

# Jr. Daughters Handbook January 2020



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## Vision

The Vision of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is to gather Anglican women and girls into a nurturing and empowering community called to be servants of Jesus as He unites and builds up his body – the Church.

## Who We Are

We are women and girls who have committed our lives to the work and service of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray daily for our Church, its clergy, the Order and others in need. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and equipped with the powerful sword of truth as contained in the Holy Bible, we reach out to those who do not know Jesus to share His message of salvation through word and deed. We wear our cross as a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice and our need for Him to be Lord of our lives. In community with our sisters, we are strengthened and encouraged to keep our fourfold vow of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism.

Junior members of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross are baptized girls ages 12 to 18, who are willing to accept the Rules of the Order and promise to carry out daily our fourfold vow of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism.

Under the guidance of a Senior member, a Junior Chapter will consist of a minimum of three girls in good standing where they will be provided an opportunity to experience belonging to a group of like minded individuals, peers and mentors, to support each other, study the Bible, pray and be a witness for the message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## Prayer of the Order

O gracious and Holy Father,  
That thy Son may be glorified,  
Give thy Daughters  
*Wisdom* to perceive thee  
*Intelligence* to understand thee  
*Diligence* to seek thee  
*Patience* to wait for thee  
*Eyes* to behold thee  
*A heart* to meditate upon thee  
*A life* to proclaim thee  
By the power of the Holy Spirit through  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Prayer of the Order is based on an ancient prayer of St. Benedict. The second line and last line were added to specifically acknowledge and honor Jesus. To identify it as the Prayer of the Order, St. Benedict's original third line "give us," was changed to "give thy Daughters."

## Colors of the Order

The colors of the Order are: *white* for the purity of Jesus' human life of perfect obedience; *gold* for His divinity and kingship; and *red* for his precious blood shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and for our eternal salvation.

### The Song of the Order *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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 ev’ry sin on him was laid  
Here in death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
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

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow’r of Christ in me  
From life’s first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow’r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
‘Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand

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In addition to being the title of the song, “*In Christ Alone*” captures the sense the Formation Committee had that Jesus Himself brought the Order into being and that His Cross and Victory give the Order all its meaning. The phrase has, therefore, become a standard close for correspondence between Daughters.

It also is the title of the DHC Fund for supporting missionaries and giving national and international emergency aid and relief. For both the missionaries and the Daughters who support them, the work proceeds in Christ alone. In Christ alone, we find our message; in Christ alone, we are given our marching orders; and in Christ alone, we receive the strength and all other resources necessary to do the work He has given us to do.

### **In Christ Alone Fund**

The In Christ Alone Fund came into being at the January 2010 meeting of the Provincial Council to provide the membership and others a way to make special offerings in thanksgiving and in memory. The Fund’s major focus is to support missionaries, giving Daughters the opportunity to partner in mission work. Support covers activities such as gaining special training for the work as well as helping with travel and living conditions on site. Mission endeavors may be local or global, short or long term. The funds may be used for disaster relief as well.

Any Daughter including a Junior Daughter may make a request for an In Christ Alone Fund grant for her own mission work, for another missionary or for a relief effort by making application to the In Christ Alone Fund chairperson. See the forms at [www.daughtershc.org](http://www.daughtershc.org).

### **The Junior Daughters of the Holy Cross is More Than an Organization**

A religious Order is much more than an organization. Organizations offer people with similar outlooks and a commitment to the same goals a common and helpful experience. Joining an organization is usually as simple as paying the dues and getting on the membership list. When the organization no longer meets the individual’s needs, ending membership is equally easy, just stop paying and stop going.

Junior members of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross are called into the Order by the Lord Jesus, whose cross they wear. They do not decide themselves that they will become members of the Order; rather, Junior candidates undergo a minimum of three months in study and discernment to test and confirm the call. Discernment comes as they take the following steps:

1. Pray
2. Study the Bible and Junior DHC Candidate Study Manual
3. Reflect with their mentor and study group members

4. Seek counsel from their priest and others whose spiritual direction they trust.

When a girl is sure of her calling, she promises to live by the Rule of Life of the Order as she participates in the *Service for Admitting Members*. When she is admitted to membership, she receives the Junior Cross of the Order. From the beginning, being a part of the Order is Jesus' idea. He alone knows how He will mold and shape each Junior member according to His plan and purpose for her life. Therefore, the promise a Junior Daughter takes is a serious commitment which she commits to keep until she reaches the age of 18 years of age.

