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## “Follow the Tracks”

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



It was an April day in 2001. I was picking my way down the slabs of glacial-polished granite when I saw some hikers bewilderingly looking for the trail. The lead hiker noticed me and slowed his pace. As I drew near, he asked in statement form—“I guess this isn’t the trail to Yosemite Point!” “Actually, it is,” I said, “Or at least it might as well be. The trail leads off to your right through the snow. I just chose to come down these granite slabs rather than trudge through it. The snow’s quite deep in places. If you continue up this granite fold, you’ll eventually see my tracks across the snow. Just follow them to the overlook. It’s not far.”

I had just finished lunch with the spectacular view of Half Dome under a blanket of fresh snow glistening in the late morning sun, and enjoyed stretching out on a sun-warmed boulder without another soul in sight—a rare hour of solitude on a Yosemite trail. With the return hike and a long drive ahead of me, I reluctantly started to make my way down when I met this group. As I continued hiking, my words seemed to stick in my mind—“You’ll eventually see my tracks across the snow.” On more than one occasion, I have been the beneficiary of hiker’s tracks across the snow and could only hope as I followed them that he knew the way. Since I had been to Yosemite Point before, I knew the route the trail took up the es-

carpment and had left tracks for others to follow.

Something about the experience stuck in my mind as a parallel for the Christian’s life. William Temple, an earlier Archbishop of Canterbury, noted, “We choose our road with reference to our destination. We do not go to a railway station and ask the officials to recommend a direction and a train; it is only because we know where we mean to go that we can reasonably even ask for advice how to start.” My tracks were useful to these hikers because they were going to the place I had been. If they were seeking Eagle Peak, my tracks would not have helped them.

You may recall the scene from John 14 where Jesus tells the disciples of His coming death and departure. He comforts them with the words, “I go to prepare a place for you...and you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “We don’t know where you are going so how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.” He might also have said, “Thomas, just keep heading in the way I’ve directed you—you’ll eventually see my tracks across the snow.” It is one of the messages of Lent and Easter that Jesus Christ is the pioneer and author of our faith. He has blazed the way from death to life. We walk not only through His power and grace but also in His tracks, if indeed it is Eternal Life we seek, and the Father’s fellowship that we desire.

## From the President

In this issue, our editor Barbara and I are focusing on the third verse of the song of the Order, *In Christ Alone*. This verse celebrates Jesus' Resurrection and our release from bondage to sin.

*There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*



I have emphasized two lines. Why? Because it is imperative that everyone who wants to celebrate Jesus' glorious Resurrection and the freedom it brings recognize what it cost Jesus to free us from the grip of sin. We are blessed to be part of a liturgical church in which the penitential season of Lent precedes Easter. We spend 40 days preparing ourselves for the celebration of Easter

through self examination and repentance, study and service and often, fasting. We enter into Christ's suffering as we walk with Him in Holy Week. But, for many, Easter comes with no preparation. Easter cards proclaim the Joy of the Resurrection. They focus on the promise of new life but all too often, nothing points those in our secular culture to the truth that the only way to celebrate the joy

of the Resurrection is to accept Jesus as *Savior* and follow Him as *Lord*. He Himself said, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever *believes* in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16); and "*I am the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Me*" (John 14: 6) (emphases, mine).

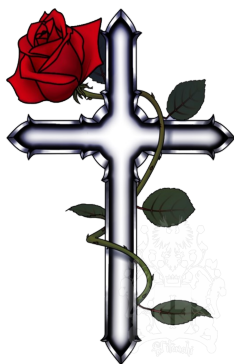
In a recent virtual Quiet Day presented by the Women's Ministry of the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast, one of the discussion questions was, "What does it mean to be a Resurrection People?" My answer was, "For me it means we share in Christ's victory and can live without fear, knowing nothing, not even death, can separate us from His love. As Daughters of the Holy Cross we all share in His victory. Do you know anyone who seeks to experience the Joy of the Resurrection but does not know how? Or anyone who needs to know that the secret to a life of joy and peace even in the midst of a pandemic and political turmoil is accepting Jesus as Savior and following Him as Lord? Share that secret with them. Tell them that Jesus died to free them from the curse of sin and to fill them with His joy and peace through the power of His Holy Spirit. If your church is open, invite them to join you as you celebrate Easter. If not, encourage them to participate through whatever electronic means your church or Diocesan Cathedral uses to live stream services.

May you have a Holy Lent and a Blessed and Joyful Easter!

