During the final months of her life she sought the help of her Guardian Angel. In the afternoon of June 15, 1921, she was about to enter the Church of St. Nicholas, but as the sexton was about to close the church, he asked her to leave as quickly as possible. She hid herself in a corner of St. Ann’s Chapel. As the sexton made his rounds to see if anyone was still in the church, he failed to notice her. He searched throughout the church, but he did not find her. Thinking that she had left, he locked the door and left. The next day, and still puzzled by Aniela’s disappearance, he searched for her once again and finally discovered her in the sacristy kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament next to the statue of St. Joseph. She was so engrossed in prayer she seemed to be in ecstasy. In obedience to her spiritual director, Aniela herself recounts this incident in her own diary. She had asked and prayed to her Guardian Angel to render her invisible so as to remain the entire night in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Through the intercession of her Guardian Angel, God granted her request.

Blessed Angela (Aniela) Salawa was born in Siepraw, Poland, on September 9, 1881 of a poor Christian family. In 1897 she moved to Cracow to work as a domestic servant. Two years later, distraught over the exemplary and pious death of her sister Teresa, she sought holiness as a poor and humble domestic. Inspired by the love of Christ, she offered Him her virginity. She began an active apostolate for the many of the other women who sought employment in homes by encouraging them and helping them to live an authentic Christian life. She often said: “I love my work because it enables me to endure suffering, work harder and pray often; other than that I have no other desire in the world.” She prays and honors the Virgin Mary with a daughter’s love.

Blessed Aniela Salawa was a humble domestic servant who nourished a great love for the Eucharist, spending all of her free moments in adoration before the tabernacle.