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Candidate Discernment Manual

*The Order of the Daughters
of the Holy Cross
(DHC)*



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.

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."

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This manual is for preparing candidates for membership in the Order.

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Introduction

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC) Candidate Discernment Manual is designed to prepare Anglican women for membership in the Order. The women who are entering the Discernment process are called “candidates.” This term does not obligate them to become Daughters but does oblige them to complete the three-month Discernment and Reflection period before they make a final decision. Throughout the three months, the candidates learn about the Order and reflect on whether God is calling them to the Order. Making the decision to take the *lifetime* Vow of the Order is a personal decision between each woman and God. Completing the training and reflection period will help each candidate discern God’s will and act accordingly.

The content of this manual is consistent with the DHC Handbook and complies with the policies and practices of the jurisdictions of the Anglican Church in North America. The Discernment Manual is to be used as printed and should take a minimum of three months to complete.

The Candidate Discernment Manual's eleven chapters provide the foundation for the full three-month period of Discernment and Reflection period. Chapters 1-10 provide information about the foundation, beliefs and operations of the Order. Chapter 11 ties the other chapters together in the development and completion of a short, required project.

I. Vision: Nurturing and Empowering

VISION OF THE ORDER

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.

The operation of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is guided by our Bylaws. More importantly, we are guided by the Holy Scriptures. In this chapter and the next, you will study discern the Vision of the Order, reviewing and reflecting on Scriptures that support it (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The Vision of the Order points to what we believe are the two core purposes for which Jesus brought The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross into being. The Order is to be a community that nurtures and empowers its members in their life in Christ. Together in community, the Daughters are called to be servants of Jesus as He unites and builds up His body, the Church. The Order thrives as it is obedient to both its inward and outward callings.

In truth, the callings are not separate purposes but different aspects of the same goal. Attention to the increase of Christ's rule within her own heart prepares each Daughter to be more effective in winning others to Christ and advancing his Kingdom on earth. The first two chapters explore these two parts of our Vision.

We are at different stages in our Christian walk. For some of us the primary need is to develop knowledge; for others learning how to practice what we know is key; still others primarily need to develop a closer relationship with our Lord. Another group will need a place of relationship to practice what we know and what we experience with Christ in a community of like-minded people. For each aspect of the Vision above, read aloud the Scriptures and the narrative and answer the accompanying questions.

NURTURING	
Our Vision	Supporting Scriptures
Nurturing	John 13:35; John 15:11-12; John 17:20-23; Acts 11:25-26; Gal. 5:13; I Pet. 4:8


When we nurture others, we help them to grow and develop. Other words for nurture include tender care, education and training. Christian nurturing is both developmental and

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relational. We may help others to develop in their Christian walk in a variety of ways. If knowledge is the need, we can help others to learn about our Lord via discernment—both in group settings and through individual exploration.

Be open to using a variety of approaches. Ask yourself how people learn in the secular setting and use many of the same tools to help others learn the information that will lead them to living a life for Christ. We need a relationship both with God and with fellow Christians. These relationships develop from love. God first loved us and this enables us to love and trust Him (1 John 4:7-9). When we love God, we want more and more of Him—more time, more love, and more guidance—more of everything God has to offer.

God created us to be in community with others. When we do not have a loving community, we feel great loss. According to Pope Benedict XVI, “One of the deepest forms of poverty a person can experience is isolation. It is not by isolation that man establishes his worth, but by placing himself in relation with others and with God.” When we know we are loved, we are happier, more at peace and more able to function successfully and to pass on love to others.

	(1) What are some ways you can nurture your sisters and others? For development of their faith? For relationships with God? For relationships with others?
	(2) How does loving and nurturing others benefit them and you?
	(3) Why might God be displeased when you tell everyone about what you do for others?

EMPOWERING	
Our Vision	Supporting Scriptures
Empowering	Isa. 6:8; Matt.10:1,5,8; John 15:5; Acts 1:8; Eph. 6:10-18; Phil. 4:13; I Cor. 12:27-28; Heb. 12:1b


Empower is a much-overused word; however, its 17th-century definition, “to invest with authority” is pertinent here. “Equip” is also a good synonym. God has given his Church (us) directions and gifts and has invested the authority to exercise His gifts in us and has sent us out in His Name. The “power to be empowered” comes from God and is constantly replenished by the Holy Spirit within us. The power of the Holy Spirit will equip us to spread the “Good News” of Jesus Christ by word and example.

