

Remains of former slave eyed for sainthood moved to church

DENVER (AP) — In a step toward possible sainthood, the remains of a former slave have been moved to a Catholic cathedral in Denver, where people lined up Wednesday to honor her and pray for her help.

Many touched the glass covering of a wooden chest holding the exhumed skull and other bones of Julia Greeley, a domestic worker known for her charity work and evangelism until her death in 1918. Others placed rosary beads on top of the chest, snapped photos and held up their children so they could view the sacred remains.

After the viewing, the chest was screwed shut, sealed with gold wax and moved to a prominent spot next to the altar at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

The remains were exhumed last month from a grave in a suburban Denver cemetery and moved to the cathedral — a typical step at the beginning of the sainthood process, archdiocesan spokeswoman Karna Swanson said.

Greeley is one of four people that U.S. bishops voted to allow to be investigated for possible sainthood at their fall meeting. She joins four other African Americans placed into consideration in recent years. She is also the first person to be interred in the Denver cathedral since it opened in 1912



AP Photo/Colleen Stevin
Auxiliary Bishop Jorge H. Rodriguez-Novelo blesses the remains of Julia Greeley in the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver on Wednesday. The former slave known for charity work is being studied for possible sainthood. Her remains were exhumed from a suburban cemetery and placed in a wooden box for veneration during the ceremony.

“Not a bishop, not a priest, but a lay woman,” Auxiliary Bishop Jorge H. Rodriguez-Novelo noted during the ceremony Wednesday that came 99 years to the day after Greeley died on her way to Mass.

The archdiocese is gathering testimony and documentation about Greeley’s life as part of the first stage of the sainthood process. It will send a report to the Vatican,

which will then decide whether to investigate Greeley’s virtues.

After that, church officials would look at whether any miracles could be attributed to Greeley, who was known for providing wood, coal and other supplies for people in need. She did the work at night to remain anonymous and to avoid embarrassment for those receiving the help.

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Prayer and its pilot



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Prayer is an undiscovered adventure for most Christians. It is little used and explored. But having a prayer life is a good indicator that there is an interior movement that is, inch by inch, taking us on the great journey to the very center of the mystery. It is a second heartbeat that works without our effort, reaching out again and again to God whose own presence is inside our insides and is as large as the cosmos.

Prayer is not a formula, and it is not a science. If you treat it as a method to get God’s favor then you will be living in a merchant’s landscape, where the gifts of the spirit are to be bought by effort or by knowing a secret formulation. You may indeed get results, but the results will be a child of your own distorted desires, and will be problematic and distorted also. It is like having a telescope turned the wrong way round and instead of seeing the bright magnitude of the moon you see instead the glow of a pebble. Surrendering to the Lord, allowing him to do with us as he will, is the way to freedom. He wants to show us the way and bring us more and more into light.

Prayer is a place to meet. Prayer can be thought of as a secret room that we have access to any time we want. We leave all our usual stuff of the mind’s churning outside the door and come to the threshold and enter. In our special room, our “closet” as Jesus has called it, we can shed the other world of our every day and come to stillness — a stillness and a silence where we can simply abandon our tensions and pain and look towards him, our brother Jesus, beside whom we can always be safe and can love fully.

Sensing him in us and around us, we just look at him in our mind’s eye and he gazes upon us. This is called “The Prayer of Simple Regard” which is each of us simply looking at God as God beholds us.

We don’t need to visualize him, unless in our inner world we are given a vision of him. If we do see him, notice his eyes, his smile, his presence radiating with the love of God. Sometimes, it is possible to smell the odor of his work, the dust of the cities of the plain, the smell of hewn wood from which he creates furniture and artifacts for the workers. Notice his sinewy arms and hands that caress the hair of babies and that express his deepest feelings into the air with gestures of passion.

If we have no images of him, sometimes we get a strong feeling of his profound compassion, his depth of sorrow for children and their difficult lives. We can sense his profound love for us, a love that would die for us. We can

sense his nearness. Allow ourselves to share this field of compassion and allow our hearts to grow bigger in us as we receive his overwhelming love for us. We are cherished, cherished eternally. We are nourished by his gaze. We can feel the warmth of love fill us like a tropical ocean, like a serene blue sky.

We can always ask for what we need, even if its granting appears unlikely. He wishes to receive the aches of our being, the longings of our heart. He wants to frame the object of our deepest longings as his own gift of self to us. He wants to shower us with God’s love and it is all right to ask for what we want.

As we feel this longing, which is felt by us as his longing for us, his hunger to save us and feed us with his own body and blood in the Eucharist, we allow ourselves to jettison all our daily concerns trusting that these are all held by God until we can return to them with a renewed sense of balance.

The Lord’s Prayer, which was received by Jesus from John the Baptizer, is a spoken prayer which is central to most denominations. It is structured in a special way that takes us from a heavenly point and steps us down from heaven to earth. As we see within us the movement of God’s creative spirit from each level to a lower level we can sense the care with which we have been created. We ask for God’s will to be manifested at each level of ourselves so that our purpose may live out accurately. We are created beings and we have been designed to take delight in properly living out the promise of our capabilities.

Both of these prayers, the prayer of simple regard and the Lord’s prayer, connect us within our own souls to permit ourselves to be temples of the living God. We become the very matter of Prayer.

This last weekend was the Day of Pentecost, the day of the Holy Spirit, of which the Prophet Joel spoke:

“And the last days it shall be, God declares,

That I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy

And your young men will see visions

And your old men will dream dreams;

Even on my male servants and female servants

In those days I will pour out my Spirit and they shall prophesy.”

May God live within you and may he celebrate your becoming!

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BRIEFLY

Aglow to meet in new location

WALLA WALLA — The featured speaker for this month’s Walla Walla Aglow Community Lighthouse meeting will share her testimony about her walk with Jesus.

Jill Bixby, the president of the Eastern Washington Aglow area team, will speak Saturday at Carrie Community Center, 711 Carrie St., Walla Walla. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and lunch is available for a freewill offering.

For more information, contact Kathy Owsley at 509-540-2684 or Lora Sykes at 509-540-0212.

Fundraiser features spaghetti feed, cake auction

HERMISTON — A youth fundraiser is planned at the Hermiston First Christian Church.

The event includes a spaghetti feed, which costs \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 10 and under — with a maximum of \$25 per family. Also, a variety of cakes will be auctioned off.

The fundraiser is Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, call 541-567-3013 or find the event on Facebook.

Nazarene church announces youth programs

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Church of the Nazarene is hosting a free 5-night program for all kids in the community.

The Mega Sports Camp is for youths entering third through fifth grades. It features training in baseball, soccer, unicycling and chess. Participants will engage in team training and games in the sport of their choice. All equipment is provided, but participants can bring their own.

The Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible school is for preschool aged kids through incoming second graders. It features age-appropriate activities, including games, crafts, songs, story time, Biblical teaching and more.

Both programs are June 25-29 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the church, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Volunteers can also register on the church’s website.

For more information, contact Gabrielle Fritz at hermistonnaz@gmail.com or

541-567-3677. Register at www.hermistonnazarene.org.

Redeemer church plans rummage sale

PENDLETON — A rummage sale to benefit camp scholarships is planned at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

There will be no set pricing and the event will run Thursday, June 29 through Saturday, July 1. Smaller items for the sale are being accepted now. People are asked to wait until closer to the dates of the event to bring larger items.

For more information, contact 541-276-3809, redeemerchurch1897@gmail.com or stop by the church at 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

Friday’s faith page features local, national and international faith-related news. Send information about local faith-related news and events, including concerts, special speakers and activities to community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

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