



## *The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross*

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### A Word From Our President

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

July was a busy hot month for just about everyone I talked with. I did a little bit of traveling when I made two flights to New York and back to pick up my great-granddaughter Sierra (eight in August) and bring her home to Tallahassee for a short vacation with us. Then a gift of a great grandson, Gavin (twelve days old). Gavin and his mother Kristina live with Gil and me.

Don't think for a moment that my quiet time with the Lord wasn't changed in the last couple of months. What I want to share with you is how the Holy Spirit and I worked out a compromise. Over the two weeks I traveled He blessed me with one great book to read! *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* written by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. This book turned back the clock to the Jewish world of the first century and told what a good Jewish boy would be like. I saw Jesus in a different light as the author drew word pictures in my mind. I just didn't want to put this book down. Would you believe I finished the book just before I returned home from the flight to take Sierra back to New York. It is one of the books I am suggesting to my chapter to study together.

When Sierra was younger she lived with Gil and me; she would come and listen as I read morning prayer out loud from my St. Augustine prayer book. I have words written in the book that read as follows "When grandma goes to heaven this book belongs to Sierra." She even has some of the prayers memorized. We prayed this way together each morning she spent with us on her vacation. We even read daily bible lessons from *Encounter with God* published by Scripture Union. Yes, my quiet time was not quite what I have written in my rule of life - it was interrupted and shortened but what a blessing. There are times when I adjust my rule of life, but I'm sure God was smiling down on Sierra and me.

When Kristina returns to school the last of August, I will be watching Gavin. I predict there will be more changes in my Rule of Life. (And my housekeeping!) I'll be packing him up and taking him with me to my Thursday morning bible study at Thomasville Road Baptist Church. My housework will be done in spurts - but you know: Our God is a gracious God, full of mercy and kindness: He will bless me as He wishes. Especially when what I do is in his name and for his sake, and when I trust in Christ Alone. How about you?

I pray I will be able to meet many of you at the Gathering being held at Christ Church in Midland TX, October 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. If you cannot attend, please keep those who do in prayer. Especially as Jean Williams and I prepare our presentations for the Gathering.

Let me remind the chapter presidents: the \$35.00 yearly dues are due by the end of August. Please collect all the chapter members money and mail them to the post office box listed on the website. Be sure to include the names of those paying dues. You sweet Daughters at Large please remember to send in your dues also. Then we can pay our expenses and keep the Order running smoothly.

May all your lives run smoothly in spite of the bumps along the road as you continue in your Rule of Life and to love and serve Our Lord Jesus.

In Christ Alone!

Jacque Crosby,  
President DHC



**Forward in Faith North America  
National Assembly  
June 16-18, 2010**

*Inspiring – Holy – Informational – Joyful*

These are just a few words that come to mind to describe the Forward in Faith North America (FIFNA) National Assembly, that Charlotte Barrett and I were able to attend and represent The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC). The theme of the Assembly was “Renewing the Spirit of the Oxford Movement”, and it was held at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Bellevue, Illinois. The Assembly was excellent and what a beautiful, holy setting for it!

The Provincial Bishop of our Order, the Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman, serves as President of FIFNA, and was a very joy-filled moderator and speaker at the event. We appreciate his zeal in everything he does and his enthusiastic support of our Order.

We had a DHC table at the Assembly and passed out brochures, CD’s, newsletters, and peppermints & chocolates ☺ to those in attendance. We met three “Daughters” who were in attendance, and had many good conversations with attendees, including many bishops and priests representing different part of the Anglican community.

The agenda was filled with outstanding teachings and Spirit-filled, reverent worship services. Anglican TV recorded five of the teachings and Bp. Ackerman’s Opening Address. They are available on FIFNA’s website: <http://fifna.org>

The date of next year’s FIFNA Assembly is June 15-17, 2011, at the same location, Our Lady of the Snows Shrine (<http://www.snows.org>) – it is an excellent way to be refreshed and taught and renewed!

In Christ Alone,

Marianne Freehling

**In Christ Alone Fund**

The month of September is designated as the time for an ingathering, although funds may be sent to the treasurer at any time. September 12th is the birthday of our Order, making the entire month special.

Monies from the fund will be used initially for help in events such as the Haitian rebuilding, missionary projects, and the like. During the months before September a committee will be established to define the scope of uses for funds as well as an application to request funding. The ICA fund will develop its characteristics slowly so as to reflect the intentions in each of our vows.

Offerings may be sent at any time to the national Treasurer:  
Charlotte Barrett  
24019 NW 196th Terrace  
High Springs, FL 32643

**Chapter News**

On Sunday, June 27th, 2010, new officers were installed for the Daughters of Honor Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross at St. Timothy’s Anglican Church in Spring, Texas. Officiating was Fr. Stan Gerber. New officers are Mary Jones, President; Terry Thomas, Vice President; Judith Jordan, Secretary; and Kris Heeter, Treasurer. The Chapter consists of 35 women from both St. Timothy’s and their mission church Savior Anglican Church in Magnolia, Texas. We were also blessed to have Sandie Whitehurst who is a Daughter-at-Large from the Austin area visiting and participating in the ceremony.

In the Photo - Fr. Stan Gerber and at the alter rail (left to right): Kris Heeter, Judith Jordan, Terry Thomas and Mary Jones.



Daughters of the Holy Cross Website  
<http://Daughtershc.org>

Information on the Gathering in October is on the website. The flyer can be printed and distributed. The registration form is there also.

If you have an installation picture you would like to share, we would like to put it on the Events page. **Please** send the picture as a .jpg, .gif or .png and include the name of your chapter, parish, city, state, and the date of the installation.

In Christ Alone!  
Sue Klos, DHC Webmaster

#### Editor's Corner

Dear Sisters,

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

This will be the last time we request ideas for a special name for our newsletter! Those of you who will be attending the Texas Gathering, please also send us your ideas! We will put the titles up for vote later in October. We have four suggestions to date:

1. **Unity in the Body of Christ**
2. **CROSSWALK;**  
"Encouraging, exhorting and equipping Daughters to walk the walk."
- 3: **The Holy Cross Gazette**  
The official news Journal of  
**The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross**
4. **CROSSWALK;**  
"Many paths; one Way."

Remember to print the newsletter for members of your group who do not receive email!

My goal is to post the newsletter to the website no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. The **deadline** to receive your offerings is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. Send your articles to: bashep50@aol.com.

In Christ Alone!  
Barbara Schaeppi Hildreth  
DHC Newsletter Editor

## A Time for Prayer

### THE KNOTS PRAYER

Dear God  
Please untie the knots  
that are in my mind,  
my heart and my life  
Remove the have nots,  
the can nots and the do nots  
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,  
may nots,  
might nots that may find  
a home in my heart.

Release me from  
the could nots,  
would nots and  
should nots  
that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God,  
I ask that you remove from  
my mind, my heart, and my life  
all of the 'am nots'  
that I have allowed to hold me back,  
especially the thought  
that I am not good enough.  
Amen

*Author known to God*

"If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek My face turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sins, and heal their land."

II Chronicles 7: 14