We tap into God’s power by keeping the lines of communication with Him open in our continuing prayer life and by living as vessels of His Holy Spirit. In other words, we all need to be in touch with the source of our empowerment.

God works His perfect will through us if we allow Him. He offers empowerment to us, but we can choose whether or not to accept it (Isa. 6:8). Too often we cheat ourselves and fall short of God’s calling when we refuse to take the authority He has given us.

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God's divine empowerment in our lives enables us to stand firm for Him. The Holy Scriptures remind us 35 times that we are to "stand firm." In our own strength, we cannot persevere. Through the power of God, and clothed with spiritual armor (Eph. 6:10-18), we can confess the Name of God, hold to his teachings and help others to become empowered (Eph. 3:20). Jesus promises us that if we stand firm for Him, we will be saved (Matt. 10:22; Luke 21:17-18), and Paul adds that our labor will not be in vain (1 Cor. 15:58).

	(1) How does the biblical view of empowerment differ from a worldly view of empowerment?
	(2) Are there areas where you do not feel empowered by God? What steps can you take to become more spiritually empowered?
	(3) Describe your vision of your DHC Chapter as an "empowering community." OR
	(4) As a DAL, how can you find the Order to be an empowering community for you?

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In your journal, write your thoughts on the following question:

How do you think what you have learned about empowerment will impact your life in the next month?

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How was Jesus equipped and empowered? Cite Scriptures that support your answer.

II. Vision: Be Servants of Jesus

In September 2009, The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross, Inc. was instituted, just three months after the Anglican Church in North America was formed. Christ was doing a new thing, restoring the unity of His body and building His Church as He promised (Matt. 16:18). The Daughters are called to be servants of Jesus as He unites and builds up His body, the Church. He will use faithful women on their knees to fully realize the unity He desires.

SERVANTS OF JESUS	
Our Vision	Supporting Scriptures
We are called to be servants of Jesus	Deut. 30:19-20; John 15:16; Josh. 24:15; Matt. 25:31-45; John 17:20-23; Rom. 12:5-8,10-11; Rom. 15:5-6; I Cor. 1:10; I Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:16,25-32

Serving God is a choice. God chooses us, and we can decide to obey or reject Him. We are admonished to worship God and serve Him only (Matt. 4:10; Ex. 20:3), and to use His gifts to administer His grace to others (1 Pet. 4:10). When we do this, we develop a vertical relationship with God and a horizontal relationship with others.


In our vertical relationship to God, we serve Him, love Him totally (Matt. 22:37) and faithfully obey His commands (Deut. 11:13). It is not enough to worship Him by word only. We must repent of our sins, seek His strength to live a holy life, and actively love one another. God wants us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to Him (Rom. 12:1).

As we serve God, we are to be just, to love mercy, and walk humbly with Him. (Mic. 6:8). When we serve Him, His love is made complete in us (John 14:15, 21).

In our horizontal relationship to others, we use the gifts God gives us to serve others (Matt. 22:39). We are to use Christ as the example, loving others as He loved us (John 13:34). We serve others out of our love for Jesus and out of His love for them, which He has planted in our hearts. Mother Teresa calls this “seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in ... the distressing disguise of the poor.” She also said, “Not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love.” We have countless opportunities to serve Jesus in our everyday lives. Sometimes a smile, a word of encouragement or a cup of cold water is the good deed that the Lord has prepared in advance for you to do (Eph. 2:10).

Serving God is our response to His love, not something we do to earn His forgiveness. It is by grace that we are saved through faith (Eph. 2:9). It is the blood of Christ that cleanses our conscience and the Holy Spirit that enables us to stay faithful (Heb. 9:14). When we err in our service to Him, God will pardon and forgive our transgressions if we ask Him (Mic. 7:18; 1 John 1:9).

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	(1) How can your DHC Chapter encourage a vertical relationship with God? OR
	(2) As a DAL, how can you encourage a vertical relationship with God?
	(3) How can you and/or your Chapter serve Jesus by serving others?
	(4) What gifts do you have that you can use to further God's kingdom on earth?


