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All Saints' Day—a "Team Photo"

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



There are particular days in the Church calendar set aside to honor the heroes of the faith, such as Peter, Andrew, and the Virgin Mary. All Saints' Day, November 1st, comes as the Church year ends - the last of

the major Saint's days before Advent ushers in a new year.

In an age of the celebrity, All Saints' Day is a needed reminder that the Church, indeed the Christian life, is a team photo, not an action shot of a franchise player making a spectacular game-winning catch in the closing seconds of the game. Luminaries in the Church may dazzle us with their accomplishments and holiness. Reading the biographies of such men and women as Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther, St. Teresa of Avila or Susannah Wesley, often inspire us with their brilliance, sacrifices or indefatigable labors. Even people in our day, such as Billy Graham or Mother Teresa, can awe us with their accomplishments. Yet these distinguished Christians would be the first to acknowledge the network of "rank and file saints" who enabled their ministries to shine brightly, and without whom their labors would have faltered.

The Collect for All Saints' Day (BCP2019 p. 622) refers to the "...one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of [Christ]." It alludes to this vast network of believers from every tribe, language, people and nation who

have been and are part of the team. All are included in the 360-degree team photo that surrounds us as a great cloud of witnesses. In the Eucharist, we join our voices with their voices and celebrate the communion we share with them in the life and worship of our Lord.

When I wrestled at Bakersfield High School, I used to look at the photographs of wrestlers and teams of the past above the practice mats. Strategically placed to inspire us during 3-4 hour workouts, the wrestlers pictured there took on legendary qualities, inspiring us to work harder. They made us realize we had a noble tradition to live up to. I suppose the wrestlers of earlier generations were not much different from us. Indeed, a photo of my teammates and me now hangs above the practice mats, among the photos of other generations. We were certainly far from famous, closer to rank and file plodders; yet we challenged one another, set records, and in the end won championships that eluded others.

When you and I gather to worship this All Saints' Day, whether in-person or virtually, it will be as team, caught in snapshot fashion in the middle of our life's course, hardly aware of how our faithfulness today may influence those who come after us. Knit together with believers around the world and down through the ages, we follow both luminaries and ordinary saints "in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that [God] has prepared for those who truly love [Him]." Hope to see you in the team photo!

From the President



After a VERY hot summer, fall has finally come to our little town in far west Texas. Days are still warm but evenings and mornings are blessedly cool. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Thanksgiving decorations are appearing in shops. On the church calendar Advent is fast approaching, giving us an opportunity to prepare ourselves for Jesus' birth at Christmas and his second coming when

he will come to judge "the living and the dead" (Nicene Creed).

In this season of Thanksgiving and preparation, it is appropriate that we focus on the second verse of the song of the Order, *In Christ Alone*. The verse begins by focusing on God's gift to us, Jesus, the Christ, whose birth as a "helpless babe" we are preparing to celebrate at Christmas. It continues by reminding us of his death on the cross for our sins. Both are truly reasons for thanksgiving. As we sing the last line of this verse we proclaim, "Here in the *death* of Christ I live" (*emphasis, mine*). As Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2: 20). If Christ indeed lives in us, we can look forward to his second coming for we will have nothing to fear as we come before the judgment seat.

How does Christ come to live in us? As we know, he comes to live in us as we turn to him as our savior, confessing and repenting of our sins and asking his forgiveness and as we proclaim him to be Lord of our lives. When we do these things, his

Holy Spirit indwells us. The indwelling Holy Spirit then enables and empowers us to know and to do God's will. As we allow God, through the power of the Holy Spirit to transform us, we will begin to manifest the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, self control (Galatians 5:22). As these gifts are manifested in us, we will reach out to those in need and we will be enabled to respond to those we meet with love. Our hearts will burn with the desire to share God's love with everyone, to tell them the wonderful news that God loves them, and to lead them to the foot of the cross where they, too, can be forgiven and experience new life.

COVID-19 is not the only, or the most deadly virus infecting our society. Anger, greed, a culture of entitlement, divisiveness, and hatred of those who are different from us are also deadly. We, as Daughters of the Holy Cross can combat this virus by dying to self and living in Christ. Will you join me as I pray for God's help in doing just that?

