



The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross

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A Word From Our President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I find myself in wonder, awe and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus for the work he is doing within the Order. After four months we have 604 members and 42 chapters. Numbers are exciting! But this day my thoughts are on the spiritual health of our membership and chapters. How do we always keep before us the fact that this Order belongs to Jesus Christ as does each daughter and each chapter?

This is a new beginning. Will we walk in the same path as before or we will seek to draw closer to Jesus and our sisters? Are we open to being challenged to step out of our comfort zone and serve where called? This is what your National Board did and God used this little group of women to form His Order. We were all way over our heads and abilities. What a wonderful blessing we would have missed if we had not said yes. During my many years of service in the Daughters of the King I often heard "we can't get anyone in the chapter to be president or an officer, everyone is busy with a job and family, or too old. I have never been in leadership I don't know how." My dear sisters these are the people God equips. I say the wrong question is being asked. It's not "who can we get it to take the job?" It is "who is God calling to serve in this position?" When the DHC National Board was elected, we stood in a circle holding hands and praying. Then we were instructed, "If you feel you could not possibly fulfill the duties of President please sit down." Everyone then voted on which person that remained standing they felt God was calling to that position. This was done for each

office. Our comfort zone is getting expanded. He may be asking you to expand your comfort zone and be blessed. The most important service a president can do is to keep before the chapter the fact that this is God's chapter, and to discern what He wants done with it. She doesn't do this alone; however, the community in the chapter works and prays with her for guidance.

Guidance is also to be given by your priest. Being a president or any other officer doesn't make you any more important than any other member of the chapter. This is your act of service to your sisters. Chapters should work together, sharing the responsibility for the health of the chapter. You are the body of Christ and all parts are needed.

A word to our sisters who are Daughters at Large: we live in a world of technology. Virtual chapters can be formed where three to five DAL can join together for support, fellowship and prayers via the internet, email or phone. Kathy Aspden the DAL Chairperson can help you with this her email address is kaspden@numail.org.

Being a Daughter of the Holy Cross is a spiritual journey drawing us to the Father through the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are all at different places in our journey and we need the community to be whole. Don't miss His blessing.

In Christ Alone

Jacque Crosby

MOVING ON IN MEMBERSHIP

Jean Williams, National Membership Coordinator

National Charter membership has come to a close. Four hundred and four members by 12/31/09! What a blessing! I can't order crosses fast enough!

Beginning January 1, 2010 Article II, Section 2 of our National Bylaws is no longer in effect since it related to charter membership. All women who join the Order of the Daughters of Holy Cross from this point forward will be required to complete the three-month discernment period and the Candidate Study Manual (including the project requirement). The appropriate forms for membership and project documentation are located on our website (daughtershc.org).

We now move to the next phase: individual membership (non-charter). Of course, if your chapter has not formed yet, you can be a charter member of your local chapter.

Please check all the appropriate boxes on the membership application form. Especially denote whether you want a large or small cross or both. If you request both, add an extra \$20 for the second cross. If you lose your cross, it can be replaced for \$25. Remember that the crosses belong to the Order and should be returned if the Daughter leaves the order or dies (unless buried with the Daughter). Check the back of your membership card to indicate whether to bury your cross with you or return it.

If you have questions about individual membership, please allow me to answer them. I know that gremlins got into spelling on some of the membership cards. Just let me know and I will gladly re-issue them.

Pat Barnidge, National Membership Chairperson, is happy to help you with any chapter issues. Both of us may be reached via the phone numbers and e-mail address on the website.

We welcome St. Anne's Chapter of the Glory of God Church in Cocoa, Florida. Pictures of the Installation Service can be seen on the website photo gallery. (on the events tab) These ladies have been so excited about their installation.

Daughters Without Chapters

The Vision Statement for The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross states:

“The vision of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is to gather Anglican women and girls into a nurturing and empowering community called to be servants of Jesus as He unites and builds up His Body, the Church.”

As the Daughter-at-Large (DAL) Chairperson, it would be my fondest wish if I had no ministry because all Daughters were part of a loving community we call a Chapter. However, some of our Daughters are unable to participate in a Chapter. I have been trying to locate you, and have had delightful correspondence with a few of you. If you are a DAL and have not heard from me, I would like to invite you to correspond with me. You can call me at 1-850-297-1040 and Press 4 for information regarding Daughters-at-Large. You can write to me at Daughters of the Holy Cross, P.O. Box 180268, Tallahassee, FL 32318 or you can contact me by going to the Officers page of the DHC website.

Daughters-at-Large are very active servants of our Lord. I look forward to sharing some of the ministries these women are involved with in future articles.

Yours in Christ Alone,
Kathy Aspden, DAL Chairperson
*Kathy's contact information is on the website.
Click the Contact Us tab*

Live Simply

Love Generously

Care Deeply

Speak Kindly

Leave the Rest to God

GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST SERIES

by Jean Williams, National Membership Coordinator

You probably wonder why the National Membership Coordinator is writing this series. My answer to that is “at the prompting of the Holy Spirit.” In the past few weeks, in my prayer and study time, I sensed a message that we, as Daughters, are to do what we can to build unity in our Order and help each other to be more and more like Jesus Christ, whom we represent. In seeking my role in this mission, I feel guided to begin this series in which I hope we will find useful tools for unity and Christian development. In this issue, I share with you a review of a group study I “grew” in that focuses on prayer- one part of our vow.

For future articles, I invite you to send me information (to the DHC address) on any books, materials or approaches you have used for building unity and Christian development around prayer, study, service and/or evangelism. I will include your submissions here and your contact information (if you so desire).

When God’s People Pray

This small group study by Jim Cymbala, bestselling author of *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire and Fresh Power*, really personalizes the practice of prayer. It is a six-session, DVD and participant guide study designed to help you realize the transforming power of prayer. My group both rejoiced and wept as we explored the topics below, asking God each day to help us be more intentional and faithful in our prayer lives:

God’s Heart for Us
The Amazing Power of Prayer
Obedience in Prayer
The Word of God and Prayer
Why Prayer Matters
Creating a Prayer Ministry in Your Church

We explored what the scriptures say about prayer and our role in it. We reflected on our own prayer lives. We discussed questions that revealed our true beliefs about what happens when God’s people pray. Jim Cymbala’s teachings and information on how his band of believers grew by faith and his interviews of ordinary people who grew in their faith were awe-inspiring.

This study is published by Zondervan Press and is available at many bookstores including Lifeway and Barnes and Noble. The cost of the DVD and leader guide is about \$25 and participant guides are about \$10.

Editor’s Corner

Dear Sisters,

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

Ideas for a special name for our newsletter are welcome! Suggestions will be included in a future newsletter - and put to a vote by the membership ...

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

I apologize for the delay in getting this to the website ... 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!
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