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Look Up, Saints!



We recently celebrated All Saints Day in our calendar, which points us to the people of God throughout the generations, in all times, and all places, those known, and those unknown to us, yet all known

to God. It's "All" Saints and that includes you! That's right, if you're a believer in Jesus Christ, you're a saint. Throughout the New Testament, it's ordinary believers, like you and me, who are referred to time and time again as "saints." Surprisingly, we have our own "day" in the Christian calendar along with that great multitude we read about in Revelation 7 who come from every tribe, tongue, and nation.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul offers a prayer for the saints after he names the multitude of blessings we have received by God's grace in Christ Jesus. We have a real inheritance that's predestined according to God's good purpose. Our hope is in Christ. We have heard the word of truth and believed, and God has sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance!

Read Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23, and you'll see that Paul prays because he had heard of the Ephesian church's faith and love towards the saints. He prays for them constantly and with thanksgiving. He prays not for their budget, their num-

bers, their comfort, their buildings... no! He prays that God would give them the "Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him!" He prays for the "eyes of their heart to be enlightened," that they may truly know God as revealed in Christ.

Paul prays that we, too, who belong to Christ would know the hope to which He has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of His power toward those who believe. Paul is praying for something to happen *inside* of saints, past, present, and future... something that requires the Spirit of wisdom and revelation... something that opens the eyes of one's heart. He's not externally focused, but inwardly focused.

Dear Daughters, beloved of the Lord, saints of God... do you see it? Paul doesn't want us to miss how great this gospel is for us. The reality of what Christ has accomplished for us by His resurrection, by His ascension, by His being seated at the right hand of the Father... over all rule and authority, with all things under His feet and as Head of His church. which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all! It is by His pure grace that He offers us this life... in this world and in the one to come. If you are feeling hopeless or impoverished or powerless, Paul is lifting our heads up to the good purpose of God and the hope and riches and power that's ours in Christ. Look up saints!

Bishop David Bryan, Chaplain

From the President

Daughters Planning a Busy Fall!



It is hard to believe that Advent is almost upon us! Advent marks the beginning of our liturgical year and is a time of expectant anticipation as we await the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and look forward to His glorious return. This year we have the privilege of being invited by Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing to

join her and others in a wonderful Advent Devotional called *Mary's Voice: Advent Reflections to Contemplate the Coming of Christ*. In this devotional you will find scriptures, reflections and prayers along with beautiful artwork for each day of Advent.

It is my hope that we will be able to journey to Bethlehem together as an Order and with other women throughout our province as we read each day's devotion. What a joy to be sharing in this special season together. There is something unique about knowing that when you are reading the scripture, reflection, and prayer that you are not doing it alone but in community with other women. We will be gathering via Zoom four times to discuss the devotions - November 27, December 4, 11 and 18 at 7 pm CT.

I know that time seems to fly by during this season as we are busy with cooking, baking, decorating, buying and wrapping gifts, and preparing for gatherings with family and friends. Let's take a moment each day to slow down and focus on hearing Mary's voice, learning from her perspective and rejoicing with her as her precious child is born. As Amy says in her devotional, "In all the planning, preparing, partying and organizing, don't forget to treasure the truth at the heart of Christmas, primarily witnessed by a young woman. Jesus is Immanuel — God with us."

You can purchase the book here: https://

tinyurl.com/5fbxkhhu

Link to Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/23a2bhcz

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 5613 7353 Zoom Meeting Password: 561586

ICA, Shelly Sorem, President

Provincial Treasurer's Report



Since becoming Treasurer in April 2023, the DHC accounting data has been migrated from spreadsheets to the accounting module in Churchtrac. Our DHC membership database and bookkeeping records are now on the same platform, which has sim-

plified our procedures. Churchtrac is a cloud-based application, so the DHC membership and accounting data are available to multiple council members at the same time and is backed up continuously.

The Post Office Box in Katy, Texas, has now been closed. Please be sure to download new forms so you will have the correct address to mail payments. We also have the ability to accept payments by Zelle; please contact me for the account information.

2024 Chapter Dues statements will be sent out in November, with dues payable by January 31, 2024. Membership dues will remain at \$40.00 per year.

At our recent council meeting we implemented a document retention plan and updated our financial procedures; this will ensure that DHC is compliant with state and Federal guidelines.

The 2nd quarter financials have been posted on the Daughters' web site. You can view them at https://www.daughtershc.org/s/2023-DHC-Financials-Q2.pdf or you may request a copy from the Treasurer.

