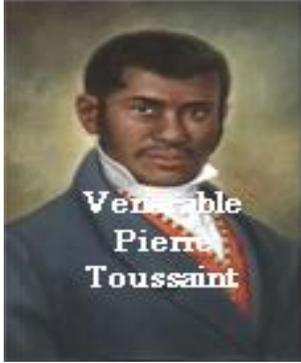


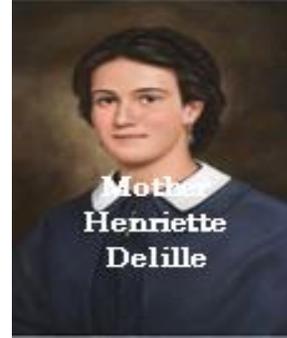
CURRENT CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD



VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT

1766 - 1853

- Former slave. Became a philanthropist
- Cause for canonization opened in 1968
- Declared "Venerable" in 1997



VENERABLE HENRIETTE DELILLE

1813 - 1862

- Free woman of color
- Co-founded the Sisters of the Holy Family
- Cause for canonization opened in 1988
- Declared "Venerable" in 2010

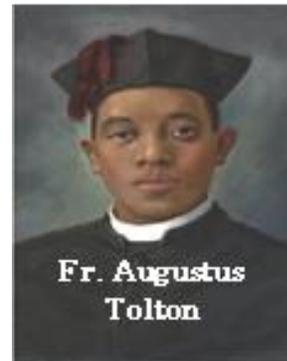


"Servant of God"

MOTHER MARY LANGE

1794 - 1882

- Co-Founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence
- Cause for canonization opened in 1991

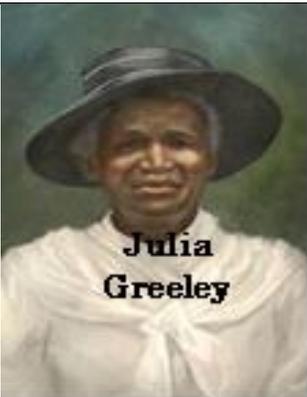


"Servant of God"

FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON

1854 - 1897

- 1st recognized African American to be ordained a priest
- Cause for canonization opened in 2011



JULIA GREELEY

18(35-55) - 1918

- Former slave
- Charitable works and assisted poor families
- Secular Franciscan
- Cause for canonization opened in 2016

O good and gracious God, You called Henriette Delille to give herself in service and in love to the slaves and the sick, to the orphan and the aged, to the forgotten and the despised.

Grant that inspired by her life, we might be renewed in heart and in mind. If it be Your will may she one day be raised to the honor of sainthood.

By her prayers, may we live in harmony and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Nihil obstat: Rev, Msgr. Franz Graef, S.T.D.

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Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our brother in Christ, Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Pierre worshipped You with love and served your people with generosity. He attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, or the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of 19th century New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of Venerable Pierre Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of Saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate or be selfish, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love – love for God and for neighbor.

By following his example and asking for his prayers, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, * we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, * who labored among us in times of contradiction,* times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. * His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time.* We stand in the shadow of his ministry.* May his life continue to inspire us * and imbue us with that confidence and hope * that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, * Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; * we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death.* If it be your Will, O God,* glorify your servant, Father Tolton, * by granting the favor I now request through his intercession * (*mention your request*) * so that all may know the goodness of this priest * whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us * that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom.* Not to us the glory,* but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son* and our Lord; * Father, Son and Holy Spirit,* you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen
2010 Bishop Joseph N. Perry

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and sick. You enabled her to found the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provide educational, social and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision. Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and a more fervent love of You.

Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (*here mention your request*) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange.

Heavenly Father, your servant Julia Greeley dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of your Son, and to the humble service of your children, especially the poor.

If it be in accordance with your holy will, please grant this favor I now ask through her intercession.
(*mention your intercession*)

I ask also, in the Name of Jesus, whose Sacred Heart filled Julia's heart with love for all she met, that I may follow her example of humility and simplicity in loving you and my neighbor.

Amen