*Our Father,
Forgive me for my sin, especially for putting
my needs ahead of the needs of others.
Forgive me for being critical and unloving.
Lord, help me give you control of my life.
Fill me anew with your Holy Spirit.
Enable me to die to self
that Christ may live in me.
Help me to manifest
your love to our hurting world.*

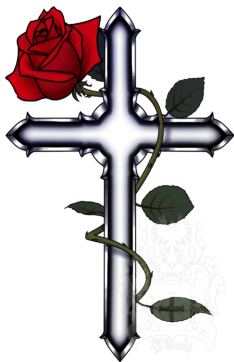
In the name of Christ, who died for me, Amen.

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.

Mary Rivers, Grace Chapter, Jacksonville, FL - 7/18/20

Shelly Byerly, Mary Magdalene Chapter, Sumter, SC - 8/6/20

Phyllis Sherwood, DAL, Roswell, NM, 9/5/20

Judith Caudle, Faith in Christ Chapter, Peachtree City, GA 9/14/20

Patricia Gillidette, Holy Comfort Chapter, Montrose, CO 9/29/20

Juanita Lebkuecher, The Chapter of the Upper Room, Loganville, GA, 2/6/20

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 . .

*In Christ alone Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid --
Here in the death of Christ I live.*



Sometimes giving someone a gift can be challenging, especially if the person seems to have everything they want or need. It can be very discouraging to see a gift that was carefully chosen and given left unused, or perhaps even unopened. One of my favorite cartoons from *The New Yorker Magazine* is by Sam Gross. It shows an elderly woman seated in an overstuffed armchair in her living room. She has a gift box in her right hand and in her left hand, she is gingerly holding up by its tail a dead mouse.

Across the room is her cat, eagerly urging her, "Read the card! Read the card!"

Have you ever experienced the deflation of thinking you have given the "purrfect" gift, only to have your gesture of love fall flat, or worse yet, be utterly rejected? The cartoon reminds me of how the Father might have felt when, after centuries of sending prophets to Israel, He finally sent His Son, thinking, "Surely, they will listen to him" (Luke 20: 13, Matthew 21:37). But, no, Jesus, the only-begotten son was also scorned and rejected, and killed by the very ones He had come to save from their sins and from utter destruction. How often have we been the ones who reject God's offer of a saving relationship with Him by failing to interact with Him; ignoring promptings from the Holy Spirit to pray, to send a note, or to speak out against ungodly behavior, or (and here's a hard one) to forgive and pray for our enemies (Matthew 5: 43-45). Just as importantly, how often do we forget to thank God for all He did and continues to do for us every day? The Hallmark Company slogan, dating from 1944, comes to my mind: "When you care enough to send the very best." Because He did care enough about us, the Father did send His very best to bring salvation to all who receive His Son (For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life, John 3:16).

Remember to send God a "thank you card" today.

O gracious and holy Father, "we bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ..." (The General Thanksgiving, BCP). May we be faithful ministers of Your greatest gift, the Good News of the Gospel. 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) 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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Membership Report



Hope. Prayer. Love. In our last newsletter, the focus of Diane Brown's article was hope. Bishop Lawrence's article focused on Prayer. During this year, with the pandemic still in force, raging fires in California, tropical depressions and hurricanes, violence, deep sadness and financial distress, I have continually experienced, through you, the hope, prayer and extraordinary love

you have joyously shared and wrapped around so many people. You are such devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Here are some Membership highlights of the past few months. **New chapters (instituted in 2020):** Sisters of Hope, Crawfordville, FL; Daughters of Hope, Baton Rouge, LA, and our second Canadian chapter, ASK (Ask, Seek, Knock) of St. Albert, Ontario. **Chapters waiting to be instituted:** Christ the King, Birmingham, AL, (5 candidates); Ruth, Orangeburg, SC, (12 candidates); Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island, SC, (7 candidates); as well as St. Mary of Magdala, Cheyenne, WY, (which will be our first chapter in Wyoming). There are 12 additional candidates from different chapters who are currently in Study and Discernment

and a Daughter At Large in Fresno, CA, who will be forming a new chapter. More exciting news is that our In Christ Alone chapter has grown and is being divided into two virtual chapters – In Christ Alone West and In Christ Alone East. For more Membership information please read the Chapter Highlights.