All who have been called into the Order have an important role to play. Some are called to leadership, the servant leadership that Jesus modeled and taught His disciples (Matthew 20: 25-28). Others are called to equally important roles according to their God-given gifts and talents. Regardless of one's role, participation is a privilege and responsibility of every member.

### **Rule of Life of the Order** **Perfecting Holiness: A Path Forward**

God's desire is for every Daughter to become more Christ-like and live in a closer relationship to Him. However, all fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Members of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross vow to live under a common Rule of Life. Our Rule of Life gives us a path forward to a more consistent and fruitful Christian life. Following our Rule makes us available to receive what God in his mercy seeks to give us.

A rule of life is a list of spiritual practices that bring the various aspects of life into an increasingly intentional consideration of our Lord's will and direction. It is not a spiritual wish list, but a realistic attainable minimum standard of what can be done without fail. Each Daughter's Rule reflects the realities of her own life. It should be carefully and prayerfully developed and reviewed and revised as she grows. By slowly adding disciplines her rule provides the path forward for perfecting holiness as Scripture exhorts us to do (2 Corinthians 7:1).

#### **Four Parts to the Rule of Life**

**Study:** A Junior Member of the Order takes part in the study of the Holy Bible in order to gain wisdom, understanding, discernment and strength.

**Prayer:** A Junior Member will pray daily. Communication with God via prayer is a path to deepening a relationship with the Father, through the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Part of a Junior Daughter's daily prayer would be for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, for God's blessing upon the members of the Order, for the clergy and for the spiritual growth of the parish or mission to which she belongs.

**Service:** A Junior Member seeks daily to do the will of God remembering 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).

**Evangelism:** A Junior Member makes a conscientious and consistent effort to bring others into a relationship with Christ. Ordinary words and deeds can be instruments of the Holy Spirit when they are spoken and done for His sake.

## **Making a Promise**

The Junior Daughters as part of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is a community of girls who have promised to live under the Order's Rule of Life. It is in this context of the larger community that God lovingly draws each Junior Daughter closer to himself in a more intimate relationship through her Study, Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Making a promise to God is a serious commitment. In human terms, keeping long term promises can often be very difficult when life experiences get in the way. How do we know what might happen? How can we manufacture the perseverance or strength to keep such promises? It is important to remember that becoming a Junior Daughter within the Order is God's idea. With God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). The things He asks He gives the power to do.

## **Becoming a Junior Member**

Each girl considering membership will use the Service for Beginning the Three-Month Period of Study and Discernment provided in this Handbook.

Self examination to determine readiness and willingness before making a promise to the Order's faith statement is strongly encouraged.

1. A girl must be attending the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA).
2. Before being admitted to the Order, each girl answers the questions of the self-examination, makes preparation through the study of the Junior Daughters Study Manual, prays for three months, and discusses readiness with a Senior Member advisor.
3. She must obtain consent of her parents and priest.
4. Within the context of a service of the Church, she must publicly promise to live by the Rule of Life of the Order using the Jr. Daughters Service in the Jr. Daughters Handbook.
5. The girl is admitted to the Order as a member of the Jr. Daughters Chapter with a Senior Member Daughter who is in Good standing as the advisor.
6. A chapter may be formed in a qualified congregation by three girls with the consent of their priest and The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross Provincial Council, and must have a qualified Senior Member Advisor in *good* standing.

7. A Jr. Member of the Order commits to paying annual dues of \$20 and to support her chapter and the Order through prayer, service to her church, and also to serve her community through projects completed at least twice a year.

## **Faith Statement of the Order**

We believe and confess Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by Him. Therefore, The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross identifies the following four elements as essential for membership.

