

Chronology of life of Blessed Klara Ludwika Szczęsna

I CHILDHOOD & YOUTH (1863-1885)

July 18, 1863

Louise Szczesna was born in Cieszki, (currently the city of Lubowidz, in the Masovian Voivodeship, District of Żuromin), in the Diocese of Plock.

July 24, 1863

Baptized in the parish church of St. Andrew the Apostle in Lubowidz receiving the name Ludwika (Louise).

September 18, 1866

Death of her younger brother, Ignatius (born August 1, 1866).

1873 (?)

Tragic death of her older brother, Francis, (born on November 22, 1848).

September 25, 1875

Death of her mother, Frances Szczesna.

January 27, 1876

Second marriage of her father, Anthony Szczesny, to Antonina Wieckowska.

1880

Louise left the family home permanently and went to Mława.

Aug 1885

Participated in the retreat at Zakroczym conducted by Bl Honorat Kozminski and made the decision to join the Congregation of the Servants of Jesus.

II Stay in the Congregation of Servants of Jesus (1885-1894)

September 1885

Entered the Congregation of Servants of Jesus in Warsaw.

December 8, 1886

Began Novitiate in that Congregation in Warsaw.

December 8, 1887

Professed the promise of loyalty and received the name Honorata.

December 8, 1889

Made her first religious vows, which she repeated four times (1890-1893).

1889

Traveled to Lublin, becoming superior of the Servants of Jesus at their facility and working as a seamstress among the servants.

1892

Returned from Lublin via Mława to Warsaw.

Spring 1893

Arrived in Krakow to conduct shelter for servants at 11 Mikołajska Street, founded at the initiative St. Joseph Sebastian Pelczar through the Confraternity of Our Lady Queen of the Polish Crown

April 15, 1894

Decided to leave the Congregation of Servants of Jesus to join the newly formed Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, founded by Father Joseph Sebastian Pelczar, being named superior and living at first convent at 10 Holy Cross Street.

III Life and activity in the Congregation of Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (1894-1916)

July 2, 1894

Began novitiate in the Congregation of the Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, taking the religious name, Sister Klara.

July 2, 1895

Professed perpetual vows in the Congregation of the Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

1895

Established new convent in Lviv.

Jun3 13, 1900

Dedication of the Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the house of Saint Joseph at 24 Garncarska Street, which she organized in cooperation with the Founder, Bishop Joseph Sebastian Pelczar.

July, 1896

Took up residence in convent at 26 Garncarska Street, where she lived for twenty years.

June 13, 1900

Dedication of the church and Convent of the Congregation at 24 Garncarska Street, Krakow.

Prior to October 8, 1902

Death of her father, Anthony Szczesny.

Fall of 1903

Diagnosed with Cancer.

1905

Congregation began work in France.

September, 1905

Made pilgrimage to Lourdes to entrust health to the Blessed Virgin and beg God's blessing.

September 13, 1907

Changed name from Szczesna to Szczęсна (appearing for the first time on the document giving her Austrian citizenship and belonging to the city of Krakow).

December 28, 1907

Elected first Superior General of the Congregation by the Sisters at first Chapter of the Congregation

November 16, 1908

Decree of Aggregation of the Congregation with the Order of Friars Minor Conventual.

February 15, 1909

Decree of Praise for the Congregation by the Holy See.

October 11, 1910

Underwent surgery.

May, 2011

Made pilgrimage of thanksgiving to Lourdes for a successful operation.

February 19, 1912

Congregation's final approbation by the Holy See.

December 27, 1913

Re-elected Superior General at the second Chapter of the Congregation.

October 13, 1915

Entered final stage of life – cancer, heart attack, pneumonia.

February 7, 1916

Death of Mother Klara Louise Szczęsna. in Krakow.

IV The canonization process (1994-2015)

March 25, 1994

Opening of diocesan canonical process in Krakow concerning the sanctity of life and heroic virtues of Mother Klara.

January 23, 1995

The mortal remains of Mother Klara were transferred from Rakowicki Cemetery and placed in the side chapel of the Sisters' Church in Kraków.

April 15, 1996

The solemn closure of the diocesan investigation into the sanctity of life and heroic virtue of the Servant of God Klara Szczęsna took place, and the files of her case were transferred to the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

April 15, 2004

In the chapel of the Metropolitan Curia, the diocesan process of the super miro began, the purpose of which is to collect documentation on the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Servant of God, Klara Ludwika Szczęsna.

March 20, 2007

In the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Sercanki Sisters) in Krakow, the session of the closing of the diocesan process was held regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Servant of God, Klara Ludwika Szczęsna.

April 26, 2007

Procedural documentation was submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

April 29, 2007

The so called Apertura took place, the opening of procedural documents.

February 7, 2008

The Congregation issued the Decree of Validità - the validity of the diocesan process in the matter of the miraculous healing through the intercession of Servant of God Klara.

2010 - 2012

Preparation of the super miro Positio.

December 20, 2012

The Decree of the heroic virtues of Mother Klara Ludwika Szczęsna was promulgated. From that day one can ask for her intercession before God using the title of Venerable (Venerabile) Servant of God Mother Klara – intercede for us.

February 10, 2014

The printed Positio super miro was submitted to be presented to doctors.

November 6, 2014

After the initial positive evaluation of two specialist doctors, a Medical Consultation was held to assess the healing miracle.

February 5, 2015

Positio, the super miro of the Servant of God, expanded with reports from the doctors' meeting, was given to theologians by the consultors who issued a positive opinion.

The report from the congress of theologians consulted was passed on to the judgment of the last collegiate body made up of cardinals and bishops, members of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

May 19, 2015

The Cardinals and Bishops unanimously declared themselves in favor of the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Klara Szczęsna in the matter of healing.

June 5, 2015

Pope Francis consented to the publication of the decree of the miracle obtained through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Klara Szczęsna.

September 27, 2015

On Sunday, September 27, at the Shrine of Saint John Paul II in Krakow, during the Holy Mass at 10:30 am the Venerable Servant of God Mother Klara Ludwika Szczęsna, co-founder of our Congregation, was raised to the glory of the altars. The beatification act was declared by the papal legate Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.