Dues are continuing to be received. Thank you to chapters and members who have used Zelle to pay their dues – it's been a great help. Many Transition Report forms and Change of Officer forms have also been received. Chapter Presidents – for those who have not yet submitted their forms with dues payments, please do so as that information is how we keep our database current.

Also, in our last newsletter, you may have read the story of Barbara and Shelly Byerly who were admitted to the Order on June 20th. Shelly, who courageously fought her battle with brain cancer, has passed away. She is now at rest with the Lord she so deeply loved. Please keep her mother, other family members and the members of the Mary Magdalene chapter in Sumter, SC, in your prayers.

In Christ Alone,
Gail Cahill, Membership Chair

Daughters At Large

A Change of Season

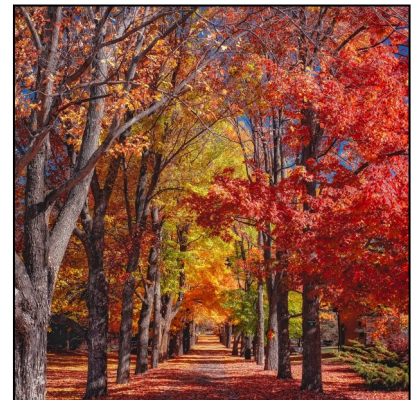


Regardless of where we all live, all around us there are signs of the change in seasons, from the abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables as the harvest season peaks, to changes in the surrounding foliage and behavior of animals as they begin to migrate or go into hibernation. As your Provincial Council, we too are entering into a change of season and while much has been

accomplished, a lot remains to be done before our term is over.

Due to COVID-19 we continue to meet on a regular basis using Zoom. Some of the Council's significant accomplishments to date have included: the establishment of two virtual chapters with the possibility of a third; a revised adult Handbook and Discernment Manual (Study Guide) are nearing completion, as well as a Junior Daughter Handbook and Discernment Manual – all of which are to be published in English and Spanish; the establishment of a new Chapter in the Ottawa area of Canada on September 14th, with three new members and two more undergoing the discernment process; and the distribution of money from the In Christ Alone Fund to help with the recent hurricane relief efforts.

With the ever-evolving development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Provincial Council continues to make decisions on a risk-based assessment and has begun to consider holding a Virtual Assembly in the event we are not able to meet in person. Further details will be communicated as we approach the 2021 Assembly date.



While the autumn season may be a time of letting go of warmer, longer and brighter days, the change in season provides new opportunities and possibilities. Through the good and the bad, the seasons will remain, bringing with them fresh opportunity for transition and change. As Christ has taught us, let us embrace all of the new changes and seize upon the opportunities that continue to build us up. As a Council we continue to look forward to serving you.

In Christ Alone,
Monika Hassan
DHC 4th Provincial Council Secretary

Daily Office and Bible Studies



I hope you have been able to join in the Daily Office offerings on Facebook. On Monday mornings at 9 am CDT, I lead Morning Prayer. Others lead Midday Prayer on Wednesdays at 1 pm CDT, and Compline on Fridays at 9 pm CDT. I would love for other

Daughters to help lead Midday Prayer and Compline. If you are interested in recording a video of either service, please email me at DeaconShellySorem@gmail.com.

We have been journeying into the Promised Land with our Study of Joshua. It is a Facebook Live Bible study that I have been leading. It includes some wonderful additional resources such as photos and maps from BiblePlaces.com and Digging Deeper material for those who want to dig in more deeply in between the teaching sections. This study is led on Tuesdays at 10 am

CDT, but all of the videos and additional resources can be found on the daughtershc.org website.

These are free resources where you have the teaching videos, Digging Deeper Homework, photos and maps for you to use with your chapter or to gather with a group of ladies and study the Word. In addition to the eight-week Joshua study, there is a six-week study on James and a six-week study on Hezekiah.

Here is some feedback on the studies: “I want you to know how delighted I am to be doing this bible study with you, and how I am touched by the amount of work and preparation you do to share with us” and “The online Bible Study has given me a new perspective on being a Daughter and a true desire to serve God through this ministry.”