1. We confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testament to be the inspired Word of God, containing all things necessary for salvation, and to be the final authority and unchangeable standard for Christian faith.
2. We confess Baptism and the Holy Eucharist to be Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself in the Gospel, and thus to be ministered with unfailing use of His words of institution and of elements ordained by Him.
3. We confess as proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture the historic faith of the undivided Church as declared in the three Catholic Creeds; the Apostles Creed, The Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed.
4. We confess that the Holy Orders of Bishops, Priests and Deacons have been entrusted with safeguarding the Church and the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

## **The Creeds**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**(As found in the 2019 ACNA Book of Common Prayer)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**The Apostles Creed**  
**(As found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer)**

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilot. He suffered and was buried, And the Third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have not end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life; Who proceeded from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE**  
**ATHANASIAN CREED**  
**(As found in the 2019 ACNA Common Book of Prayer)**

Whosoever will be saved, \*  
before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, \*  
without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholic Faith is this: \*

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity,  
Neither confounding the Persons, \*  
nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, \*  
and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, \*  
the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, \*  
and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, \*  
and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, \*  
and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, \*  
and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals, \*

but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, \*  
but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, \*  
and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighty, \*  
but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, \*  
and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods, \*  
but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, \*  
and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords, \*  
but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity \*  
to acknowledge every Person by himself to be both God and Lord,

So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion, \*  
to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, \*  
neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone, \*  
not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, \*  
neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; \*  
one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other; \*  
none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together \*  
and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid, \*  
the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved \*  
must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation \*  
that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess, \*

that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;  
God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; \*

and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God and perfect Man, \*

of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; \*  
and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who, although he be God and Man, \*  
yet he is not two, but one Christ;  
One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, \*  
but by taking of the Manhood into God;  
One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, \*  
but by unity of Person.  
For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, \*  
so God and Man is one Christ;  
Who suffered for our salvation, \*  
descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, \*  
from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies \*  
and shall give account for their own works.  
And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; \*  
and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic Faith, \*  
which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

## **Wearing the Junior Daughters Cross of the Order**

The Junior Daughters Cross of the Order is to be worn habitually. Each time a Jr. daughter prayerfully puts on her cross, she reminds herself of the work Jesus completed on the cross, taking away her sins and the sins of the whole world. A prayer that some Daughters use as they put on their cross is: *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.* Each Jr. Daughter may devise her own prayer based on Scripture, a favorite hymn or leading of the Holy Spirit.

Out of gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice and redeeming love, she renews her commitment to live by the four-part Rule of Life of the Order. Putting on the cross is her way of saying, "This day, Lord Jesus, guide my prayers; how do you want me to serve; what do you want me to learn; who needs to hear about your love?"

The Jr. Daughters Cross is also a symbol to those she meets that she is a Christian. This symbol can be an opening for evangelism as people she meets comment or ask about it.

The Jr. Daughters Cross is worn only by members of the Jr. Daughters of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. It remains the property of the Order. If a Jr. Daughter dies, the cross may be buried with her, attached permanently to her memorial or returned to the Order. The Jr. Daughters cross will also be returned to the Order upon receiving the Cross of the Order when she takes her lifetime vows for Senior Members or upon her resignation if she does not become a Senior Member.

## SECTION II

### Preparation and Study Period

All girls who are prayerfully considering becoming a Jr. Daughter of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross are required to participate in a three-month period of study and discernment. This section is designed to help prepare Anglican girls ages 12 to 18 years of age for membership in the Order. The girls will be called “candidates.” The period of study and discernment does not obligate a girl to become a member, but only to complete the three month study and reflection period. Throughout the three months, the candidates learn about the Order and reflect on whether God is calling them to the Order or has other plans for their lives. The Order is open to all who qualify under The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross Faith Statement and belong to an ACNA Church. Making a promise as a Jr. Daughter is a personal decision between each girl and God. Completing the training and reflection period will help each candidate discern God’s will and act accordingly.

### Self Examination

Each candidate is encouraged to complete the self examination. The answers will differ with each person. The candidate may keep this private or share them with the Senior Member Advisor or their Priest.

1. Do I believe in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God, (The Holy Trinity)?
2. Do I only turn to Jesus in times of trouble?
3. Do I offer him praise and thanksgiving on a daily basis?
4. Do I pray regularly?
5. Am I sincere in my prayers, praise, and thanksgiving?
6. Am I willing to obey God’s work in my life?
7. Do I read and study the Bible on a regular basis and learn from it?
8. Do I honor God and my parents?
9. Do I respect authority and ask God for help in obeying my parent’s rules, and my country’s laws?
10. Do I stand up for those being mistreated?
11. Do I forgive those who have hurt me?
12. Do I always tell the truth?
13. Do I always try to love others and be helpful?
14. Do I find ways to serve my church and congregation?
15. Am I willing to make a commitment in my life and promise to follow the Rule of Life of the Order?
16. Do I believe the Faith Statement of the Order?

