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Come Away to a Quiet Place and Rest Awhile

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After Jesus had sent the disciples out on a preaching mission and they returned chattering about their experience, he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile” (Mark 6: 30-

31). No doubt, some of the disciples were overly enamored with their success. It was intoxicating. Some, perhaps, returned stressed-out, having digested too much of the world’s toxins. Perhaps others, from the push and shove of ministry, had lost their prayerful spirit and returned with their lives out of balance. Thus, Jesus called these followers to a quiet place to rest awhile.

He calls us also to such places where we can regain our balance, refresh our souls, and rid our lives of junk. How each of us experience these much needed times may differ. It is important to realize that uninterrupted busyness does not always build a life or a ministry. It can be a form of laziness to substitute the work of a job for the work of life. Sometimes it takes

as much discipline to pick up the phone and call a friend as it does to pick up the phone to close a deal. It can take as much courage to deal with your marital and family problems away from the buffer of work as it does to cope with corporate wars. How many times has a person been glad to leave family problems behind and go to one’s job or the church! A busy life is not the same as a well-lived life any more than driven-ness is the same as diligence.

The rest Jesus invited his disciples to take was, first of all, **a rest that was earned.** (I adapt these following points from a sermon by George Morrison, a Scottish preacher, 1866-1928.) They had been at it for some time without a substantial break. It was not salve for the slothful but a rest for the busy. It was **a rest with oth-**



ers. We all need refreshing times with others, recreational times with friends and family—children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Perhaps it is **a rest with the beauty and wonder of nature.** There are few things as deeply refreshing to the human spirit as the wonder of God’s creation, whether one’s

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From the President



Dear Sisters,

I pray you are having a blessed summer. As you know, my theme for this triennial is love. Rather than trying to write something original for this issue of *The Holy Cross*, I would like to share with you a teaching that dates to 88 A.D. It was the subject of a devotion Barbara Gauthier prepared for June 25, 2021 in a devotional booklet she compiled for GAFCON for the season of the Ascension. She used writings by the Early Church Fathers; each devotion begins with her short biographical note about the author. In this case, the Church Father is St. Clement of Rome. I ask you to join with me in her prayer that is included at the end of her article.

Clement was a leading member of the church in Rome in the late first century, becoming the bishop of that large congregation in 88. In his letter to the Corinthians, the earliest authentic Christian document outside the New Testament, Clement emphasized the unity of the church and the unity of the body of Christ with all its various members, brought together by God to live and work together in harmony for the good of all.

Who Can Express the Power of God's Divine Love?

Let the man truly possessed by the love of Christ keep his commandments. Who can express the binding power of divine love? Who can find words for the splendor of its beauty? Beyond all description are the heights to which it lifts us. Love unites us to God; it cancels innumerable sins, has no limits to its endurance, bears everything patiently. Love is neither servile nor arrogant. It does not provoke schisms or form cliques, but always acts in harmony with others. By it all God's chosen ones have been sanctified; without it, it is impossible to please him. Out of love the Lord took us to himself; because he loved us and it was God's will, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his life's blood for us – he gave his body for our body, his soul for our soul.

See then, beloved, what a great and wonderful things love is, and how inexpressible its perfection. Who are worthy to possess it unless God makes them so? To him therefore we must turn, begging of his mercy that there may be found in us a love free from human partiality and beyond reproach. Every generation from Adam's time to ours has passed away; but those who by God's grace were made perfect in love have a dwelling now among the saints, and when at last the kingdom of Christ appears, they will be revealed. *Take shelter in your rooms for a little while, says Scripture, until my wrath subsides. Then I will remember the good days, and will raise you from your graves.*

Happy are we, beloved, if love enables us to live in harmony and in the observance of God's commandments, for then it will also gain for us the remission of our sins. Scripture pronounces *happy those whose transgressions are pardoned, whose sins are forgiven. Happy the man, it says, to whom the Lord imputes no fault, on whose lips there is no guile.* This is the blessing given those whom God has chosen through Jesus Christ our Lord. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Clement of Rome Prayer:

O Lord, you have taught us that without love
whatever we do is worth nothing;
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts

your greatest gift, which is love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue,
without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you.

Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

— Barbara Gauthier

In Christ Alone,
Diane

Diane Bringgold Brown

A fellow disciple of Christ



So many of our traditional hymns are full of praise and adoration. From time to time, we will feature a hymn (or two) for contemplation.

O Love of God

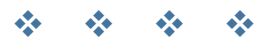
*O Love of God, how strong
and true,
Eternal and yet ever new;
Uncomprehended and un-
bought,
Beyond all knowledge and
all thought.*

*O wide-embracing,
wondrous Love,
We read thee in the sky
above;
We read thee in the earth
below,
In seas that swell and
streams that flow.*

*We read thee best in him
who came
To bear for us the cross of
shame,
Sent by the Father from on
high,
Our life to live, our death to
die.*

*We read thy power to bless
and save
e'en in the darkness of the
grave;
still more in resurrection
light
we read the fullness of thy
might.*

Horatius Bonar
(1808-1899)



O Gracious and Holy Father . . .

Mysteries



Do you like mysteries? Some mysteries can be fun, such as a mystery novel; frustrating, as when DHC newsletters are returned by the Post Office even though they have the correct address; or extremely important, such as the mysteries of God.

This summer my husband and I took a 30-day, 4500-mile road trip. We looped around the eastern half of the country, stopping in more than a dozen places, reuniting with dear friends we hadn't seen in 40 or more years in some cases. We also went to The Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter in Kentucky. There are at least two creation theories: Young Earth and Old Earth. The Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter present the Young Earth model, a literal interpretation of Biblical events that are believed to have happened about 6,000 years ago (not the millions of years described in the Old Earth model). They then provide plausible suggestions for how the Creation and the Flood events may have occurred, without contradicting the Biblical account.

My experience at these two venues inspired me to meditate on God's mysteries, and excited me about all the wondrous things He has done. When I met Jesus in 1974, He not only revealed His ongoing reality to me, but also gave me faith to believe that everything in the Bible is true, whether I understand it or not. The displays at the Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter strengthened that faith and gave me a sense of awe for how God wove all the Creation and Flood events together to lead to His ultimate redemption of the earth and His goal of salvation for all who come to Him. It reminded me of our Daughters' Prayer in which we ask God to give us a heart to meditate upon Him.

God has given human beings the ability to explore His creation and to ponder how He created it. But does He really want us to know how He did it – to figure Him out? Deuteronomy 29:29 says: "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever . . ." Do you think perhaps He simply wants us to meditate upon His wondrous works and to rejoice with Him and in Him for the great things He has done? (Psalm 66:1-5).

O gracious and holy Father, may Your Daughters remain faithful to You and Your Word as we meditate on Your glory, Your holiness, and Your worthiness to receive all of our praise.

In Christ Alone
Barbara Mattick, Editor

Nancy Pace Ford Represents Daughters of the Holy Cross at ACNA Provincial Council Meeting



I was honored to attend and represent the Daughters of the Holy Cross at the ACNA Provincial Council meeting, held at The Cove in Asheville,

North Carolina, from June 14 - 17, 2021. We had a nice table right at the entrance to the meeting room, so there was much foot traffic by the table. I learned that 220 people attended the event. Many people chatted with me about the Daughters at meals and during breaks. It was a pleasure to see Susan Sutton, a DHC Provincial Council member, and Mother Travis Boline, a fellow Daughter, in attendance. The Archbishop gave Daughters a nice shout-out during his address in the Council meeting.

Again, many thanks for sending me so we could have a presence at the ACNA Provincial Council meeting.

Nancy P. Ford,
Chair, In Christ Alone Fund

***Reminder: Annual
dues will be due in
September.***

Membership Report



Another summer has gone by. I pray that all of you took time to rest and relax and have fun family gatherings.