Blessings,
Shelly Sorem, Provincial Council Vice President

The Archbishop's Call to Prayer



Former Provincial President Julie Wahtola attended a prayer event on September 23rd in Chicago. The event was also attended by Archbishop Foley Beach who was so moved by the violence in Chicago that he wanted to come and pray with the people of Chicago in person.

Four areas were identified for prayer:

- * Safety/security and compassion for those experiencing loss due to the violence.
- * Reconciliation between races.

- * Unity within the church based on Jesus' prayer that we all may be one.
- * Repentance- first for our own sins and then the sins of the nation.

The Archbishop and the other leaders of the prayer event believe that once the Church has worked through these four areas, it will be ready for REVIVAL.

I call all Daughters to join in this prayer that the violence in our cities might end and REVIVAL result.

ICA,
Diane Bringgold Brown
Provincial President

Please pray for Abp. Ben Kwashi, Chairman of GAFCON, for healing from cancer.

St. Teresa of Avila Embraces Six New Members!



On August 8, 2020, **St. Teresa of Avila Chapter** admitted six new members at **All Saints Anglican Church in Weddington, NC**: Carole Ardizzzone, Sue Schmidt, Pam Henson, Florence Rodriguez, Johanna Ruoff and Kathy Walters.

Hebrews 10:23-25

²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

On August 8, 2020, St. Teresa of Avila Chapter admitted six new members at All Saints Anglican Church in Weddington, NC: Carole Ardizzzone, Sue Schmidt, Pam Henson, Florence Rodriguez, Johanna Ruoff and Kathy Walters. These faith-driven women persevered through many challenges, primarily due to the COVID-19 restrictions that extended far past their discernment process, delaying the Service to joyfully receive them as Daughters of the Holy Cross!

Surrounded and encouraged in love and prayers by the members of St. Teresa of Avila, they never wavered from their commitment to be actively living the Rule of Life, growing in relationship with God and with us through Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism. The obstacles that each one faced as they waited served to strengthen their purpose and creativity with their ongoing projects, exemplifying the calling to “consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24).

Many of the projects adopted unique ways to deal with

COVID lockdowns and social distancing, developing new ways to communicate and serve. Carole is active in forming a consortium of Christian Educators who support classical education principles, restoring Judeo-Christian values to the school systems in North Carolina. Pam felt called to begin and continue a Prayer Walk in her neighborhood, following COVID safety protocols, to focus on country/state/city/family/etc. Also, red ribbons will be posted for awareness and prayer for those with HIV/AIDS and prevention of drug abuse and drunk driving.

Undaunted by the many new restrictions for gathering to minister to others, Johanna and Sue are expanding their prayer outreach. Johanna’s project during her Discernment period was to lead a Bible Study and then she felt led to begin working on prayer gathering from our group to keep our Chapter communicating and praying all month. And Sue saw a special need in our congregation to encourage Mothers of Newborns to High Schoolers. The Daughters are given a list of the mothers to pray for and she sends prayer requests as they come in. In addition, they will receive a care package quarterly to let them know they are loved and that we are there for them.



St. Teresa of Avila Members (in alphabetical order): Carole Ardizzzone, Betty Autrey, Pam Burns, Susan Bushnell, Trudy Christian, Ginger Edgeworth, Lynn Gazjuk, Pam Henson, Bev Langford, Jean McVerry, Florence Rodriguez, Johanna Ruoff, Sue Schmidt, Jacqueline Smith, Kathy Walters, Kerry Williamson.

Presiding Chaplin: Rev. Cannon Filmore Stunk

Chapter Corner

The full impact of her ministry will be felt when we can meet again and be in physical touch with the congregation.

Florence embraces God's plan for her visitation ministry with shut-ins to increase prayers, calls, cards, and encouragement to add to her visits when possible. She relies on the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's continuing plan. Kathy's project was planning and preparing to implement the Women's Retreat for All Saints which was all encompassing. Despite many plan changes, she continues to ac-

tively work in the Women's ministry to serve and encourage others.

Our new Sisters were, and are, a testimony to the truth of the words in Hebrews that we are to live out our faith with perseverance through hope in God. And together with each Daughter and Candidate near and far, we can endure all things through God who is always faithful!

