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## The Reality and Blessings of Angels

by Bishop Mark Lawrence, Provincial Chaplain, Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross



*Bishop Mark is in the midst of moving right now, so gave us permission to share this with you all:*

Our Chaplain, Bishop Mark Lawrence, gave the Provincial Council a devotional concerning

the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (September 29). He reminded us that Satan and God are not opposites; the archangel St. Michael is the opposite of the fallen angel, Satan, and drove Satan out of heaven. Some may think angels are not real, but they truly are a wonderful part of reality and sometimes are responsible for what we call miracles. Bishop Mark read the Collect for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels that reminds us that angels are created beings, rational, moral, and immortal, and that there are good ones and bad ones (demons), as described in both the Old and New Testa-

ment. Angels interact with humans, worship ceaselessly and perfectly with humility, help and defend us, sometimes appearing in dreams. Bishop Mark then shared some of his own experiences with them. Many of us can recall such blessings ourselves. In such difficult times as we are experiencing now, we can take comfort in remembering that angels are, indeed, real and that God uses them in our lives to help us.

### Collect for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*(Anglican BCP, p. 632)*

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# From the President

## A Time for Thanksgiving



There are five occasions in November on which we give thanks before beginning Advent on November 28<sup>th</sup>, a season for us to prepare to give thanks for Jesus' birth in Bethlehem as we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity. But first, I want to thank God for helping the Provincial Council find a time and a place to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. We will be meeting at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, May 20 to 23, 2022. The theme of the Assembly is JOY. You will

read more about it in Donna Chafee's article. Donna, Sharon High, and I recently visited the Renewal Center and it is indeed a Holy place. Now, on with my list of occasions of thanksgiving in November.

First on the calendar is All Saints' Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>. All Saints' Day presents us with an opportunity to thank God for the Saints and Martyrs of the Church throughout history who have preached the Gospel, manifested God's love, and modeled what it is to live lives devoted to God.

Next is All Souls' Day, on which we pray for all departed souls, the small "s" saints who have had an impact on our lives, especially for those who have died in the last year. It is not only a time to pray for them, but also a time to thank God for their presence in our lives.

The final two days of thanksgiving are secular holidays, but they are also days when we, as Christians, thank God. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day, we thank God for the men and women who have fought to keep us free, both those who sacrificed their lives and those still living. On Thanksgiving Day, which we celebrate in the United States this year on November 25<sup>th</sup> (our Canadian sisters celebrated Thanksgiving October 11<sup>th</sup>), we thank God for ALL our many blessings. Most of all, for the blessing of salvation through his son Jesus, the Christ, and for the gift of his Holy Spirit which enables us to become the women God created us to be, manifesting the fruit of the Holy Spirit, ("love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control" Gal. 5:22), even in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic, an immigration crisis, inflation, and signs that our country is turning away from God. That fruit and our God-given ability to give thanks in all circumstances draws others to the Lord and are a central part of evangelism, which is a part of our Rule of Life.

May God give you a heart of thanksgiving and may the fruit of the Spirit be manifest in your life as we prepare to enter the season of Advent.

In Christ Alone,

*Diane Bringgold Brown*

A fellow disciple of Christ



*Among the Church's most stirring and encouraging hymns is this annual favorite:*

### For All the Saints

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## *O Gracious and Holy Father . . .*

### **Be Thankful Unto Him and Speak Good of His Name**



When I was growing up, I sometimes went to Morning or Evening Prayer. When I was in graduate school and met Jesus as my Lord and Savior, I started attending a non-denominational church. Even then, though, when I wanted to express my gratitude to God, the General Thanksgiving, which is found at the end of both Morning and Evening Prayer, would come into my mind. I could actually recite the prayer! I love its all-inclusive content and its beautiful wording and rhythm, especially as it is in the 1928 Book

of Common Prayer version:

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.*

I especially like the phrase, “We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. . . .” We owe our existence to God, and in Him “we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28). As Christians, we know that God, not our own sense of self worth or effort is the ultimate and lasting source of all good things: loving relationships, homes, work, peace, security, contentment, safety, hope, and true joy. Recalling His blessings is a powerful antidote for fear, anger, greed, envy, hatred, ugliness, and all emotions that harm us. The best source of inspiration for being thankful is, of course, the Bible. A few familiar scriptures are: 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances;” Philippians 4:6, “Do not be anxious, but in every situation, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God,” Ephesians 5:20: “Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,” and numerous psalms. I believe that if we all truly embraced being grateful to God, a whole host of our problems, and the world’s too, would vanish.

