

# BEATIFICATION OUTREACH REPORT

## January 24, 2021

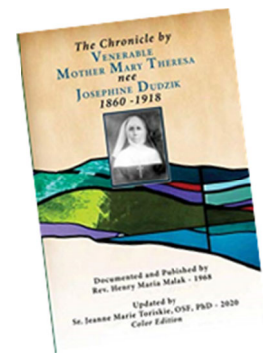
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### Tours and Presentations

Due to the COVID restrictions on social gatherings there have been no presentations on the life of Mother Theresa and no tours of Heritage Hall this year.

### The Chronicle by Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik

During her lifetime Mother Theresa Dudzik wrote her personal memories of seeing the poor and needy in her neighborhood and feeling called to help them. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to aid her in her works of mercy. *The Chronicle* captures her own recollections of the deep interior struggles, hardships, and triumphs she experienced as she established the first Chicago nursing home to care for the homeless elderly and orphans of her time. These initial ministries in healthcare, education, and social work began during the eras of massive economic turmoil, labor strikes and of horrific World War I. This inspiring book makes available to the public the record of Mother Theresa's unwavering faith and trust in God. In late July 2020 *The Chronicle* was available for purchase in three formats through Amazon.com. The full color paperback costs \$30, the black and white paperback costs \$7, and the Kindle edition costs \$4.19. Both paperback editions are also available in the gift shop at Our Lady of Victory Convent in Lemont, IL.



On the feast of St. Clare of Assisi, August 11, 2021, *The Chronicle* was given to each Franciscan Sister of Chicago. Advertisement of the publication was posted on the website and mailed to all League/Guild members as well as all FSC Associates. Color copies were gifted to Rev. Thomas Bernas and Rev. Regis Barwig, postulators for the Cause, to Cardinal Blasé Cupich, to Dr. Ambrosi, the postulator in Rome, and to the FSC archives.

### Ongoing activities

#### Monthly Beatification Masses

A Mass for the Cause of Beatification for Venerable Theresa Dudzik was offered at 9 AM at Our Lady of Victory Motherhouse in Lemont, IL by Fr. Tom Bernas on February 15, 2020. On that same date St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Chicago offered its 4pm Mass for the intention of promoting the Cause. At the conclusion of the Mass the entire congregation recited the Beatification Prayer. Publicity ads for both venues were placed in the *New World*, the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic newspaper.

Public Beatification Masses for the remainder of the year were cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. Rev. Gerry Riva, however, agreed to celebrate the monthly Beatification Masses privately for the

remainder of the COVID period.

## Website Promotion of the Cause

The websites devoted to the Cause of Venerable Theresa Dudzik continue to be open to the worldwide public. They are:

- <http://www.mothertheresadudzik.com/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cause-for-Beatification-of-Mother-Mary-Theresa-Dudzik/10150108119000019>

## Donations to the Beatification Cause

During this period there was a single donation of \$1,000 to the Beatification Cause.

## Mother Theresa League and Guild

### League/Guild Membership

On December 30, 2020, 135 membership renewal letters sent out. As of January 22, 2021, 76 membership renewals were received, amounting to \$760.00.

### League/Guild Donations to the Beatification Cause

To date 35 members have donated to the Cause in the amount of \$665.

## Spiritual Enrollment Cards

Between January 17, 2020, and January 22, 2021 the spiritual enrollment cards have garnered \$1150.00 for enrollments, of which \$490 are for living persons and \$660 are for the deceased.

## Beatification Petitions

Between September 24, 2019, and January 22, 2021, 23 people have sought the intercession of Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik for their needs and have contributed \$320.00 to her Cause.

## Mother Theresa Biography

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago would like to republish the book, *Theresa of Chicago*, the highly readable yet well-documented biography of Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik. Rev. Henry M. Malak researched and published this book in 1975, but it is now out of print and no longer available to the public. The Sisters have had numerous requests for the book, but are unable to fulfill these requests.

With the permission and encouragement of Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, Minister General, Sisters Jeanne Marie Toriskie and M. Helene Galuska are taking the hard cover book, putting it in electronic format, and seeking to publish it in a less expensive paperback format and also as an eBook. The Sisters, however, cannot do this without permission of the League/Guild membership who



currently own the copyright of the book.

In December 2020 copyright transfer requests were sent out to all 135 League/Guild members. As of January 22, 2021, 43 have been returned. Of these, 42 are in agreement to transfer the copyright to the Sisters, and one was not marked. The deadline for responses is February 8, 2021.

## **Inquiries and prayer requests from the Portal**

### **Relic/Information Requests:**

During the months listed below, requests for information and relics of Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik were received via the Internet. Vicki responded to each request by sending out material on Mother M. Theresa including the novena pamphlet, handmade medallions and a large pamphlet on Mother M. Theresa. All requesters were informed that the relics are never permitted to be sold.

#### **November 2020**

A devotee from **Chicago** requested holy relics of Venerable Mother M. Theresa.

#### **January 2021**

A devotee from **Algonquin** requested holy relics of Venerable Mother M. Theresa.