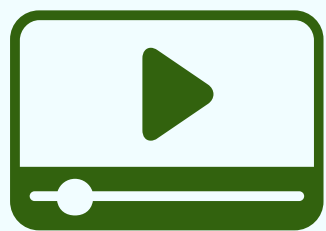
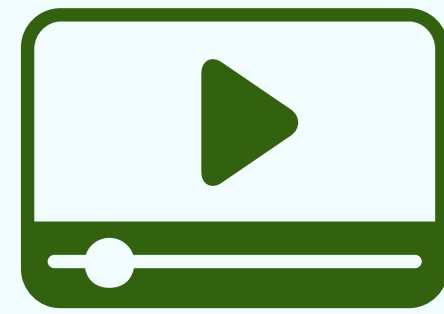


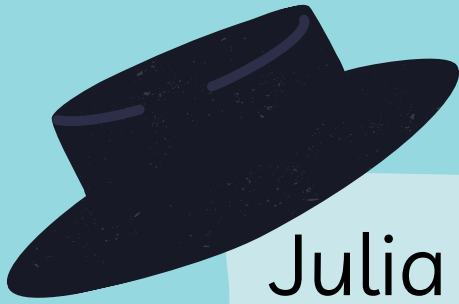
Denver's "angel of mercy"



Julia Greeley

a "one-person St. Vincent de Paul Society"

Around 1840 - July 7, 1918



Julia was born enslaved in Hannibal, Missouri. She was whipped in the eye as a child, leaving her half-blind. She was freed with the Missouri Emancipation Proclamation in 1865.

In the 1870s, she moved and worked for the first governor of Colorado, Mr. Gilpin, for about five years. There she learned about the Catholic faith and entered in 1880.

Julia was an active member of her parish. She went to daily Mass and had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This image made her want to dedicate her life to service.

Julia, wearing her signature hat, took her red wagon all over town. Filled with food and clothes, Julia mainly served at night so people could protect their privacy.

By 1901, Julia joined the Third Order of Saint Francis, which deepened her desire to serve others. Julia died on June 7, 1918, on the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She so impacted the people of Denver that the funeral procession took over five hours! Her cause for Canonization began in 2016.

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