*O Gracious and Holy Father, pour out Your grace upon us to be able to cast our cares upon You, that You may open our eyes and hearts to all the many blessings You give us as we journey through this world; and that we may be truly, unfeignedly grateful to You in all circumstances. May Your kingdom come and Your will be done. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

In Christ Alone  
Barbara Mattick, Editor

## **Let Us Pray...**

### **For Our Nation**

*For our nation Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure conduct. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom, in thy Name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Chapter Corner**



### **wants YOU!**

**(to share your  
chapter news!)**

**Send your chapter news and  
photos to Barbara Mattick at:  
barbaramattick@comcast.net.**



# Membership Report



As I write this article, the temperature in Magnolia, Texas, this morning is about 52 degrees. What a wonderful welcome to the fresh and cool weather of Autumn with its beautiful change of colors. Take time to sit still and enjoy this time of renewal. Take time to sit still and reflect on the coming of Advent. Take time to sit still and ready yourself for a time of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love and the triumphant return of Jesus.

It has been an active summer with new chapters instituted and many candidates who are in Study and Discernment. We celebrated the institution of new chapters: Ruth Chapter in Orangeburg, SC; Daughters of St. Michael, in Broken Bow, AR; and Emmaus Chapter in Half Moon, NY. Welcome these Sisters and keep them in their prayers as they establish their chapters.

Pray for our candidates from current chapters who are in Study and Discernment. There are forty-two of them who have overcome the challenges that the pandemic has caused and are continuing their training either in person or via Zoom. The following chapters with candidates are: Christ Church, Vero Beach, FL; Faith, St. Augustine, FL; Daughters of Grace, N. Myrtle Beach, SC; Daughters of Honor, Magnolia, TX; Esther, Bluffton, SC; Elizabeth, Summer-ville, SC; Church of Our Savior, Johns Island, SC; and St. Monica, Rome, GA.

More *exciting news*: we are blessed to have four brand new chapters going through discernment. One, to be named Lily of the Valley, with a few current DHC members, will hopefully be instituted at Jesus Our Savior Anglican Church in Modesto, CA. Another, from Kearneysville, WV, has eleven candidates and is being mentored via Zoom by our wonderful Editor, Barbara Mattick. This chapter may be instituted by the end of the year and will be the first DHC chapter in that state. Then there are two more chapters to be created: one in Knoxville, TN, which will be mentored by the Daughters of the Redeemer chapter in Chattanooga, and one in Fresno, CA, which will be comprised of a few current DHC members and a few candidates.

Other business news: the revised Handbook has been placed on the website and the revised Candidate Discernment Manual is in its final stage of editing. Our services, which were removed from the Handbook, will also be placed on the website, and will include two new services – a Service of Re-dedication and a Memorial Service.

How blessed and thankful I am for all of you. You are dedicated, devoted, steadfast and zealous prayer warriors of the Order.

In Christ Alone,  
Gail Cahill, Membership Chair

## The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross

### Profit and Loss Statement

(as of June 30, 2021)

	2021 Budget	Actual
<b>INCOME</b>		
Lifetime Memberships	\$500.00	\$ -
Membership Dues	\$37,520.00	\$2,380.00
Enrollment Fees	\$3,750.00	\$1,000.00
Additional Crosses	\$600.00	\$493.76
ICA Donations	\$3,000.00	\$1,073.43
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ -	\$61.00
Interest Income – Savings	\$ -	\$0.36
Reimbursement - Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$45,370.00</b>	<b>\$5,008.55</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Outreach</b>		
ACNA	\$3,752.00	\$ -
ARDF	\$4,000.00	\$ -
Missions and Growth	\$7,000.00	\$560.00
Chapter Service Project Grants	\$16,000.00	\$ -
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$30,752.00</b>	<b>\$560.00</b>
<b>Travel - Council Meetings</b>		
Airfare, baggage, trip protection	\$3,000.00	\$567.40
Mileage	\$750.00	\$ -
Auto Rentals, Gasoline, Train, Taxi, Shuttles	\$400.00	\$400.00
	\$223.78	
Lodging	\$2,500.00	\$316.98
Meals	\$300.00	\$70.69
Host Chapter/Host Church Reimbursements	\$300.00	\$300.00
	\$ -	
<b>Total Travel - Council Meetings</b>	<b>\$1,178.85</b>	<b>\$7,250.00</b>
<b>Promotional Travel</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,206.87</b>
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>\$13,250.00</b>	<b>\$2,385.72</b>
<b>Office Expenses</b>		
Office Supplies	\$700.00	\$171.36
Office Software	\$2,000.00	\$783.61
Postage & Delivery	\$500.00	\$76.04
Post Office Box Rental	\$500.00	\$356.00
Internet/Website Hosting	\$300.00	\$253.82
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,640.83</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Bonding	\$480.00	\$ -
Discrimination	\$800.00	\$770.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$1,280.00</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$88.54
Crosses	\$5,000.00	\$ -
Florida Incorporation Rept	\$100.00	\$61.25
Legal & Tax Documents	\$120.00	\$ -
Accounting Fees	\$500.00	\$ -
Holy Cross Newsletter	\$1,750.00	\$424.93
Printing	\$200.00	\$ -
Promotion of Order	\$1,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$ -
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,270.00</b>	<b>\$574.72</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$58,552.00</b>	<b>\$5,931.27</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$(13,182.00)</b>	<b>\$(922.72)</b>