Submitted by: Dian Ray, Provincial Treasurer PO Box 81161 Midland, TX 79707

Encourage and Build Up One Another



Happy synod season! My Gulf Atlantic Diocese met this past weekend, November 3-4, 2023. Bishop Alex Farmer delivered a great message based on I Thessalonians 5:11 in which Paul wrote to encourage the leaders: bishops, priests, and deacons. Citing the uncertainty of the times, Paul

wrote: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up" Bishop Alex emphasized our need to support our clergy through prayer and service as we work to advance God's kingdom in a world that is increasingly moving into a post-Christian era.

We Daughters also must support our chapter leaders. Whether you have a small or large chapter, your officers have a challenging mission. In our Installation of Officers Service, (see Resources, DHC website), all officers take a vow to perform the tasks required of their office. Like all of the officers, the presidents proclaim their desire to follow the Lord in all things and to lead the chapter "so all things may be done decently and in order;" but they have the added responsibility to "prayerfully perform these duties with diligence, showing impartial concern for the needs of all members." This is not always an easy task. Members of the chapter take their own vow; they promise to follow their officers' lead, and to pray for them that unity of the Order may be maintained, and the work of the Lord may be done.

How can all of us fulfill our Daughter responsibilities as officers or members? How should we act in our day-to-day contexts? How do we live in community successfully? First, we must start with Paul's council to the Philippians in Chapter 2: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." Second, let us recall what many of us recently learned at the Holy Makeover Regional Gatherings: put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forbearance, and forgiveness. Encourage one another and build each other up. When problems arise (and they sometimes will), forsake gossip or rude behavior, and work it out with one another in private, if possible. In short, "put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Holy and gracious Father, we thank You that You have given us the joy of Sisterhood within your Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. Help us always to be mindful of the needs and feelings of others so that we never take one another for granted; rather, help us to encourage and build up one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and Savior. AMEN.

In Christ Alone, and in appreciation for our officers and members.

Barbara Mattick, Editor



Discernment & Handbook Updates Coming in 2024!



The 5th DHC Provincial Council met in JULY 2023 and a committee was developed to update the Candidate Discernment Manual and Handbook. There were two main objectives: 1) Update current manuals and publish in **ENGLISH**, and 2) Translate the updated manuals into **SPANISH**.

The Committee Members for the ENGLISH UPDATES are Karen Fezzey, Linda DaSilva, and Sharon Schier. The committee for the SPANISH Translation will add Lorraine Hitchcock when those tasks

are imminent. The Committee met on AUG 24th 2023 and began the prayerful efforts to update the manual and handbook. A project plan was developed with an estimated 40-week effort. We meet every other week. We are currently in week 16 of the plan. I am happy to report that we are on schedule to achieve the estimated PUBLISH DATES of both ENGLISH-2024 and SPANISH-2024 at the proposed dates.

It is the intention of the committee to have the 2024 Discernment Manual and Handbook Updates ready for publication on the following month: ENGLISH = FEB 2024 and SPANISH = MAY 2024.

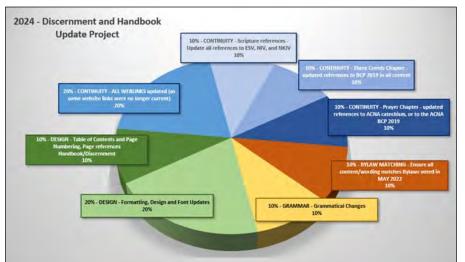
The committee ensures copies of our incremental progress, meeting notes and latest version of the Documents on the



DHC Shared Drive on Google DOCS that is managed by Dian Ray. The DHC Google SHARED Drive has been essential in making the transition from COUNCIL to COUNCIL a seamless and intact transition.

This in-depth process has brought this committee into an even deeper knowledge of the Vows we take as Daughters. The process in itself is tactical and practical – adding a comma here and capitalizing something there, creating a graphic to break up the page here and there; but the depth of understanding of the prayerful level of effort and thought that has gone into each previous version has been so beautiful to experience. There has been so much research into God's Word and developing content to take us deeper at each chapter.

I want to thank our formation committee and all previous councils who had a hand in developing this from early on in 2009, 2012, 2016 and 2022 Manual and Handbook. I lift in prayer any future councils that may have the need to do this as well should the need arise. Our God is an amazing God. He leads us right where we are supposed to be.