Susan Bushnell
President, St. Teresa of Avila Chapter

Baby Shower for Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center



The Faith in Christ Chapter at All Saints Anglican Church in Peachtree City, GA recently held its second annual "baby shower" to benefit the Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center. Their motto is: *Life – promote it, preserve it and protect it!* This annual service project has been fully embraced and supported by our parish, and despite many worshipping virtually, donations were up considerably! After a blessing by Father Michael, we delivered 1,402 diapers, 3,932 baby wipes, 19 handmade crocheted blankets, 50 articles of clothing, miscellaneous items (shampoo/baby bottles/pacifiers, etc.), and monetary gifts! Pictured are two of our newest daughters, Fran Plunkett and Sandi Miles, along with Father Michael and our chapter President, Linda DaSilva.

ICA,
Linda DaSilva
President, Faith Chapter

Faith Theotokos Chapter Creates "Blessing Bags"

Right: These "Blessing bags" are a service project of the Faith Theotokos chapter in Cordova, TN to spread joy and the love of Jesus. The bags were given to women of the 8th Street Mission and were filled with face masks, Bibles, tracts, beaded cross necklaces and a personal letter to each woman.



Chapter Corner

Blessing of the Backpacks

Members of **Trinity Chapter, St. Peter's**, in Tallahassee, FL, participated in a pep rally for students returning to school in August. Drive-by blessings were given by Archbishop Robert Duncan, and other clergy. Daughters held signs of welcome and encouragement.



Canada ASK Chapter Welcomes New Daughters

Left: Institution and Admission services of our new Canadian chapter, ASK (Ask Seek Knock), St. Albert, ON.

New members pictured with Fr. Arnold Mayorga are Marilyn Gumienny, Sydney Swanson and Trudy Hardy.

Chapter Corner

Welcome, New Daughters!

Christ Church Daughters of the Holy Cross, Vero Beach, FL welcomed new Daughters, Miriam Hansen, Joyce Massaros, and Janice Spotts on July 1, 2020. They are pictured here with Carol Pearson, Chapter President and other members after the admission service.

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On Sunday, August 9, 2020, despite the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, Fr. Richard Menees presided as Phyllis Stewart and Sarah Battershell were admitted as members of DHC at **Christ the King Chapter at Christ the King Anglican Church in Ridgecrest, CA.**



Standing (L-R): Sharon Battershell, Sarah Battershell, Annie Blanc, Glenda Blackshaw, Nancy Schultz, Fr Richard Meenes, Joann Stauffer, and Phyllis Stewart. Seated (L-R): Deacon Judy Battershell and Lou Burrows. Not pictured: Karen LaVake



"All in the Family" Three generations of Daughters! Sharon Battershell, Sarah Battershell, and Deacon Judy Battershell.

In Christ Alone Fund - Hurricane Relief Trip



It was a privilege for Sharon High, who serves as the Provincial Treasurer, and me to go over and help our neighbors to the east of Texas, our home state, to recover from Hurricane Laura. We went with a group from our Diocese, and I was grateful for the In Christ Alone Fund Scholarship to be able to provide much needed supplies and gift cards. We were able to help serve over 100 meals for lunch, and there were also groups that went and helped do clean up. Because electricity has been down for a while, the people were so grateful to have a hot meal. The damage from Hurricane Laura didn't stay in the news very long and the people in Louisiana expressed that they had felt forgotten. Our efforts there helped them

see that they were not overlooked and that the Lord had not forgotten them. I was able to pray with one woman who came to collect supplies and food for her neighbor who had no electricity and no money to purchase gas. She has 5 children and the supplies we were able to provide were greatly appreciated. It was a joy to be able to pray with her friend and to encourage her. Thank you to all who gave to the In Christ Alone Fund, for you also participated in bringing hope to those who felt forgotten.

Blessings,

Shelly Sorem

Provincial Council Vice President

ICA Fund Report



Thanks to all who made contributions to the In Christ Alone (ICA) Fund during September. Our usual in-gathering is on Holy Cross Day (September 14), and many sent contributions. So far, we have received \$1300 this year.