# Celebrating Birthday Milestones

For the past year, we have been collecting birthdates from our members. Of the 1002 active members, we have collected 586. Thanks to all of you who have submitted your information.

Please join the Provincial Council in wishing the following

Daughters a very happy birthday (or belated happy birthday) for Daughters who are celebrating turning 80, 85, and 90 or older in October, November, or December.

There are a couple of reasons why your birthday might not be included above - either we've not received it, or if you did send it in, the year wasn't included. Please send an email to me ([sshightx@gmail.com](mailto:sshightx@gmail.com)) with the following information. (If you don't have an email address, feel free to call me, text me, or send me a note by regular mail).

Name

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

We are asking for the year of birth also so that we may recognize those members who are celebrating significant milestones. However, if you are not comfortable including the year, would you still send us the month and date?

In Christ Alone,

Sharon High, Communications Chair

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*Happy Birthday!*

## October

Susan Anchondo (80)

Trudy Ross (99)

## November

Cornell Franklin (92)

Sue Jones (85)

## December

Ellen Childers (80)

# In Loving Memory of Daughters

*We remember the following dear members of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross who have recently died. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and to Daughters who knew them.*

Carlene Riley, St. Hildegard Chapter, Monroe, LA, March 31, 2021

Lynette Van Cleve, Christchurch Anglican Chapter, Montgomery, AL, April 13, 2021

Lucy Lee, DAL, June 21, 2021

Judith Auger, Daughters of St. Jude Chapter, July 5, 2021

Catherine Rhodes, Rose of Sharon Chapter, July 27, 2021

Gloria Eich, Rose of Sharon Chapter, July 27, 2021

Cindy Van Petten, Esther Chapter, August 18, 2021

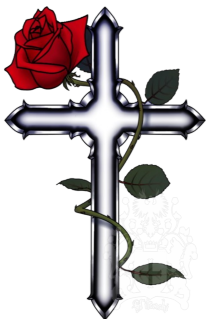
Nicole Ivy, St. Luke's Chapter, July 29, 2021

Patricia R. Newton, DAL, August 2, 2021

Juavate (Jane) Fortner, St. Helena's Chapter, August 2, 2021

Anna Shepherd, Epiphany Chapter, October 12, 2021

*Note: Some dates shown are the dates when the notice of death was received and recorded in the DHC Membership database. They may not necessarily correspond to the actual date.*



## Evangelizing Through Prayer Walks: A Guide for Beginners

by Terry Bassett



The **Emmaus Chapter** of St. Thomas Anglican Church is located in a suburban neighborhood outside of Albany, the capital of New York. While our building has been used as a church for twenty years, we were only recently received as part of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word and ACNA on September 5,

2020. St. Thomas Anglican Church is a growing community in which to know and experience God.

Our DHC chapter institution required a service project, and we planned a prayer walk through some of our closest residential subdivisions, planning to pray for a move of the Holy Spirit to open hearts and increase awareness of our new church. Our deepest desire is to welcome our neighbors into this body of Christ for discipleship and spiritual growth. Our parish vision is to be a “multiplying church,” sending out teams of people to plant more churches as bright lights in a dark world. So far, there are three more church plants taking root, even as we continue to grow ourselves.