A breakdown on the content categories that are being updated are shown in the graph:

In Christ Alone,

2024 CDM and Handbook Committee: Karen Fezzey. Linda DaSilva Sharon Schier. Lorraine Hitchcock Feel free to reach out to these committee members with any questions you may have.

Email addresses are available here: https://www.daughtershc.org/new-page-1

→ Membership Report



Winter is coming! And while the days are getting shorter, the hours serving the Order are getting longer and that is something to rejoice! God is moving and calling women to the Order and our prayers for growth are being answered!

Since the last newsletter, three chapters were instituted with 30

members and 10 more are in the formation process. The Sisters of Joy at St. Helena's in Beaufort, SC, was instituted in September with six members. The Resurrection chapter at the Church of the Resurrection in North Charleston, SC, with eight members and the Seabury Sisters of the Great Shepherd at Bishop Seabury Anglican Church in Gales Ferry, CT, with 16 members were both instituted in November. This is our first chapter in Connecticut!

An interesting trend and something to be celebrated is the Daughters who are going out of their way to help train others and get chapters started. Berta Puckhaber with the Resurrection Daughters initially trained with Virgina Bartels and Maxine Swafford of the Ruth chapter in Charleston, then went back to her own church and formed a chapter there! Lynn Shattuck of the Holy Communion Daughters in Dallas, TX, is traveling to assist a group of ladies form a DHC chapter at St. Peter and St. Paul in Arlington, TX. There are several ladies who moved away from their chapter but are gathering candidates in their new church home to begin training.

Sadly, St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Fort Worth, TX closed this year. Through much prayer, the seven faithful and determined Daughters of St. Timothy, led by Karen Fezzey and Rachel Rowland, have regrouped, and will be instituted with two new members by year's end as Sisters of Bethany. They will represent our first virtual chapter of the central region. Any current DALs in Texas or Midwest, if you wish to connect with this chapter, please let me know. They will be delighted to have you join them via Zoom.

Chapters who admitted new members since my last report are: Elizabeth (2 – Summerville, SC), Emmaus (1 – Halfmoon, NY), Daughters of St. Timothy (1 – Fort Worth, TX), Mary Magdalene (3 – Rock Hill, SC), St. Helena (5 – Midland, TX), St. Teresa of Avila (2 – Weddington, NC), St. Therese of Lisieux (5 – El Paso, TX), The Upper Room (1 –

Loganville, GA), and Trinity (4 – Tallahassee, FL). There are currently 10 chapters with candidates in the study and discernment process. Please keep the Order, candidates, Daughters, chapter officers, and the Provincial Council in your prayers.

Dian Ray, our Provincial Treasurer, and I are working hard to get the 2024 dues statements mailed out by mid-November. The revamped dues statement will note if you are in arrears in your dues, something that wasn't done in the past. The dues remain \$40.00 and are due by January 31, 2024.

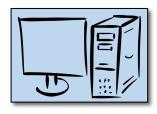
As a reminder, all forms have been streamlined and are fillable online. If you have kept copies of forms on file in the past, these will need to be discarded. I encourage you to email the <u>Change of Officers</u>, <u>Intent for Candidate Training</u>, and <u>Member Information Update</u> forms directly to me.

As always, it is a joy to speak with you ladies daily. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

In Thanksgiving and In Christ Alone,

Linda DaSilva <u>membership@daughtershc.org</u> (678) 910-9669

Webmistress Report



I have had feedback from one council member on their review of the various pages on our website and the suggested changes have been implemented.

We have had 2,800 visits to our website since July.

There have been eight ladies signed up for the California regional meeting so far.

I have been adding the Bishop Bryan's holy days meditations and new chapter service projects as I receive them.

All the forms that we reformatted at our meeting this summer have been finished and placed on the web site. I haven't received any old forms lately since Linda has done a good job of reminding our membership to use the current forms.

ICA, Dian Ray



The Mighty Oak

THE MIGHTY OAK
TALL AND MAJESTIC SHE RISES.
ARMS REACHING UP TO THE FAST
MOVING CLOUDS.

SWAYING IN THE WIND,
SUN PEEPING THROUGH THE GREEN
OF HER LEAVES,
CASTING DANCING SHADOWS ON
THE LAWN.

HOW COULD SUCH AS THIS GROW FROM A TINY SEED? HOW COULD SUCH AS I GROW FROM A TINY SEED?

GOD, HELP ME AS YOU HELP THE MIGHTY OAK, WATER ME, NURTURE ME WITH YOUR LIFE-GIVING WORD.