God continues to bless us with new candidates and chapters. The Ruth chapter in Orangeburg, SC, was instituted on Sunday, June 20th. You can see the picture of your new sisters in the Chapter Corner. It's also exciting to see that Ruby Mayrath has created a chapter, The Daughters of St. Michael, in Broken Arrow, OK. This chapter was instituted on Sunday, July 18, 2021.

Some chapters who have recently admitted new members are: Trinity, Tallahassee, FL (four new members), Daughters of Honor, Spring, TX (two new members) and Daughters of the Redeemer Chattanooga, TN (three new members). There are several other chapters with candidates in Study and Discernment who will hopefully com-

plete their study fairly soon. Do please keep them in your prayers.

The group of prior Daughters of the King from Halfmoon, NY, is in the process of resigning from the DOK. Once that has been completed they will begin their thirty (30) day process to transition into the Order.

Precious news from our Faith Theotokos chapter in Cordova, TN. Member Ijeoma Ifedili gave birth to a baby boy in April. And what a beautiful name given: Tobenna (Toby for short) which means "Praise God" - and Chukwuebuka which means "my God is mighty!!"

It's so wonderful to hear from many of you that you are rejoicing to be able to return to your in-person monthly meetings and have reconnected with each other.

In Christ Alone,
Gail Cahill, Membership Chair

Chapter Service Project Grant

The Provincial Council is pleased to announce the creation of a Chapter Service Project Grant. The Chapter Service Project Grant is to be used to develop and support an individual chapter's service projects. Its intent is to provide financial support to chapters in their efforts to extend God's Kingdom through works of service. A request for funding may be submitted for any dollar amount between \$20.00 and \$200.00. There is a maximum grant of \$200 per chapter per year through the duration of the fund. Applying for a service project grant does not guarantee that the chapter's request will be granted.

All applications will be reviewed by the Chapter Service Project Grant committee and submitted to the Executive Council for final approval. If you have any questions regarding the grant, please contact Cindee Herlocker, Finance Chair (email - cmhtxnc@gmail.com; cell - 601.966.1228).

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Application forms can be obtained on the DHC website (www.daughtershc.org) or by contacting Sharon High.

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preference is mountains or beaches, forests or deserts, lakes or streams. To walk or sit reflectively—to stop, look, and listen, to be attentive — are also ways God restores the soul. These are not just the optional things of life; they are the stuff of life. The disciples were also called to *a rest with Christ*. When Jesus called them to rest awhile he did not leave them alone and did they did

not find his presence a hindrance to their joy or camaraderie. So, a solid Christian classic, along with a Prayer Book and Bible can be the best things you pack in your getaway luggage. Finally, it was *a rest in preparation for further service or ministry*. Such rest is restorative and broadening to mind and heart, placing one's work or ministry in proper perspective and one's life in larger view; it prepares us for greater service because it so often returns us to a needed balance in life.

Celebrating Birthday Milestones

For the past year, we've been collecting birthdates from our members. From the 1,033 active members, we have collected 455 birthdates. Thanks to all of you who have submitted your information.

Please join the Provincial Council in wishing the following a very happy birthday (or belated happy birthday) for Daughters who are celebrating turning 80, 85, and 90 years or older. For this issue, we are recognizing birthdays between January and September. Going forward, we will recognize milestone birthdays during the quarter in which they occur.

If your birthday wasn't included, either we have not received it from you, or if you did send it in, the year was not included. Please send an email to me (sshightx@gmail.com) with the following information:

Name, Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

If you do not have an email address, feel free to call me, text me, or send me a note by regular mail.

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

In Christ Alone,

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Happy Birthday!