UNITING AND BUILDING UP THE CHURCH	
Our Vision	Supporting Scriptures
He unites and builds up His body	Matt. 16:18; 1 Pet. 2:5; Josh. 24:15; Matt. 22:36-39; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 12:33; John 13:34; Gal. 6:2

We, as Christians, are the body of Christ—His temple of faith (1 Cor. 3:16-17). As we come together, He calls us to be in unity, that is of one accord. Christ prayed for our unity (John 17:20-23). This unity is not just friendliness or togetherness, but the perfect Oneness of God—one body in Christ (Rom. 12:4-6a; Eph. 4:16). We are admonished to put aside petty controversies and resolve divisions that separate us from the mind of God (1 Cor. 1:10).

Our pure love will overcome our grievances, showing the world that we are one in Christ (Rom. 15:5-7). Love covers a multitude of sins (1 Pet. 4:8). This type of love is otherwise referred to as *koinonia*, a Greek word meaning “fellowship, sharing in common and communion” (Yancey, 2001). Members of the early Church, described in Acts 2, practiced *koinonia* as they devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42). All of these actions brought unity in their Christian community, and God added to their number daily.

Unity around Christ requires that we know that there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism (Eph. 4:5) and that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). We are called to have no divisions but the same mind in Christ (1 Cor. 1:10). God has given each of us different gifts, but they are all for the benefit of the Body (1 Cor. 12:4-11), to uplift the body and bring it closer to Him.

Although all of us have fallen short of being who Christ calls us to be we are to live in unity being kind to one, tenderhearted and forgiving each other just as God has in Christ Jesus has forgiven us. (Eph. 4:32). We are to live in mutual love and respect (Phil. 2:1-4).

	(1) The early Church was called “The Way.” Using John 14:6, Acts 9:2 and Acts 19:9, 23, describe the unique characteristics of “The Way” and discuss how those characteristics relate to the Church today.
	(2) Describe the Gifts of the Spirit (Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12) and discuss how these gifts contribute to the unity of the Church.
	(3) Discuss ways that you, as a DAL or in your DHC Chapter, can help members and others to follow the instruction given in Eph. 4:29-32.

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

In your journal, write your thoughts on the following question:

How do you think what you have learned about the Vision of the Order will impact your life in the next month?


GOING FURTHER


How do you see Jesus building and uniting your congregation?


How can you help? Cite Scriptures that support your answer.

III. Who and Why We Are

Read silently Section II Our History in the Handbook on Page 2 and answer the following questions.

	(1) Why was The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross established?
	(2) Why do you think it is important to be under the authority and covering of our Savior, the Order and the Church?

	(1) Describe ways that Daughters can “stay at the foot of the cross.”
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	(1) The Who We Are statement explains the Order’s mission. Read it silently, highlighting any words that have special meaning for you. Discuss why those words were special.
	(2) Explain how the following commitments may be manifested in your life as a member of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discerning God’s Word • Prayers for those in need • Sharing the message of salvation • Strengthening and encouraging others • Life of work and service

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In your journal, write your thoughts on the following question:

How do you think what you have learned about our History and Purpose will impact your life in the next month?

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What does the name “Daughters of the *Holy Cross*” mean to you?

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WHAT IS MEANT BY BEING PART OF AN ORDER?

Persons who belong to a Christian religious order:

- Publicly vow to imitate Jesus more closely.
- Live a common life following a religious Rule.
- Profess to obey certain guidelines for living.
- Live set apart (at least spiritually) from society in accordance with their specific religious devotion.

ACTIONS WE TAKE TO BECOME PART OF OUR ORDER

Members of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross are called into DHC by the Lord Jesus, whose cross they wear. To discern whether our Lord is calling them to membership in DHC, interested women commit to spend an assigned three-month period in the following actions:

- Pray for direction.
- Obtain the blessing of her priest to begin the Discernment period.
- Seek counsel from their priest and others whose spiritual direction they trust.
- Participate in the three-month Discernment period.
- Study the Bible.
- Reflect with a mentor, a study group or a chapter.
- Pay her Provincial annual dues promptly and support her Chapter and DHC through prayer, service, gifts and offerings to the extent she is able.

