

PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE DEATH OF VENERABLE MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK

ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1918

LOVE  
IS ABOUT  
TRUST

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A READING FROM THE *CHRONICLE* OF VENERABLE MOTHER THERESA DUDZIK



This beautiful image of youthful Venerable Mother Theresa is part of a triptych carved in wood by artist Stefan Niedorezo. The three panels highlight the life of the saintly woman and are on display in the St. Stanislaus Kostka rectory in Chicago, the home parish of Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik.

“Another difficulty beset me. I had some money invested in my brother's and sister's properties, and I expected that they would return it to me whenever we needed the money. To my disappointment, neither one was able to do so at the time of need. I asked Father Vincent to view the land that we had bought, but he refused to comply with our wishes due to his ill health. Shortly afterwards he left for Texas to regain some of his strength; again we were left as orphans without a father. Luckily enough, Father Simon, who was also good to us and well-disposed toward our cause, often consoled and encouraged me when the going was rugged. But he, too, became sick and had to spend several weeks in bed. Then I realized and saw that even in this instance we could only place our trust in God; to hope solely in Him was the safest course.”

*Chronicle*, p. 37

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✦ Do I become upset and angry when others who promised to help me fail to keep their promises?
- ✦ Do I “unfriend” them?
- ✦ How strong is my trust in God?

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH

I will tape a dollar bill to my bathroom mirror, showing the back of the bill which states, “In God we trust” to remind me to place all my trust in God.

## VENERABLE MOTHER THERESA DUDZIK’S QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

### A NOTE ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik (1860-1918) was a Polish immigrant who deeply felt the misery and suffering of others. She began her ministries to the poor and needy in Chicago, taking them into her own apartment. When there was not enough room to house them all, she established the first home for the aged in the city. And to guarantee that the needy would never be abandoned, she founded a religious congregation, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, to continue her ministries.

In this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death on September 20, 1918, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago invite all to share in the spiritual treasures found in her hand-written journal, the *Chronicle*.

This guide represents #8 in a series of 13. The entire series of guides can be found on the Sisters’ website, <http://www.chicagofranciscans.org/>



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