

# BEATIFICATION OUTREACH REPORT

## September 24, 2019

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### **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago by Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik**

To honor of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie has prepared monthly guides highlighting the history of the Sisters by decade beginning on December 8, 1894. The August issue of the guide dealt wholly with the history of the Cause of Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik.



### **Tour of Heritage Hall**

On August 17, 2019, 35 parishioners of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Venerable Theresa's home parish, came by chartered bus and private cars to Our Lady of Victory Motherhouse in Lemont. They attended the monthly Beatification Mass celebrated by Rev. Tom Bernas, then attended a presentation on the life and spirituality of Mother Theresa. At the conclusion of the presentation, their tour organizer and faithful devotee of Mother Theresa for the past five years, Barbara Heyrman, was given a reliquary containing a bit of Mother Theresa's habit. Amid loud applause from the tour group she, in turn, promised to give the reliquary to the parish where it would have a place of honor next to their recently carved statue of Venerable Theresa in the nave of the church.

After lunch the group visited Heritage Hall to see artifacts from the time of Dudzik. They spent some time in the chapel praying at her sarcophagus, and then stopped in the gift shop where they were able to obtain Mass enrollment cards featuring her image on the cover.

### **Ongoing activities**

#### **Monthly Beatification Masses**

Masses for the Cause of Beatification for Venerable Theresa Dudzik were offered at 9 AM at Our Lady of Victory Motherhouse in Lemont, IL by Fr. Tom Bernas on the following dates:

- January 19, 2019
- February 16, 2019
- March 16, 2019

- May 18, 2019
- June 15, 2019
- July 20, 2019
- August 17, 2019
- September 21, 2019

These dates are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month so that those devoted to Mother Theresa’s Cause can easily remember them and attend the Mass. The Sisters serve the participants a light brunch following the Mass.

On those same dates St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Chicago offers its 4pm Mass for the intention of promoting the Cause. At the conclusion of the Mass the entire congregation recites the Beatification Prayer.

Publicity ads for both venues are placed monthly in the *New World*, the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic newspaper.

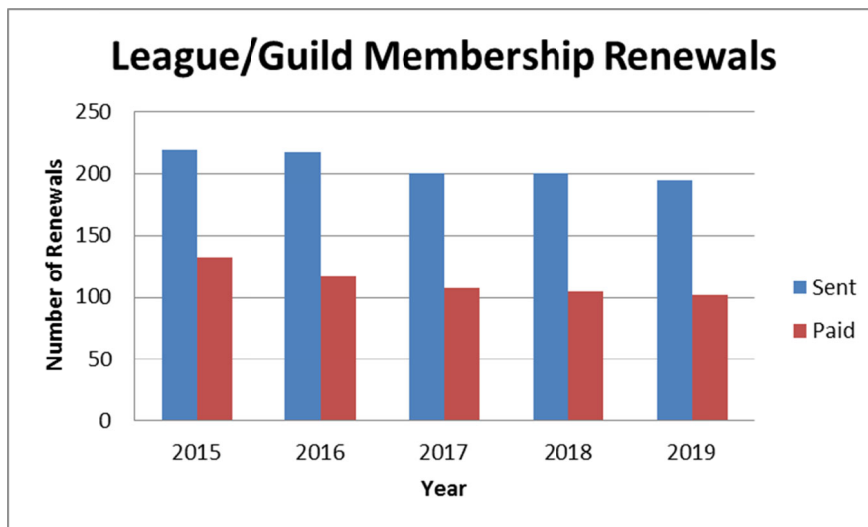
### Website Promotion of the Cause

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>

### Mother Theresa League and Guild

On January 8, 2019, 195 invitations for 2019 dues were sent out. The table below details the renewal patterns over the past five years.



Also, 47 members have donated to the Cause in the amount of \$1,065. Thus **46%** of the members have contributed to forwarding the Cause of Venerable Theresa Dudzik, in their sincere hopes for her beatification.

### Spiritual Enrollment Cards

Between January 17, 2019, and September 24, 2019, the spiritual enrollment cards have garnered \$1,260.00 for cards from 22 donors. The table below details the intentions.

SPIRITUAL ENROLLMENT CARDS			
INTENTION	# OF CARDS	AMOUNT COLLECTED	# OF DONORS
For the living	25	\$375.00	5
For the deceased	59	\$885.00	17

### Beatification Petitions

Between January 17, 2019, and September 24, 2019, 26 people have sought the intercession of Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik for their needs and have contributed \$882.00 to her Cause. This represents an **increase** of **2%** in devotees and of **18%** in donations connected with specific petitions through the intercession of Venerable Theresa Dudzik.

### 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.

#### January 2019

Louis Colca from Deer Park, **TX** requested relics. Vicki sent out material on Mother M. Theresa including the novena pamphlet, handmade medallions and a large pamphlet on Mother M. Theresa. He was informed that these are not relics.

#### February 2019

Jose Newton Oliveira Farias from Rio de Janeiro, **Brasil** requested a relic of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik for prayers and devotion. Vicki sent out material on Mother M. Theresa including the novena pamphlet, handmade medallions and a large pamphlet on Mother M. Theresa. He was informed that these are not relics.

### **March 2019**

Jake Snyder from Mount Laurel, **NJ** requested relics. Vicki sent out material on Mother M. Theresa including the novena pamphlet, handmade medallions and a large pamphlet on Mother M. Theresa. He was informed that these are not relics. Jake reaches out every few months.

### **August 2019**

Evaristus Calvin Vest Aloysius from **Malaysia** has requested a relic for his devotion to Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik. Vicki sent out material on Mother M. Theresa including the novena pamphlet, handmade medallions and a large pamphlet on Mother M. Theresa. He was informed that these are not relics.

Arthur Kok from **Malaysia** requested holy relics of Venerable Mother M. Theresa to bring to the poor, oppressed and dying. Vicki sent out material on Mother M. Theresa including the novena pamphlet, handmade medallions and a large pamphlet on Mother He was informed that these are not relics.