## Chapter Study

The purpose of the study and discernment period is to prepare each girl for a relationship with Christ and to provide an opportunity to learn about the Order's fourfold Vow of Study, Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

Each candidate is expected to:

1. Attend and participate in each study module as scheduled
2. Journal throughout her discernment period which can remain private
3. Spend quiet time in prayer listening for God's direction
4. Study her Bible on a daily basis and reflect on the Word
5. Practice each week what she has learned
6. Complete a service project
7. Learn about biblical women using the Bible, books and other resources
8. Read the Jr. Daughters Service of Admission and be prepared to take part in it

## Chapter Meetings

The Jr. Daughters of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross was founded to give girls an opportunity to respond to their Lord's call to grow in their faith through Study, Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Sisters meeting and praying together provides the maximum opportunity for support, encouragement and accountability. Burdens are lighter and blessings are magnified when shared. To echo the Psalmist, *How good it is when sisters live together in unity...there God pronounces the blessing, life forevermore* (Ps. 133: 1 & 3b).

It is essential that each Jr. Daughter be dedicated to protecting and preserving the unity of the Order. First and foremost that is achieved by praying for one another and for each Daughter's ministry. Being in a community gives many occasions where each one can deny herself and in humility consider the other better than herself (Phil. 2:3) and thereby grow in Christ-likeness.

Chapter meetings are the glue that holds the chapter together. Every junior member shares in the responsibility of making these face-to-face times harmonious, meaningful and valuable, taking to heart the counsel given in Hebrews 10:25, "*Let us not give up meeting together.*"

Chapters have a minimum of three members. They may be within one Anglican congregation or in several congregations within close proximity. When formation of a chapter includes study and discernment for some or all of its perspective members, an *Intent to Create a Chapter* form needs to be sent to the Junior Daughters Provincial Council Chairperson. The form can be found on the Website [www.daughtershc.org](http://www.daughtershc.org). Once the study is completed, the Chapter will be formed as the Junior Daughters of the already formed Senior Chapter.

Each Jr. Daughter chapter will utilize the same Chaplain as the Senior Chapter. The relationship between the chaplain and the Jr. Daughters chapter is one of mutual support and requires regular, open and honest communication. Together they work out the details of their relationship with

advice from the Senior Member Advisor and will closely follow the relationship already formulated between the Chaplain and the established Senior Chapter.

## **The Founding of the Order**

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross was instituted September 12, 2009, at Holy Cross Anglican Church in Loganville, Georgia. It was established to provide Anglican women a way to support and encourage each other in living out a lifelong vow to follow our Lord and further His work in the world by focusing on the disciplines of Study, Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

The original Formation Committee members came from parishes in the Anglican jurisdictions of the Convocation of Anglicans North America (CANA), the American Mission in the Americas (AMiA), the Anglican Province of America (APA), the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), the international Provinces of Uganda, Kenya, and the Southern Cone (including the Diocese of Recife, Brazil), and from the Roman Catholic Church (RC). Initially the work of the Formation Committee was conducted via email.

The first time the Committee met face to face was over Memorial Day weekend 2008 near Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Steven Saul of the New Life in Christ Anglican Church (AMiA) celebrated a Holy Eucharist service to begin their time together. At each of the subsequent meetings, he continued to provide godly guidance, encouragement and exhortation. Two major decisions were reached at that first meeting:

1. The Order would be completely separate from The Order of the Daughters of the King
2. The name of the new Order would be The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross

Before choosing the name, Committee members prayed and then spent time in silence, each searching the Scriptures for ideas. About 30 names were suggested. In successive votes, the field was narrowed to two. The overwhelming choice was for The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. The following reasons were cited:

- There were three women at the foot of the cross when our Lord died. We hope to be at the foot of the cross and washed in His blood
- Jesus commended a woman for anointing him with oil before His death on the cross
- Jesus first appeared to a woman when He rose from His death on the cross and she first bore the news of His resurrection
- Women relate to Mary as she saw her son die on the cross