When a woman is sure of her calling, she vows to live by the Rule of Life of the Order as she participates in the *Service for Admitting Members* (see Services in the Resources section of our website (www.daughtershc.org)). When she is admitted to membership, she receives the 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 member according to His plan and purpose for her life. The vow she takes is a *lifelong commitment*.

In human terms, a lifelong vow is impossible. How do we know what might happen? How can we manufacture the perseverance and strength it would require? That is why it is important to remember that becoming a member of the Order is God's idea. With God, all things are possible (Matt. 19:26). The things that He asks, He gives the power to do.

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So, the vow is more an expression of trust in the One who has given the call than in the strength or faithfulness of the one who has responded. God himself will hold on to us, forgive us when we fall short and keep us in the Way.



WEARING THE CROSS OF THE ORDER

The Cross of the Order is to be worn habitually. Each time a 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.* You may devise your own prayer based on Scripture, a favorite hymn or the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Out of her gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice and redeeming love, she renews her commitment to live by the fourfold 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?"


Her cross is also a symbol to those she meets that she is a Christian. The beauty of its unique design can be an opening for evangelism as people she meets comment or ask about it.

- ✝ The *arms* of the Cross resemble Easter lilies, signifying the victory that transformed a means of torture and shameful death into our gateway to heaven.
- ✝ The *circle* of the Cross symbolizes God's eternal nature, without beginning or end. It reminds us that Jesus is unchanging—the same yesterday, today and forever. The circle also represents the unending relationship between Jesus and His Daughters.
- ✝ The *Latin words* on the Cross signify the fourfold Rule of Life of the Order:

Oratio, Prayer
Servitium, Service
Studium, Study
Evangelium, Gospel (Good News)

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The Cross of the Order is given to a new member at her Service of Admission and is to be worn only by members of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. It remains the property of the Order. Upon the death of a Daughter, the Cross is buried with her, attached permanently to her memorial or returned to the Order.

	(1) Daughters wear their cross habitually. Are there any valid reasons for not wearing the cross all the time?
	(2) How do you see yourself taking on the responsibility of making chapter meetings harmonious, meaningful and valuable? (Refer to Handbook, Page 14)
	(3) For what purposes may chapters gather with other chapters and DALs in their area? (Refer to Handbook, Page 15)

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In your journal, write your thoughts on the following:

- **Praying for direction.**
- **Participating in a three-month Discernment period of the Order.**
- **Studying the Bible.**
- **Reflecting with an assigned mentor and study group members.**
- **Seeking counsel from your priest and others whose spiritual direction you trust.**

GOING FURTHER

In taking your vow you make a lifelong commitment to God. How will you seek God's strength to keep you true to your commitment?

V. Our Faith Statement and Three Creeds

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross welcomes all whom the Lord has called into membership. Although The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is a religious society within the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), membership in an ACNA member Church is not a requirement for membership in the Order. The criteria that determine eligibility for membership are that the woman herself and the denomination to which she belongs both affirm and adhere to the Faith Statement of the Order.

The above Faith Statement ties the Order to the Bible, God's Holy Word. It also shows the Order's commitment to the Sacraments, to the Holy Orders of the Church and to the historic faith of the Church as declared in the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian ecumenical creeds.

THREE CREEDS

Refer to The Three Creeds in Handbook, Pages 4-8

While the actual Creeds can be found in the Handbook on pages 5-8, below is an explanation of their origin, history and reason for being written. All three Creeds came to be statements of correct teachings and the foundation of Christian beliefs.

What is an Ecumenical Creed?

In short, "ecumenical" means universal and a "creed" is a statement of beliefs. The Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and Athanasian Creed confess the faith of the ecumenical (universal) Church: the doctrine of the Trinity, the divinity of Jesus Christ, and Christ's work of redeeming the human race.

(Source: http://www.livinghopelc.net/Athanasian_Creed.htm)

***The Nicene Creed** is the symbol of belief for Christians worldwide and most denominations. The Nicene Creed is also called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, because the complete present form of the Creed was defined by bishops in both Nicaea (AD 325) and Constantinople (AD 381). It was written in AD 325 and completed in its present form in AD 381. Over 300 Church leaders from all over the world gathered to write the Creed, in response to a heresy called Arianism that denied Jesus was fully God. The Nicene Creed is ultimately about the Trinity, but it also affirms historical realities of Jesus' life.*

The Creed is based on concepts and truths found in the Scriptures. Catholic, Orthodox, and many Protestant Christians accept the Nicene Creed.

