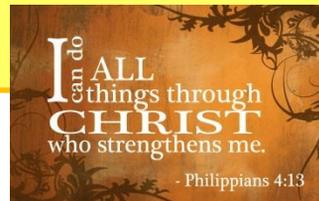


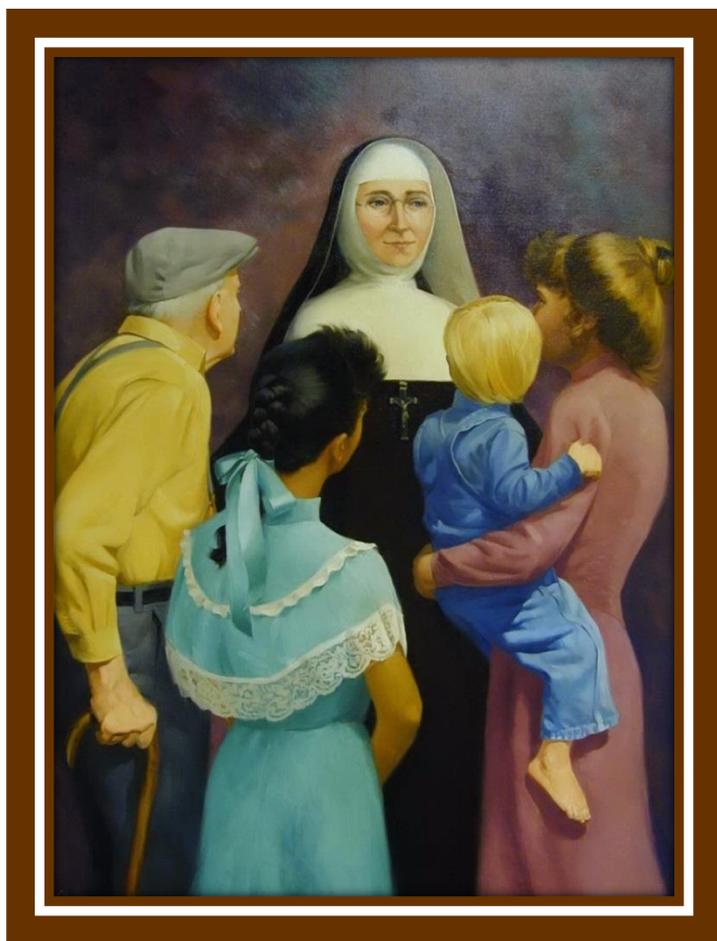
PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DEATH OF VENERABLE MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK

ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1918

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



Oil painting of Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik by artist J. Spoelstra depicting her charism of compassion for the needy and poor continuing into the present through the sponsored ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago which she founded in 1894.

“Reverend Barzynski was a saintly man, and he foretold the great difficulties and adversities that I would have to face. He had explained it all to me so plainly that I was fully aware of my obligations when making that promise. This knowledge was most beneficial to me against my lack of serious judgment. When the prediction was beginning to materialize within a short span of time, I reflected on it and recalled my promise; consequently, I was able to bear it more easily. The thought that I deliberately agreed on this undertaking for Jesus Christ is still an incentive till this day for me...”

Chronicle, pp. 27-28.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✦ Have I lost my sense of purpose in life?
- ✦ How is God calling me to use my gifts at this time in my life?
- ✦ Do I see my hands as the hands of Christ at work in the world today?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH

I will obtain a copy of the novena to Venerable Theresa Dudzik available at <http://mothertheresadudzik.com/> and pray it this month beginning on September 12. As one of my intentions for the novena I will pray that my sense of purpose in my life will not falter.

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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