GROW ME TO STAND TALL AND STRONG THROUGH THE WINDS OF MY LIFE

Adelaide Ryall Beall Upper Room Chapter Daughter at Large May 20, 2009

Celebrating Birthday Milestones



Please join the Provincial Council in wishing a very happy birthday to Daughters who are celebrating turning 80 or older!

We are asking for the year of birth so that we may recognize those members who are celebrating signif-

icant milestones (80 and above). If you are not comfortable with sharing the year, please send us the month and date so we can send you a card on your special day.

There are a couple of reasons why your birthday might not be included - either we don't have it in our database, or if you did send it in, the year was not included. If you'd like to have your birthday included, please contact the Membership Chair, Linda DaSilva, at membership@daughtershc.org. or by phone at (678) 910-9669.

Happy Birthday!

October

Susan Anchondo (82) Della Biemiller (83) Diane Bringgold-Brown (85)Madeline Burton (89) Gladys Edwards (81) Sudy Fisher (80) Barbara Hobbs (81) Billie Hodges (81) Billie Johnson (80) *Sue Klos (80)* Valerie Norman-Shaul (84) Nancy Payne (83) Nancy Riggins (89) Trudy Ross (101)

November

Laura Scott (88)

Patricia Smith (83)

Connie Berger (84) Judith Brown (80) Mary Capps (81) Barbara Caskey (91)
Ann Curtis (86)
Carol Drake (84)
Louann Fisher (83)
Cornell Franklin (94)
Meg Grimball (88)
Sue Jones (87)
Cathe Leggott (94)
Suzanne Walker (85)
Janet Warner (86)

December

Bonnie Boyce (81)
Ellen Childers (82)
Luanne Dewitt (84)
Patricia Guerin (86)
Betty Hambleton (82)
Jan Hedlund (86)
Hannelore Henderson
(81)
Doris Redfern (84)
June Simas (86)
Barbara Williams (89)



Where Do I Send ...?

With a new Provincial Council elected in May, we also have a change in where to send different forms. Hopefully, the following will be helpful.

Please make sure you are using the forms found on the website as they have been updated to reflect the correct addresses to send forms.

Send the following forms to Dian Ray, Treasurer

- Additional/Replacement Cross Form
- Annual Dues Payment (please include Dues Statement)
- Application for Membership*
- Donation/Gift Form (including donations to the In Christ Alone Fund)
- Dues Scholarship
- Lifetime Membership
- * While the Application for Membership form is a membership form, it is sent to the Treasurer as it is typically sent with the new member dues/ enrollment fees.

Send the following forms to Linda DaSilva, Membership Chair

- Application for Chapter Charter
- Change of Officers
- Disposition of Cross form (if you'd like the Order to retain a copy)
- Intent for Candidate Training Form
- Intent to Create a Chapter
- Project Report Form

- Training Session Attendance Form
- Transition Form

Send the following forms to Cindee Herlocker, Finance Chair

- Chapter Service Project Grant Request
- In Christ Alone Grant Application

Remember, if you are sending money, even if you are sending it along with forms that go to the Membership Chair, please send it to the Provincial Treasurer. Acceptable forms of payment are checks (written to DHC), Zelle or bill pay. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!

Linda DaSilva

Membership Chair P.O. Box 2762 Peachtree City, GA 30269

Cindee Herlocker

Finance Chair 353 Kiowa Drive Madison, MS 39110

Dian Ray

Provincial Treasurer P.O. Box 81161 Midland, TX 79707

Send newsletter articles, photos and suggestions to Barbara Mattick, Editor, email <u>barbaramattick@comcast.net</u>, text (850) 322-2300, or mail: 6605 Man O War Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

Do you know...

The deadline for submitting dues is January 31, 2024.



Detailed Financial Reports are available on the

Daughters webpage: www.DaughtersHC.org

Mary Magdalene Chapter
Welcomes Three New
Members, Including
Virtual Daughters and
One Daughter In Kenya





Three new members were recently admitted to the Mary Magdalene Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross at Resurrection Anglican Church in Rock Hill, SC. We are excited to admit Beth, a member of our church, as well as Tammy from Asheville, NC, where is no chapter, and Judith from Bondo, Kenya, who returned to her native home after she had begun her discernment period with us in SC. Thankfully, technology allowed us to Zoom with Judith during our ceremony as she had already had a ceremony with her priest in Kenya to receive her cross! We will use Zoom at our monthly meetings to include Tammy and Judith with us. Praise God for this exciting new venture!