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The Nicene Creed, besides being rooted in scriptural concepts, is a product of Christian worship and prayer. For example, even before the Nicene Creed was written, Christians regularly baptized converts into the name of the Trinity, and prayed to the Father in the Name of the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Being born from prayer and experience, the Creed tries not to define God's nature exactly and precisely like a science textbook. God's exact nature, such as His three-ness and His one-ness, is something that we are able to begin to grasp, but never fully comprehend. Just as the mind cannot fully comprehend love or joy, neither can the mind fully comprehend God, whose nature and ways are ultimately beyond our comprehension (Isa. 55:9). As such, while the Creed is an authoritative framework, it is rooted in mystery. Since the Nicene Creed is rooted in Scripture, worship and prayer, besides being believed, it is to be lived out.

(Source: <http://www.ancient-future.net/nicene.html>)

Scriptures that Support the Nicene Creed

Mark 15:25; 1 Pet. 4:1	Crucified for us
Luke 21:27	Coming again in glory
Eph. 4:5	One baptism for the remission of sins

[Note: The above and additional Nicene Creed scripture references may be found at <http://www.serfes.org/orthodox/holyscripturereferencestothe Creed.html>]

	(1) Why was the Nicene Creed written?
	(2) Read aloud each of the above Scriptures. As you read each Scripture, underline the place where it appears in the Nicene Creed.

The Apostles' Creed was developed between the second and ninth centuries. It is the most popular Creed used in worship by Western Christians. Its central doctrines are those of the Trinity and God the Creator. In the early Church, reading the Creed orally, along with other documents of religious belief, was an effective means of informing an illiterate population of the faith.

Legend reports that the Apostles wrote this Creed on the tenth day after Christ's ascension into heaven. That is not the case, though the name stuck. However, each of the doctrines found in the Creed can be traced to statements current in the apostolic period. The earliest written version of the Creed is perhaps the Interrogatory Creed of Hippolytus (ca. A.D. 215). The current form is first found in the writings of Caesarius of Arles (A.D. 542).

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The Apostles' Creed was apparently used as a summary of Christian doctrine for baptismal candidates in the churches of Rome. Hence it is also known as The Roman Symbol. As in Hippolytus' version it was given in question and answer format with the baptismal candidates answering in the affirmative that they believed each statement.


(Source: <http://64.33.81.65/ancient/apostles.htm>)

When you recite the Creed, you also are agreeing to each of its statements.

Scriptures that Support the Apostles' Creed

- John 16:13 Believe in the Spirit of Truth (Holy Spirit)
- Heb. 10:25 The Communion of Saints
- Luke 7:48; Matt. 9:6 The Forgiveness of Sins

[Note: The above and additional Apostles' Creed scripture references may be found at <http://www.godonthenet/evidence/apostle.htm>]

	(1) List the belief statements contained in the Apostles' Creed.
	(2) Read aloud each of the above Scriptures. As you read each Scripture, underline the place where it appears in the Apostles' Creed.


The Athanasian Creed was the last of the three Ecumenical Creeds to be written. It has 44 verses in two sections, one dealing with the Trinity and the other with the Incarnation. The actual origin of the Athanasian Creed is much more difficult to trace than the origin of the Nicene Creed. While the Creed is named after Athanasius, it is nearly certain that Athanasius was not the author. The Creed was most likely written sometime after A.D. 450 and before A.D. 670. Many authors have been suggested, but no definite conclusions have been reached as to the actual author or authors and the time of writing. It is not hard to determine the reason for the writing of the Creed. Unlike the other creeds, it deals almost exclusively with the fundamental truths of the Trinity and the Incarnation, which it states and restates to bring out unmistakably the Trinity of the Persons of God, and the twofold nature in the one Divine Person of Jesus Christ. The Athanasian Creed is similar to the Nicene Creed in its defense of the Triune God and the teaching that Jesus was True God co-equal with God the Father. The chief difference between the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed is one of emphasis. The Nicene Creed emphasized the full deity of the Son and of the Holy Ghost and only implies rather than explicitly explains the Oneness of God. The Athanasian Creed, leaving nothing to be assumed, brings in the idea of the inviolate one-ness of God (there is only one God, not three) as a sort of triumphant refrain repeated throughout the entire Creed.

