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A Word From Our President

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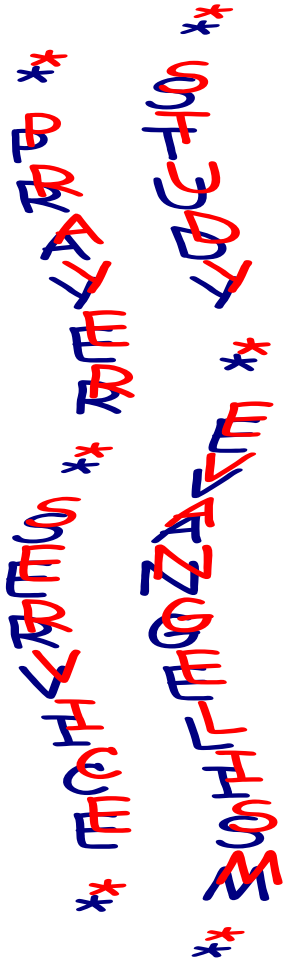
Dear Sisters in Christ,

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is a reality at last. Twenty-two months from the coming together of the Formation Committee, 97 women became members of the Order during a glorious service at Holy Cross Anglican Church in Loganville GA. The tears and glow upon the faces of our sisters as they came forward to receive their cross and again become part of a community living under the same Rule of Life was beyond description. The worship we shared as we sang the theme song of the Order In Christ Alone was like fragrant incense filling the church as we sang praise to Our Lord Jesus. God blessed us that day and has not stopped: five weeks later our membership is at 280.

I attended the institution of the first chapter in the Order last week at St Peters in Tallahassee FL. One of their members, Joan West, wrote a hymn Holy Cross,* for the institution of their chapter. Many more daughters have sent for chapter charters. The first Diocesan Fellowship will be instituted January 9th in San Joaquin, CA. God isn't done with us yet.

Other good news. As the membership has grown we have been able to have a mold set up for a smaller version of the Daughters of the Holy Cross cross. After the first of the year members will be able to choose between a large or small cross. All will be able to be worn as a pin or pendent.

Stand Firm in the Faith,
In Christ Alone
Jacque Crosby



*“What does the Lord
require of you?”*

*To act justly
And to love mercy
And to walk humbly
With your God.”*

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

FOR THE DAY OF ALL SOULS
(2 NOV)
FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Almighty God, who have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace.
Grant that all those who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.
Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.
Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind.
Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief upon you, they may know the consolation of your love.
Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.
Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.
Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Institution
Of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross

The institution of the Order was celebrated on September 12th at the Anglican Church of the Holy Cross in Loganville, GA. After a marvelous continental breakfast donated by the women of the church, we met in the sanctuary. The founding committee was introduced and a group prayer was offered to our Lord. President Jacque Crosby introduced the officers and gave a brief history of the founding of the order. Explanations were made regarding the handbook and study guide. We enjoyed a catered lunch and a short break before returning to the sanctuary for the service.

During the service the charter of the order was signed and crosses of the order were blessed and presented to each of the new members. The new Daughters of the Holy Cross and guests then came together at the Lord's Table for the Eucharist.

The reception that followed the service was a wonderful time of fellowship: the food prepared by the women of Holy Cross was delicious and the cake was beautiful. TeriLyn Dillon made a ceramic cross that was presented as a thank you to Holy Cross Church for hosting the event.

Pictures of the Institution can be viewed on this website (www.daughtershc.org).

Dear Sister's,

This is YOUR newsletter! We invite and welcome your input: prayers, devotions, letters, praise, chapter information ... whatever!

My goal is to post the newsletter to the website no later than the 5th of each month. With this date in mind, the deadline to receive your offerings is the 25th of the preceding month. Send your articles to: bashep50@aol.com.

In Christ Alone!
Barbara Schaeppi Hildreth,
DHC Newsletter Editor

Words of the Hymn Holy Cross - Music by JCW West, words by Arthur Russell

O Jesus we adore you, upon the cross our King!
We bow our hearts before you, your gracious name we sing.
That name has brought salvation that name in life our stay,
our peace our consolation when life shall fade away.

Refrain:

O Jesus we can do all things if we in you abide.
Your Holy Cross before us, our banner and our guide
Yet does the world disdain you, still passing by the cross;
Lord may our hearts retain you, all else we count for loss.
Al-though our sins arraigned you, you nailed them to your tree.
Although our pride disdained you, you deign our hope to be!
O glorious King, we bless you, no longer pass you by;
O Jesus we confess you, the Son enthroned on high.
Lord grant to us remission; life through your death restore;
Grant us the fruition of life for ever more

*This traditional hymn is written in four part harmony for choir or in a simpler form.

You may obtain the music from Joan West at; wadsworthwest@aol.com

New Cross Information

We now have two sizes of the cross of the Order. The small cross is about half the size of the large one. It has the Latin engraving on it but the words are very hard to read. Both crosses may be worn as a pendent or pin.

When a woman becomes a member of DHC she will pay the first years dues of \$35.00 and a \$35.00 one-time registration fee. She then receives a cross of her choice and a membership card. Should she like to have a second cross (different size) she would add \$20.00 to help pay for the cross at the time she sends her individual request for membership.

Women who have already become members of DHC and received a large cross have two options:

1. Return the large cross in exchange for a small cross; enclosing \$5.00 for shipping.
2. Keep the large cross and order a small cross for \$20.00 (this includes shipping).

A reminder that the cross remains the property of the Order would be mailed with the second cross.

Replacements for lost crosses will be \$25.00 for either size. A reminder that the cross is the property of DHC would be sent along with the cross. (\$20.00 for the cross, \$5.00 shipping.)