Don't forget that you can make requests for local mission trips, not just foreign ones. In fact, we approved a grant in record time (one week) so that two Daughters could provide hurricane relief in Louisiana. Is there an opportunity to provide fire relief on the west coast? If so, feel free to apply for a grant.

Please send all contributions to our Treasurer, Sharon High (P.O. Box 5764, Katy, TX 77491).

All requests for ICA grants can be emailed to me at npford49@hotmail.com. The ICA Application is on the Daughters website.

Thanks again for all your contributions.

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, Email: sshightx@gmail.com, Cell phone: (281) 638-1914.

The Blessing Jar

Count your many blessings, name them one by one.

Count your many blessings and see what God has done!

Are you already humming that little tune some of us grew up singing?

The Daughters of the Holy Cross (Esther Chapter) adopted the “Blessing Jar” project to do just that – count our blessings.

Whenever we feel the Lord bless our lives, we add coins or bills to our jars. Then at our quarterly meeting, we turn in our funds to be used collectively for service projects.

Because of the pandemic, we have not been able to hold in-person meetings these past months. Our Blessing Jars were getting pretty full! In his book *Double Blessing*, Mark Batterson says, “Blessing is yours for the asking, but the only way to keep it is to give it away.”

The twenty-two ladies of the Esther Chapter have had many storms in our individual lives recently: surgeries, infections, ICU for family members, need for a pace maker, death of one of our members, death of a member’s beloved spouse, physical and spiritual pain, isolation and the list goes on. But even in the midst of these tough times, we can truly say, “Thanks be to God!” By being thankful in the midst of difficulties, we acknowledge the Goodness of God. We are all so blessed to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we are all so blessed to be a part of a loving community of believers, and we are all so blessed with God’s daily provisions.

So how should we give away what God had given to us?

Service, is part of the four-fold vow that we take as Daughters. One service project we have adopted is Spicy Grove Youth Center in Jamaica. The director, Pastor Danny Myers, is a dear friend of Daughter Linda Laird. She has taken many mission trips supporting this wonderful Christian organization. Back in February, we collected backpacks and school supplies and sent a barrel filled with these and food to Jamaica. We now felt it was time



to give again from the overflow of our hearts and our Blessing Jars. Pastor Danny was overjoyed to hear from Linda that we wanted to help out from what we collected from the Blessing Jars. Even with COVID19, he was still able to run a summer camp for the children. He had just bought the supplies, based solely on his strong faith that God would provide for the children. Linda told him that we would be sending about \$700. But God had a different amount in mind, because once everyone had sent in their Blessing Jar funds, our grand total was \$1400. Now that’s a Double

Blessing!! It was more than we or they could have possibly imagined.

We remember Jesus’ Words, “In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my children, you have done it unto me” (Matthew 25:40). And Jesus also said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Mark 10:14).

We are blessed to be a blessing to children we may never meet this side of heaven. God fronts the blessings and He will use these children in ways we can only imagine. God calls us to do His kingdom work here on earth as it is in heaven. “Train up a child in the way he should go; and even when he is older he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22: 6). Now that’s a promise!

I hope you, too, are counting your many blessings, and with grateful hearts give away more blessings than you will ever receive.

To God be the Glory!
Becky Owens
Esther Chapter, Bluffton, SC



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Please submit articles and photos for publication in *The Holy Cross* to the Editor of the Holy Cross, Barbara Mattick at: barbaramattick@comcast.net.

Deadline for the January-March 2021 issue is February 15, 2021.

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

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Income and Expense Report
(as of 09/30/2020)

Income

Retained Earnings as of 06/30/2020	\$ 109,161.12
3Q 2020 Income	\$ 9,714.46
Total Income	\$ 118,875.58

Expenses

Outreach	\$ 4,110.77
Travel	\$ 6,625.28
Office Expenses	\$ 2,020.30
Insurance	\$ 1,179.00
Other Expenses	\$ 8,376.94
Total Expenses	\$ 22,312.29

One-time Gifts

ACNA	\$ 4,000.00
Matthew 25 Initiative	\$ 2,000.00
Total One-time Gifts	\$ 6,000.00

Income Less Expenses \$ 90,563.29

A more detailed report of income and expenses may be found on the DHC website. If you have questions regarding the financial information provided, please email me directly at sshightx@gmail.com.

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

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