Some may wonder how we can be daughters of a cross. We are not daughters of a cross but of *The Holy Cross*. This unique singular cross is not just a material thing but represents the One who was crucified upon it and all He came to accomplish by means of it. At the Cross, all are welcome, all are equal and equally loved, all must bow in humility. Because of the power of the Holy Cross as a symbol, The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross becomes an all-encompassing name:

- Daughters of Jesus our Lord and Savior who died on the Cross for our sins
- Daughters of His limitless love as shown on the Cross
- Daughters of His redeeming grace extended from the Cross
- Daughters of His atoning sacrifice made on the Cross
- Daughters of His continuing work through the Cross
- Daughters of New Life in Christ begins at the Cross
- Daughters of the kingdom which advances under the Cross

At the final face-to-face meeting of the Formation Committee in Atlanta in June 2009 the prototype of the Cross of the Order was displayed. The Committee edited the DHC Bylaws and approved both the DHC Handbook and DHC Candidate Study Manual. The dues and enrollment fee were set and the requirements to be a Charter member was established.

Following Sunday worship service at New Life in Christ Anglican Church, the first Provincial Officers were selected (see Table 1). “*In Christ Alone*” was chosen as the Song of the Order.

Table 1. Formation Committee Members/First Provincial Council

<b>Member</b>	<b>A Member of</b>	<b>Served</b>	<b>First Officers</b>
Kathy Aspden	CANA	12/07-9/09	
<b>Charlotte Barrett</b>	Recife, Brazil Southern Cone	12/07-9/09	<b>Treasurer</b>
Patricia Barnidge	Uganda	6/09-9/09	
<b>Jacque Crosby</b>	Kenya	12/07-9/09	<b>President</b>
<b>TeriLyn Dillon</b>	San Joaquin Southern Cone	12/07-9/09	<b>Secretary</b>
Marianne Freehling	AMiC	12/07-9/09	
Barbara Schaeppi- Hildreth	APA & AMiA	12/07-9/09	
Jean Marani	Kenya	12/07-9/09	
Anne McCracken	CANA	12/07-5/08	
Carlene Riley	CANA	10/08-9/09	
<b>Gail Wacker</b>	Uganda	12/07-9/09	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>
<b>Julianne Wahtola</b>	REC	12/07-9/09	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>
Jean Williams	Kenya	12/07-9/09	
Kathy Wohnoutka	RC	12/07-6/08	

## SECTION III

### SERVICES FOR THE JUNIOR DAUGHTERS

#### Chapter Service for the Beginning of the Three-Month Period of Study and Discernment

The Order encourages all interested girls to begin the three-month period of study and discernment with a prayerful commitment to fully examine her call to the Junior Daughters. It is fervently hoped that every girl will finish the whole course of study before making a final decision about being admitted to the Order. For those doing the study within a Junior Daughter chapter or Junior Daughter chapter in formation, the service is done corporately in private and is either led by a member of the clergy or chapter Senior Member Advisor.

**Presenter to Clergy or Senior Member Advisor:** These girls are beginning a three-month period of study and discernment. They desire to discern whether they have been called by the Lord Jesus into the Jr. Daughters of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross.

**Clergy or Senior Member Advisor:** Study, Prayer, Service and Evangelism are disciplines that deepen and strengthen every Christian life. However, to some girls there comes a call to follow the fourfold Vow of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. As you undertake this three months of study and discernment may the Holy Spirit be your Teacher and may your calling be made clear. Remember, *there are many gifts and many callings, but one Spirit who gives them all*. Every part of the body is needed; every member of the Church has received a gift for the good of all. Membership in the Jr. Daughters of The Order of the Holy Cross may be God's plan for you or it may not. You will know as you pursue it.

Will you commit yourself to complete the full course of study, diligently meeting with your mentor and faithfully fulfilling the assigned study and self-examination?

**Candidate(s):** I will with God's help.

**Clergy or Senior Member Advisor:** Will you hold in strictest confidence the personal information shared by the others in your study group?

**Candidate(s):** I will honor the trust of those who share their personal story and will keep all information confidential.

**Clergy or Senior Member Advisor:** To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy to the only God or Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages now and forevermore.

**Priest (if one is present):** And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and remain with you throughout this discernment process.