In Christ Alone,

*Diane Bringgold Brown*

A fellow disciple of Christ



## 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.*

Mildred DeVee, St. Luke's Chapter, St. Luke's Anglican Church, Copley, OH, 4/15/ 2020  
Jean Marani, All Saints Chapter, All Saints Anglican Church, Tallahassee, FL 12/27/2020  
Lynda Schrick, Divine Mercy Chapter, Fort Worth, TX, 1/12/21  
DyAnn Barnes, Daughters of the Good Shepherd Chapter, Wichita Falls, TX, 1/12/21  
Martha Butler, Grace Daughters of the Holy Cross Chapter, Katy, TX, 1/28/21

*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.*

## O Gracious and Holy Father . .



How perfect the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse of our song, “In Christ Alone,” is for this issue of *The Holy Cross* as we approach Easter. Can you imagine Satan’s great surprise and dismay as Jesus burst forth from the tomb? “Curses, foiled again!” Little did he know how completely defeated he was. Sometimes we forget that, too, when we are faced with difficult circumstances. In such times, it is especially a blessing that we are Daughters of the Holy Cross, with sisters to help uphold us.

We have lost one of our founders; Jean Marani passed away at the age of 96 on December 27, 2020. Jean had been a faithful and active member of the Daughters of the King, serving as the Representative for Province IV (the Southeast) for three years, then as Chairman of Daughters at Large from 2001–2006, and as Second Vice President from 2004–2006. Then came the break with the Episcopal Church, and Jean was one of the members of the Formation Committee called together by Jacque Crosby at the Lord’s behest. As such, Jean was involved in the decisions regarding the purpose of the Order, the original bylaws, the addition of “Study” as part of the Daughters vow, the song, the prayer, etc.



Jean Marani

Jean grew up in Sarasota, where she attended high school. She then went to Florida State College for Women (FSCW), graduating with a degree in education in 1946, the year before FSCW became Florida State University. While she was in college she discovered the Episcopal Church. After graduation, she returned to Sarasota and taught high school social studies, and eventually went on to earn a PhD in Education at Ohio State. She became a leader in her field, recognized as the Florida Teacher of the Year in 1962 and as a finalist for National Teacher of the Year. In 1970, she returned to Tallahassee as an educational curriculum consultant at the Florida Department of Education.



Jean with Fr. Bob Coon at Episcopal Church of the Advent

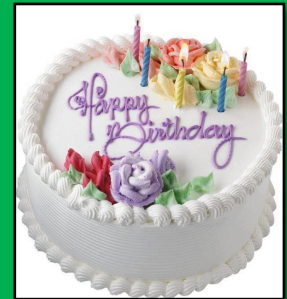
Jean was diminutive in size but as a leader, of great stature. Her small size did not deter her from tackling anything, including: extensive travel, photography, and serving the Church as a lay person at high levels. Once as she stood next to our 6’9” rector at Episcopal Church of the Advent/Holy Cross Anglican Church, he quipped that they represented the “high” and “mighty” (you can guess which was which!). I was blessed to have her as my discernment leader, meeting one-on-one at her house. Jean was intensely aware that she was a sinner, but sang with equal certainty concerning Jesus: “For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.” Rest in Peace, dear Jean, and thank you for your work for the Lord and the Daughters. By the way, are you still wearing those crazy socks?

O gracious and holy Father, may we all learn to love and serve You with all our heart. Amen

In Christ Alone  
Barbara Mattick, Editor

## When’s Your Birthday?

The Provincial Council members continue to ask for birthdates from all Daughters. Of the 1029 members, we have collected 338 birthdates (107 more than last quarter!). Thanks to all of you who have submitted your information.



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 we can recognize those members who are celebrating significant milestones. However, if you are not comfortable including the year, would you still please send us the month and date? Although we enjoy talking to you personally, if Chapter Presidents can gather this information for us, it would be greatly appreciated.

In Christ Alone,

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# Chapter Corner

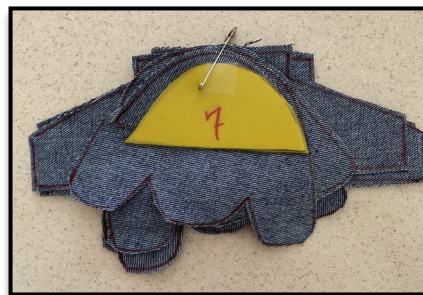
## All Saints Daughters Have “Sole Hope”

On February 27, the All Saints Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross at All Saints Anglican, Tallahassee, FL, gathered to cut out the upper parts for toddler shoes for Sole Hope, which provides shoes for children in Uganda. The upper parts will be sent to Africa and assembled with soles cut from old tires to provide shoes for children of all ages. For more information on SoleHope, visit [www.solehope.org](http://www.solehope.org).

To raise money for this project, the parish held a “Cuban-style Pig Roast” on October 24, 2020, where parishioners could get a box dinner to take home. Enough money was raised and given to the Daughters to provide 100 pairs of shoes!



Daughters participated in the October “Cuban Style” Pig Roast, a church-wide effort to raise money for the Sole Hope project. (L-R): Jean Williams, Mtr. Travis Boline and Vienna Pozniak.



Above: The Daughters cut 100 bundles of denim and plastic parts which will be assembled into a pair of toddler shoes in Uganda.



Right: A sample shoe.



