

PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE DEATH OF VENERABLE MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK  
ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1918



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



Venerable Mother Theresa (on the right) with a few other Sisters formed the beginnings of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, dedicated to serving the needs of the poor.

“Our last joint meeting took place on December 12, but I had a few more private interviews with Father Vincent. He examined and tried me in various ways, but it seemed to me that with the help of God I would be capable of accomplishing everything. He also demanded a promise from me that I would care for this Community not only in its time of prosperity but also in times of trouble; and when difficulties would beset it from all sides. Actually at this moment I did not foresee any problems and thought that everything would go smoothly.”

*Chronicle*, p. 27

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✦ Do I really believe that with the help of God I can accomplish everything that I have promised?

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH

I will actively include asking for God's help in keeping my New Year's resolutions this year.

In computer talk, the question mark is the universal sign for getting help with a program. I will draw a question mark on an index card and put it on my refrigerator this month to remind myself to turn to God for help.

## 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 #5 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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