## Service for Admitting Members

**Priest:** Will all members of the Jr. Daughters of The Order of the Holy Cross and the Candidate(s) come forward.

**Senior Member Advisor:** Each member of the Junior Daughters of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross wears this cross as a symbol of the Order. Before each one makes her promise and receives her cross, we ask you to bless it.

**Priest:** [Turning to the altar and making the appropriate blessing]

Holy and gracious God, we ask you to bless each cross that it may be an outward symbol to all who see it that the one who wears it has dedicated her life to you. Every day as she puts on her cross may each girl be reminded of your faithful care and provision for her as your Junior Daughter. We ask this through the mediation of your Son, who redeemed us by His sacrifice on the Holy Cross.

**Senior Member Advisor:** I present to you name(s) who has/have completed the period of study and discernment and desires to become a member of the Jr. Daughters of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross.

**Priest:** For three months you have studied, prayed and searched the scriptures and your heart to confirm the call you received from Jesus to be admitted to this Order dedicated to Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism. Do you believe you have been so called?

**Candidate(s):** I do.

**Priest:** Have you read and do you affirm the Faith Statement of the Order?

**Candidate(s):** I have read and affirm the Faith Statement.

**Priest to each candidate individually:** Name will you live by the Rule of Life of the Order and willingly take the fourfold Promise of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism?

**Candidate:** Yes, by the power of the Holy Spirit, I promise faithful obedience to the Rule of Life of the Order and solemnly do promise to undertake the discipline of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism.

**Priest:** Receive and wear the Cross of the Jr. Daughters of The Order as an outward symbol of your promise.

**Priest to Candidate(s):** As a member of the Jr. Daughters of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross, will you do everything in your power to promote harmony and to further the mission and ministry of the Order?

**Candidate(s):** I will with God's help.

**Priest to Candidate(s):** My sister(s) prayer is the foundation of all God's work. As you enter the Jr. Daughters of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross, I thank you for the difference your prayers will make to how that work is done in this part of his Church. May you find joy and fulfillment as members of this Order, and may you be blessed as your life of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism blesses those whom God places in your path. Now with your sisters, join in the Prayer of the Order.

**All Daughters, Junior . and Senior, say the Prayer of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross**

O gracious and Holy Father,  
That thy Son may be glorified,  
Give thy Daughters  
*Wisdom* to perceive thee  
*Intelligence* to understand thee  
*Diligence* to seek thee  
*Patience* to wait for thee  
*Eyes* to behold thee  
*A heart* to meditate upon thee  
*A life* to proclaim thee  
By the power of the Holy Spirit through  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Priest to the Congregation:** Let us recognize this (these) new member(s) of the Jr. Daughters of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross.

## **Service for Instituting a Jr. Daughter Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross**

**Senior Member Advisor of the Jr. Daughters:** The vision of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is to gather Anglican women and girls into a nurturing and empowering community called to be servants of Jesus as He unites and builds up His body, the Church.

We believe the company of like-minded sisters provides encouragement and accountability as each one strives to keep her promise. Being in community gives many occasions where each one can deny herself and in humility consider the other better than herself (Phil 2:3) and thereby grow in Christ-likeness.

The relationship between a chapter of the Jr. Daughters of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross and its clergy is one of mutual support as together they discover and accomplish the good works the Lord has prepared in advance for them to do. Will you support the members of the Junior Daughters and allow them to support them in yours?

**Priest:** I will with God's help.

**Senior Member Advisor of the Jr. Daughters:** As there are three or more girls who have completed their period of study and discernment and have been admitted to the Order and there is also a priest and chartered Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross who desire a chapter of Jr. Daughters of the Order in this place, a chapter may now be formed. [To the Priest] I present to you the Jr. Daughter Chapter of Name of Established Adult Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. Please bless this Jr. Daughter Chapter.

**Priest:** [Turning to face the altar and using the following or other appropriate blessing] Holy Father you sent your Son our Lord Jesus Christ who stretched out his arms of love on the hard wood of that Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: bless now this Jr. Daughters Chapter of the Name of Established Adult Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross and that all Daughters in this Chapter may dwell together in unity, grow in wisdom and grace, and do all such good works as you have prepared for them to walk in that you may be glorified and your Kingdom come.