Above: Jean Williams cuts out pieces for the shoes.

Left: Renee Bell sorts denim to find matching pieces to cut.



## St. Monica’s Chapter Says “Bingo!”

The St. Monica's Chapter in Rome, GA, conducted a service project that was completed in November 2020. They collected supplies and goodies for a local nursing home to use as Bingo prizes. The residents have been very isolated during these times and they wanted to minister to them in any way they could. Here is a picture of them with their priest praying a blessing over the items before delivery.

Blessings!  
Jenny Patrick, St. Monica’s Chapter

# Chapter Corner

## Sharon High from the Provincial Council Visits St. Barnabas Chapter in Jacksonville, Florida



While on vacation, **Sharon High**, the Treasurer of the Provincial Council, visited St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Jacksonville, Florida. She made a few remarks about the Daughters of the Holy Cross at one of their services. Pictured: Sharon (center) and Nancy Ford (Provincial In Christ Alone Fund Chair and Retail Chair, at right), who is a member of St. Barnabas' Grace Chapter; and Members of **Grace Chapter**.



## Institution of the Sisters of Hope Chapter at Christ Church, Crawfordville, Florida, on August 9, 2020.

With the support of Daughter Ann Elizabeth Allshouse who just transferred to Christ Church from St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee, a new Daughters chapter was instituted at Christ Church Anglican, south of Tallahassee. After the chapter was instituted, three new Daughters were admitted after completing their discernment process under the tutelage of Ann Elizabeth. They are: Denise Colangelo; Marva Preston; and Grace Keith, President. Barbara Mattick of St. Peter's in Tallahassee represented the Provincial Council, and Sue Klos of All Saints Chapter in Tallahassee, also attended.

The three new Daughters are: Denise Colangelo, Marva Preston, and Grace Keith



Barbara Mattick, Grace Keith, Marva Preston, Ann Elizabeth Allshouse, and Denise Colangelo with the new Daughters



Sue Klos, Barbara Mattick, Ann Elizabeth Allshouse, Denise Colangelo, Marva Preston, and Grace Keith

## Meet the Founders



Front row, L-R: Fr. Stephen Sauls  
Julie Wahtola, Marianne Freehling,  
Fr. Gil Crosby, Jacque Crosby, Jean  
Williams

Second row, L-R: Kathy Aspden,  
Barbara Hildreth, Patricia Barnidge,  
Gail Wacker, Terrilyn Dillon, Charlotte  
Barrett

Back: Jean Marani

## ICA Fund Report



ICA remains open for mission trip grants as soon as we are all safely able to travel. Ample donations last year and only one local (hurricane relief) trip means that we will have plenty of grant money when you plan to travel again. The grant can be up to \$500. Don't forget to fill your mite boxes for the ICA fund. If you don't have a mite box, please let me know so I can send you one (or more) to you or your chapter.

You can contact me at [npford49@hotmail.com](mailto:npford49@hotmail.com)

Thank you again for your donations this past year.

Nancy P. Ford, Chair  
In Christ Alone Fund



### *Did You Know?*

...The Order has a Zoom account available for use for your chapter meetings and events?

For more information, contact Sharon High, Treasurer,

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## Shop DHC for Spring!



Now that Spring is coming, you may want to order a short sleeve red top, polo, tee-shirt, apron, bag, or mug for your Zoom meetings if you are not able to meet in person. These items would be great for those in our virtual chapters to who want to show visual support for our order.

The retail store remained open despite COVID-19. There were 30 units sold in 2020. 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



### How Do I Send Money to The Order?

While most Daughters and Chapters continue to write checks to The Order, there are several other ways to send money quickly and securely.

**Zelle®** – send money electronically using your bank’s online banking partnership with Zelle®. There’s no fee for sending money this way and it is deposited immediately into The Order’s bank account.

You will receive a confirmation that money was sent, and I’ll receive a confirmation that money was deposited into the Order’s account. It’s helpful if you include a note regarding the purpose (dues, In Christ Alone, etc.)

**Bill Pay** – send money through your bank’s Bill Pay feature. You can send money electronically or your bank will send a check to the Provincial Treasurer.

Regardless of how you send money, please note that all money (dues, new member dues/enrollment fees, cross orders, In Christ Alone funds, etc.) should be sent to the following address or email address:

#### Electronically

Email to [dhc.provincialtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:dhc.provincialtreasurer@gmail.com)

#### By Mail:

Sharon High, Provincial Treasurer  
P.O. Box 5764  
Katy, Texas 77491

If you have questions about how to use Zelle® or your bank’s bill pay, please don’t hesitate to contact me by email ([sshightx@gmail.com](mailto:sshightx@gmail.com)) or via cell (281.638.1914).

In Christ Alone,  
Sharon High, Provincial Treasurer



Technical difficulties prevented the preparation of this quarter’s financial report. Look for it in the next issue or on our Facebook page.



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

