

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's greatest joy was to pray the rosary with others.

“Despite all the difficulties and troubles, I never felt completely exhausted. My greatest joy was when I knelt down to say the evening prayers and rosary with the residents and saw how fervently and willingly they participated in the religious exercises, although the situation was quite the reverse when they first came to us. They resented going to church and, especially, to confession. Many had a deplorable habit of cursing, and I insisted strenuously that they get rid of that fault. When a few admonitions did not help, I threatened to expel anyone who did not cease cursing. This threat proved effective in each case. It seemed to me that God was pleased, even with the little good that I could do for His glory. Prior to the admission of these aged women, most of them had not attended church for many years.” *Chronicle*, p. 43

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- + Do I easily let my relationship with God slip away when I feel tired, exhausted?
- + Is it my “greatest joy” to pray with others?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH

I will place a rosary in a noticeable place this month (in front of the TV, on the counter in the bathroom, on the dashboard of my car) to remind me of the importance of God in my life.

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*.

This guide represents #2 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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