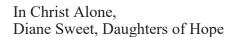


Retail! Get your DHC Retail!

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 or embellished@att.net.

Daughters of Hope in The Woodlands, TX, Go "Trunk or Treating"

Daughters of Hope had lots of fun at HopePointe Anglican Church's Fall Festival. The creativeness of our Trunk or Treat "trunk" came from Daughter, Martha Pearce. Our "trunk" also helped Karen Brinson with her Discernment project by collecting nonperishable food from our congregation for the Under Over Mission in Conroe, Texas. Karen is serving this ministry by volunteering to help prepare food for their freezedried program. By freeze-drying the donated fruits and vegetables, there is much less waste. This ministry is helping those in need in Venezuela and parts of the Amazon, but they also keep a supply for local needs in times of disaster. Please pray that the Lord will give the Under Over Mission more freezedryers to freeze-dry more food.





Karen Brinson





Faith in Christ Chapter at All Saints Anglican Church, Fayetteville, GA, Fall Service Project

The Faith in Christ Daughters of the Holy Cross donated an afternoon to work in the warehouse of the Real Life Center packing grocery bags for the pantry. The center offers both a plethora of groceries and services to those who need a "hand up, not a handout". Local families can sign up for Financial Counseling, Seasonal and Holiday Programs, Resume Assistance, Educational and Cooking Classes, as well as have access to the Clothing Closet, Pantry, and Household Items.





Faith in Christ Daughters pack bags for local families in need.



Rose of Sharon Chapter, St. Francis Anglican Church, Stockton, CA

Rose of Sharon Chapter, St. Francis of Assisi, Stockton, Ca. Installation of Melissa (Missy) Kenst August 2023. Pictured from left to right: Nancy Thomas, Isabel Johnson, Missy Kenst, Valerie Nolan, Fr. Luke Childs, Sally Kenst, Ruth Gubuan, Agnes Olmsted, Lorraine Hitchcock

Holy Communion Chapter Installs New Officers and Plans Great Projects

With the advent of the installation of new officers for our chapter, and after many meetings to refine activities and with much prayer, we set a calendar of events well into 2024.

Each event will fall under a pillar and each officer takes the lead for that pillar. Under the Study Pillar, we started a book study: Seeking God, The Way of St. Benedict. We invited all women of the parish to join us and see a promising number of women who are interested in DHC. We have also taken over the monthly churchwomen's group meeting for teaching and fellowship. DSs. Jill gave a talk on September 16th on the virtue of virtues.

Under the Service Pillar, we gathered in October to write cards to our college students and enclosed a small token gift of encouragement to let them know we are praying for them. Before the holidays begin, we will gather to make cookies to take to the sick and shut ins.

We also started going two by two to deliver cookies and visit with newcomers of our church as a part of our Evangelism Pillar. We gave out mite boxes to Daughters so we could join in contributing to DHC Mission outreach.

To encourage women who are interested in finding out more about DHC we are having small group activities with them individually, for example, a coffee meetup, etc.

The 2024 calendar starts with fervor as we each review our personal Rule of Life in January, sponsor a Lenten Quiet Day in February and our 2nd annual Daughters retreat in April, and much more as the year progresses.

As officers of our chapter, we are thankful to be able to serve in this capacity and continue to pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as we fulfill our vows as Daughters.

In Christ Alone, DSs. Jill Nowell Barbara Mathews Marisa Cappuccia Katia Crabb Judye Murray

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 or whose death was recently reported. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and to Daughters who knew them.

To report the death of a chapter member, please submit a Transition Report via email to the Membership Chair, Linda DaSilva, at <u>membership@daughtershc.org</u>.

Barbara ShannahanAll Saints Chapter06/19/2022Joyce HallFaith Theotokos Chapter12/27/2022Sara DavisAll Saints Chapter02/20/2023Nancy AndersonDaughters of Ionanotified 10/24/2023

Peggy Hubler In Christ Alone (virtual) 10/27/2023

Dates noted are actual date of death.



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Deadline for the January-March issue is February 1, 2024.

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

Please submit articles and photos for publication in *The Holy Cross* to the Editor of the Holy Cross, Barbara Mattick at: holycrosseditor@daughtershc.org.

Or Barbara Mattick, 6605 Man O War Trail, Tallahassee FL 32309

Chapter Corner



We want YOU!

(to share your chapter news!)

Send chapter news and photos to Barbara Mattick at: holycrosseditor@daugthershc.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