We discussed prayer walking and its benefits, and safety concerns. After several trial walks, we set up multiple walks in multiple locations, going in groups of at least three. We always walked (no driving by) and prayed intentionally, keeping our hearts attuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

It was clear that although the neighborhoods are well

kept, there was little outdoor action on the particular afternoon I walked with two other women. We passed by a few homes and were prompted to pray for financial relief, another home seemed to call for prayers to comfort those who weep, and many homes prompted prayers for the children and parents living there. We asked Father God to provide comfort, and Jesus to lead them by the Holy Spirit. We were overwhelmed to pray and declare over and over again how very much God loves them. We called out to our loving Triune God for our neighbors. We had intended to hand out small printed Gospels of John (printed by the Pocket Testament League) to people we would meet along our route, but to be honest I’m fearful of dogs, so I’m saving my copies for another opportunity.

These pocket Gospels are a wonderful way to share God’s Word, and have really helped me to grow in my willingness and ability to evangelize. I encourage you to take a look at their website, [ptl.org](http://ptl.org) that is packed with encouragement and instruction, along with testimonies. We will definitely be doing more prayer walking, whether as a chapter, as a few members together, and even as individuals in familiar areas. I think of it as “tilling the spiritual soil,” knowing that something always happens when we pray. Prayer walking is a personal gift of service, given to anyone, while respecting privacy and may be given at any level of covid sensibilities. This moving prayer lends itself to praying aloud in a more informal setting, which is helpful while learning something new. We all can further develop our discernment and prayer life. Also, I came away with a deeper appreciation for the amazing women who are my sisters in Christ.





# Are We Reaching You?



One of the main methods the Order uses to communicate with all members is by sending emails. With the anti-spam laws that are in place, the most effective way to send out the number of emails is through an application called **Mailchimp**.

The Order currently has 1002 active members, yet we have email addresses for only 953 of you. Of those 953 email addresses, we have a number that are bouncing, which means our communication isn't reaching you.

Here's how you can help:

- If you aren't receiving emails from The Order (via Mailchimp), please provide me with your email address.
- If you have received our recent emails, please do not forward them on to anyone else, even if it's another Daughter. If the person you forward the

email to decides to unsubscribe, they are unsubscribing you! If there is someone whom you know would like to be on our mailing list, ask them to email me to be added.

- Some of you are unsubscribing because you receive the Holy Cross newsletter by regular mail. However, we use Mailchimp for all communication, and unsubscribing to one email means you have unsubscribed to all! We have heard from several members that aren't receiving the Holy Cross newsletter electronically; in most cases it's because they have unsubscribed to the email!

As we begin to send out information regarding the May 2022 Provincial Assembly, we want to make sure all Daughters are receiving it. Thanks for helping us keep in touch!

Sharon High, Provincial Treasurer/  
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## Exciting Update for DHC Assembly, May 20-23, 2022



Our Assembly has been reshaped into a time to focus on "Joy," with Romans 15:13, ("May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing"). With all that is going on in the world right now, your Council felt that Daughters would best benefit from a three-and-a-half-day true time apart. We will have options for breakout sessions; time to meditate or just enjoy nature; spend time with the Lord; worship and praise together with a variety of music; and listening to teaching by our chaplain, Bishop Mark Lawrence. Archbishop Foley Beach will preach at our opening Eucharist. We will also provide as much time as needed to expeditiously take care of DHC business.

The Franciscan Renewal Center's Casa is in Scottsdale, AZ. (Check it out on their website – it is a beautiful place: <https://thecasa.org/>). It will be the perfect place for us to come together and be refreshed, worship our living and loving God, and spend quality time together with both new and old friends. Please don't put off holding the dates so you and your sisters in Christ can enjoy this time of fellowship and renewal. All women are welcome; perhaps you know someone who might benefit from joining us -- your priest's wife, a new church member, or a lady who is considering becoming a Daughter? The costs will be very affordable, as this is a renewal center and not a hotel with expensive amenities. Registration will include your room and meals. Start looking for flights and look for more information soon!

In Christ Alone,  
Donna Chaffee, Assembly Chair



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**Deadline for the January—March issue is February 15, 2022.**

*(Please submit articles as Word documents and photos/images as .jpg files, if possible)*

## ***Retail!*** ***Get your DHC Retail!***



If you are looking for sharp-looking DHC mugs, aprons, shirts, bags, etc., check out the retail site on the DHC website.

Go online to see what Glenna has to offer.

You can go to our website and look at Retail or contact Glenna directly at [www.embellishedembroidery.com](http://www.embellishedembroidery.com) or [embellished@att.net](mailto:embellished@att.net)

Nancy P. Ford,  
Retail Chair

## **Let Us Pray...**

### **For Military Veterans**

*O Judge of the nations, we thank you with grateful hearts for the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving Day Canada and United States of America**

*Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*