of Assisi, Julia found joy in her faith, not in her possessions. How do you explain Julia's happiness in her poverty?
2. Where do you find joy in your faith?
3. Are there material things that prevent you from experiencing the joy of the Gospel?

Julia's Love for Children

Here is the only known photo of Julia Greeley, taken by the pastor of St. Catherine's Church when Julia brought baby Marjorie Urquhart there:



The only known photo of Denver's Angel of Charity, shows her with Marjorie Ann Urquhart, who first made it available in 1939.

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Questions for Reflection: Julia's Love for Children

1. Julia knew families of all types needed help and accompaniment. Who is a role model of neighborliness to you?
2. How well do you know your neighbors? Who in your neighborhood needs help and accompaniment? What can you do?

Final Questions for Reflections

About Servant of God Julia Greeley

1. There are several scholarships and awards in the Denver area given to young people exhibiting Julia's faith and servant spirit. There is also a woman's shelter which was built to honor her name. Who could you donate to that carries on Julia's spirit?
2. In what ways can you imitate Julia in following Christ? What virtues do you admire most?
3. Although most of Denver revered and respected Julia, what crosses did she carry that were invisible to the people of Denver? Let's consider several realities:
 - a. All of the stories collected about Julia fail to describe a doctor offering to help her or send her to a medical facility for treatment of her injured eye.
 - b. All of the stories collected about Julia fail to describe someone giving her a permanent home, even just a modest room. She moved from residence to residence, sometimes having to sleep in a shed with animals.
 - c. When Julia's body was exhumed and brought to the Cathedral for public prayer as a Servant of God, arthritis was found all over her bones. Julia was known to have a heavy limp in her later years as well, and she walked slowly. *Why did Mrs. Urquhart, in her 30s, ask a 70-80 year-old limping black woman to clean her floors? What assumptions existed in that time to make that request seem normal? What assumptions do we have today that actually are invisible crosses we place on the backs of God's children around us? How can we try to see and lift those crosses for the people in our region and world today?*
 - d. Julia was told often that when she entered heaven, she would be "white as snow." She was regularly identified by her skin color: A Negress. *Are there ways that our society also focuses on physical traits which divides and diminishes people?*
 - e. Finally, Julia responded to injustice patiently. She once was a victim in a domestic dispute and lost work because of it. She did not complain; she just tried to survive. One priest told her he didn't want a dirty old N cooking in his kitchen. ¹ Julia simply stated, "He sure was mad; he sure was mad." Wealthy parishioners at Sacred Heart Church sometimes complained to the pastor when she sat up front during the high Mass. Julia was just an "eyesore" to them. When she heard about it, she told her pastor she would come to a different Mass. Julia responded to insults with accommodation and even humor. She never expressed resentment toward the slave master who whipped her mother and lashed out her own eye. *How could you take on patient courage in the face of injustice? How could you correct injustice with peaceful responses?*

¹ Burkey, *In Secret Service*, 37.