January

Adelaide Bell (90)
Juavate Fortner (98)
Freddie-Lu Saunders (90)

February

Eben Appleton (80)
Sharon Heritage (80)
Jean Salter (92)

March

Pat Covington (92)
Shirley Pool (91)
Marsha Hall (80)

April

Loretta Baldwin (90)
Ginger Edgeworth (80)
Kathryn King (85)
Susan Schnetz (80)

May

Sonya Droze (80)
Dee Lewis (80)

June

Barbara Mills (80)

July

Lois Berry (91)
Nelda Gillihan (80)
Joyce Hall (92)
Barbara Killion (91)
Ila Klueh (91)

August

Judy Derickson (80)

September

Barbara Southworth (80)

For a Swell Way to Pay Your Dues, Try Zelle

There are several ways to pay annual dues, new member dues and enrollment fees, contributions to the In Christ Alone Fund, or other donations made to the Order. The easiest, most efficient way is to send money via Zelle (similar to paying your bills online). Most banks have this feature. For Daughters who prefer the old-fashioned method of writing a check, that is still an option also!

Pay via Zelle by logging into your online bank and sending money to the following email address:

dhc.provincialtreasurer@gmail.com. (Note the period between "dhc" and "provincial treasurer.")

Pay via check by sending checks (payable to either DHC or Daughters of the Holy Cross) to the following address:

Sharon High, Provincial Treasurer
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Last year, we had several individual Daughters, as well as entire chapters pay their dues using Zelle. If you would like help doing this, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Redeemer Chapter Admits Three New Daughters

The Daughters of the Redeemer Chapter joyfully received three new Daughters – Tucker McLelland, Judi Quintrall, and Carol Wilson – at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Officiating at their admission service was Redeemer’s Rector, Fr. Philip Hanner.

Beginning in September 2020, this DHC Discernment Group (Study Group) met on the church playground each Saturday afternoon. Their study culminated in an intensive group project that focused on awareness of and prayer for persecuted Christians around the world by the people of Redeemer during the season of Lent.

Members of the Study Group researched countries where Christians are being persecuted for their faith, gleaning information from New Wineskins, Open Doors International, Voice of the Martyrs, and Barnabas Aid. Then, in early February, they met with the Rector, Fr. Philip Hanner, and the Associate Rector, Fr. Jarrod Hill, who helped them identify six focus countries for prayer during Lent, and a strategy was developed for the project. Fr. Phil and Fr. Jarrod wholeheartedly embraced this DHC project and encouraged the participation of the entire congregation.

Detailed information about the Persecuted Church – including an overview, reasons for persecution of Christians, Scripture on persecution, and resources to

learn more – was included in Redeemer’s *Lenten Home Worship* booklet that was distributed to the congregation.

Prayers for the Persecuted Church were incorporated into the annual DHC-sponsored Lenten Quiet Day on Feb. 20, 2021.

Each week during Lent, a different country was highlighted: Myanmar, North Korea, Colombia, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Afghanistan. Each week, information about the featured country was included in the church’s weekly emailed announcements and in the Sunday bulletin, and persecuted Christians in that country were included in the Prayers of the People. Also, each week DHC Study Group members developed a flyer about the highlighted country, and they inserted it into the Sunday bulletin. The flyer was also made available as a pdf for download by those who were watching Redeemer’s streamed service.

ARDF (Anglican Relief and Development Fund) Lenten Mite Boxes were used to collect funds for relief work in Myanmar. Fr. Phil challenged members of the congregation to fast for one meal a week and to put that money into their mite boxes. The collection totaled \$3,600, reflecting church-wide participation.

Members of the DHC Study Group thought that it was important to involve the children and youth of the parish, but in an age-appropriate manner, relying on their parents to share with them in as much detail as they saw fit. Toward this end, Fr. Jarrod prepared, printed, and distributed a world map with countries outlined so that each week the highlighted country could be colored in. He printed a set of labels with the name of each country, with the reminder to pray for that specific country.



After completion of the DHC Study Group Project, copies of materials developed and used for this project were sent to Jenny Noyes, New Wineskins Missionary Network, at her request.

Sharon Schier
Daughters of the Redeemer Chapter (#78)
The Anglican Church of the Redeemer,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Chapter Corner

Elizabeth Chapter Hosts Membership Tea

The Elizabeth Chapter, DHC hosted a Tea for the women of St. Timothy's June 3 at the home of one of the members. The goal was to introduce the DHC to the attendees, share what we are about and give them an opportunity to ask questions about the Order. The original Tea had been scheduled for early 2020 but was postponed related to COVID safety precautions.

