

PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH 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
statue on the Motherhouse
grounds in Lemont, IL.

“Very often I felt a persistent urge to make greater sacrifices for others. Consequently, I was especially guided with a continuous thought of how I could be of service to the needy and the poor. In my mind I was already arranging the beds and preparing all things necessary for this purpose. This thought haunted me day and night; even though I was unaware of the means by which this could be accomplished. While at prayer, a thought suddenly occurred to me to rent or purchase a house in the vicinity of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and assemble all the tertiaries from this parish, who would desire to lead a life in common and to pray and work to support this project. I also thought of some pious young ladies whom I knew, especially those who were formerly in a convent, such as the one who was a Felician Sister for twelve years; and I felt that they could teach me much that I did not know, including the art of prayer and union with God.”

Chronicle, p. 25

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✦ Do I have “continuous thoughts” of how to be of service to others?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH

I will go the extra mile to improve services for the poor and needy in my neighborhood. I will make this Thanksgiving season better for the needy and poor.

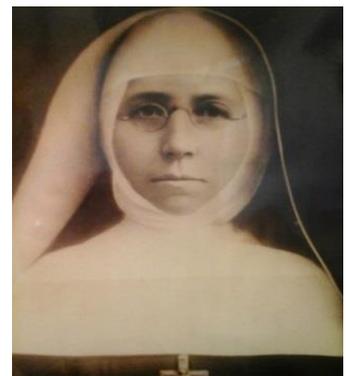
VENERABLE MOTHER THERESA DUDZIK'S QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

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 100th 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*.

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