**Priest:** [Facing Congregation] In accordance with the Bylaws of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross and by the grace of God, I now proclaim the Jr. Daughters Chapter of the Order to be duly instituted. To God alone be the glory. Amen.

## Service for Installing Leaders

*A Junior Chapter may choose to have fewer officers and is allowed to group the duties as best fits its needs.*

**Clergy:** Will those who have been chosen to lead this Chapter/Order please come forward and all members of the Order please stand behind them.

Jesus clearly laid out the mindset of Christian leadership when two of his apostles asked for special favor. His words to them are his words to you: *Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Are you prepared to serve the members of this Chapter/Order and to lead in this way?

**Officers:** I desire to follow my Lord in all things and will lead in this manner as He guides and strengthens me through his Holy Spirit.

**Clergy to President:** [Name], you have been called by the Lord to preside over the shared times of meetings and fellowship and to attend to the ongoing business of the Order, so all things may be done decently and in order. Will you prayerfully perform these duties with diligence showing impartial concern for the needs of all members?

**President:** I will with God's help.

**Clergy to Vice President:** [Name], you have been called by the Lord to assist the President, to preside over meetings in her absence and attend to the business of the Order when called upon. Will you prayerfully perform the duties of your office with faithfulness in a spirit of cooperation and support?

**Vice President:** I will with God's help.

**Clergy to Secretary:** [Name], you have been called by the Lord to maintain the written record of the Order's business and activities. Will you prayerfully perform the duties of your office that there may be a faithful witness to how God has guided and provided for the Order to accomplish his work?

**Secretary:** I will with God's help.

**Clergy to Treasurer:** [Name], although members of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross do not engage in fund raising, members may give of their resources to support the Order at every level. When there are offerings, you have been called by the Lord to keep careful records and to disperse all funds to the entity for which they were given. Will you prayerfully and accurately perform the duties of your office?

**Treasurer:** I will with God's help.

**Clergy to Members:** You, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, have chosen these girls to hold positions of leadership, and they have accepted that sacred trust. Will you faithfully follow their lead, pray for them, encourage them, participate as you are able, and when you have questions or comments go to them that the unity of the Order may be maintained, and the work of the Lord may be done?

**Chapter Members:** We will with God's help.

**Clergy to all Daughters:** May this Chapter/Order be blessed as the Lord strengthens and guides both the leaders and members in your mutual responsibility to make The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross conform in all ways to his plan and purpose for it.

*[The service concludes with the Prayer of the Order, unless it has been said already in the Service for Admitting New Members, in which case its use is optional here.]*

**Clergy:** As a sign of your commitment, say together the Prayer of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross.

#### **All Daughters say the Prayer of The Order**

O gracious and Holy Father,  
that thy Son may be glorified,  
give thy Daughters  
*wisdom* to perceive thee,  
*intelligence* to understand thee,  
*diligence* to seek thee,  
*patience* to wait for thee,  
*eyes* to behold thee,  
*a heart* to meditate upon thee,  
and a *life* to proclaim thee,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.  
Amen.

## **Transitioning From Junior to Senior Daughters**

A Junior Daughter who is 18 years old may prayerfully consider joining The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross as an adult, or Senior Member. It is important to discuss this with the Senior Member Advisor, the Senior Chapter President, and her Priest.

To become an adult member, a Jr. Daughter must first meet the Daughter's membership requirements as well as participate in a period of study and discernment.

The required study and discernment period will include the review of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross Discernment Manual.

Training will be provided by a Senior Daughter and should include:

- The Order Handbook
- The Order Discernment Manual
- A discussion with the Chapter Priest and Chapter President on the taking of a lifelong vow
- Completion of a service project

Upon completion of this study and discernment period an Application for Membership [Found on the website] needs to be filled out and mailed to the Provincial Council Membership Chairperson. The membership and application fee must be paid and the candidate will receive the cross of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross at the Service for Admitting Members ceremony.

## **Publications and Communications of the Order**

The official website for the Order is: [www.daughtershc.org](http://www.daughtershc.org)

The official publication for the Order is: *The Holy Cross* Newsletter.

The Annual Report and Service Project stories about the Jr. Daughters chapters will be sent to the Provincial Council Jr. Daughter Chairperson.

The Assemblies for The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross are held every three years. All Jr. Daughters are invited to participate in the Assemblies.