Three women responded and attended (including the wife and mother of our Rector). All three decided to pursue the discernment process beginning in August.



New Chapter, Daughters of All Saints, Instituted in Midland, TX

On April 18th, Bishop Keith Ackerman and Fr. Tom Finnie oversaw and blessed the institution of our new chapter, Daughters of All Saints. Provincial President Diane Brown blessed us with her presence as well. This chapter welcomed two ladies who were already Daughters and added six new ladies to the Order.

Denise Hatcher, a Daughter in Midland, TX



Back row: Bishop Keith Ackerman,
Fr. Tom Finnie

Front row: Denise Hatcher, Katanna
Zachry, Debbie Vasicek, Tara Kutner,
Debbie Kelly, Deborah Ellison, Beth
Clark, Marianne Finnie

Chapter Corner

New Daughters Admitted to Trinity Chapter, St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral, Tallahassee, FL

Four new Daughters were admitted into Trinity Chapter on July 11. The new Daughters of the Holy Cross took their vow at the 5:00 evening service at the High Altar of the cathedral. They are pictured along with their mentors, from L to R: Ann Wright, mentor for new Daughter Jane Flynn; Cheryl Jordon, mentor for new Daughter Cheryl Cerreta; new Daughter Sarah Galarza, Sarah's mentor Elaine Miller; new Daughter Liza Bidwell with her mentor



Charlene Estes, and Discernment Leader Ann Smith. In celebration and recognition of their taking their 4-fold vow, the new Daughters are holding spray of red and yellow roses with baby's breath, a Trinity Chapter tradition. Our Chaplain, Fr. Matthew Wilkins officiated.



Daughters of Saint Michael, New Chapter at Saint Michael's Anglican Church in Broken Arrow, OK

Daughters of Saint Michael, a newly instituted chapter at **Saint Michael's Anglican Church in Broken Arrow OK**, welcomed 5 new members to the DHC on July 18, 2021. A beautiful church service was led by our rector, Fr. Michael Templin. Our six weeks of instructions were led by Ruby Mayrath, DHC member.

(L-R). Veronica Templin, Judy Duvall, Sharon Heritage, Fr. Templin, Lois Deppe, Ruby Mayrath (our instructor), Jane Rush

Chapter Corner

Sisters of Hope Daughters in the News

From *The Wakulla News*, Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Florida

Wednesday prayer meeting at Azalea Park

Dear Wakullans,

There are a growing number of folks joining a friendly group of men and women on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in Azalea Park. They pray while they are walking for many things. They pray heartfelt Thanks to our God for all he does for us. Some people sit and pray while others walk. This was started during Lent by the Daughters of the Holy Cross organization from Christ Church Anglican and has grown into an every week event. Members of other churches have joined also. Please feel free to come there any Wednesday, we welcome you all. There are no strangers. In these times, Prayer is our answer for everyone and many, many times prayers have been answered.

When more than one prays together the power is tremendous.

Roberta Phillips

Crawfordville, FL



Ruth Chapter in Orangeburg, SC, Welcomes New Daughters

Ten women from the Redeemer and St. Paul's Church were recently admitted into the Ruth Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross.

Congratulations to our ten new members!



Vicki Sheedy receives a cross from Deacon Mike, chapter chaplain.



(Pictured, from left to right): Misti Wannamaker, Sylvia Burwell, Nancy Hughes, Gale Weathers, Sandra Pollack, Debbie Pigiot, June Thune, Pat Blume, Norah Thompson and our chapter President Vicki Sheedy. Deacon Mike is the chapter's chaplain.



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

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Nancy P. Ford,
Retail Chair

ICA Fund Report



The In Christ Alone Fund Committee is looking for women who are planning a mission trip in the future and need some grant funding. Those who are interested should go to our Daughters' website to apply. Also remember, I have mite boxes if you need them.

For more information, contact me at npford49@hotmail.com

Thank you again for your donations this past year!

Nancy P. Ford, Chair
In Christ Alone Fund