(Sources: http://www.livinghope.org/Athanasian_Creed.htm;
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/02033b.htm> and Hook, W.F. (1838).
On the Use of the Athanasian Creed, In University of Illinois Archives.
London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.)

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Scriptures that Support the Athanasian Creed

Scripture	Creed Line
Gal. 1:6-10	2
Rev. 22:13	10
Eph. 4:4-6	24
Acts 7:56	39
1 Cor. 3:11-15	42

	(1) Read the Athanasian Creed aloud. Then, discuss how the above Scriptures relate to the indicated lines of the Creed.
	(2) To what two fundamental truths does this Creed relate?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In your journal, write your thoughts on the following:

Any aspect of the Faith Statement that had special meaning to you. Also write about any of your reactions to one of the three Creeds given.

GOING FURTHER

Go the websites of Scriptures following each Creed. Look up and examine the relevance of other Scriptures to each of the Creeds.

VI. The Rule of Life: Prayer

Read silently the following information and answer the questions at the end of the section.

THE RULE OF LIFE OF THE ORDER

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 (Rom. 3:23). By following a Rule of Life, we can make consistent and steady progress toward holiness. Members of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross vow to live under our four-part Rule of Life. It gives us a path forward to a more 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 disciplines that bring the various aspects of life into an increasingly intentional consideration of our Lord's will and direction for our lives. It is not a spiritual wish list but a realistic, attainable standard of what can be done. Each Daughter's Rule reflects the realities of her own life. It should be carefully and prayerfully developed and reviewed; it can be revised as she grows. By slowly adding disciplines, her Rule provides the path forward for perfecting holiness as Scripture exhorts us to do (2 Cor. 7:1).

We are called to live radically different from the world. Our lives will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as we gaze upon and yield our lives to Jesus Christ, our perfect example. We become self-giving and sacrificing servants of our Lord and Savior. Here are some guidelines for writing your personal Rule of Life:

- Be realistic.
- Make your Rule attainable **now**.
- Adjust the Rule slowly as you grow in your walk with Christ.
- Realize that your life will not change completely overnight.
- Know that we must have God's help to follow our Rule faithfully.

Refer to "Toward a Rule of Life" on page 87 of the ACNA catechism, *To Be A Christian: A Catechism (TBAC)*. A copy of the catechism is available on the DHC website (www.daughtershc.org) under Studies.

This chapter and the next three will look at our four-part Rule of *Prayer, Service, Study* and *Evangelism* in depth. Prayer is the focus of this chapter.

VI. The Rule of Life: Prayer

PRAYER

A member of the Order must have a Rule of daily prayer. 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 her daily prayer would be for the spread of Christ's Kingdom; for God's blessing upon members of the Order; for the clergy and for the spiritual growth of the parish or mission to which she belongs.

Both Prayer and a Rule of Life are discussed thoroughly in ACNA's catechism: *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism* (TBAC,2020) in Part III "Belonging in Christ", pages 65-88. To begin with. Though, we need to ask, what prayer is. According to TBAC, "It is the way God has given us to listen to respond to Him". There are seven main types of prayer simply listed in the catechism found in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (1979).

- **Adoration** – Lifting up the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence.
- **Praise** – Not to obtain anything, but because God's Being draws praise from us.
- **Thanksgiving** – Offered to God for all the blessings of this life, for our redemption, and for whatever draws us closer to God.
- **Penitence** – Confessing our sins and making restitution where possible, with the intention to amend our lives.
- **Oblation** – Offering of ourselves, our lives and labors, in union with Christ, for the purposes of God.
- **Intercession** – Bringing before God the needs of others.
- **Petition** – Presenting our own needs, that God's will may be done.

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The Rule of Prayer can include all of these types. It is essential that every member have a commitment to daily prayer. This commitment is more important, actually, than the amount of time committed. Daily prayer is more likely to occur if you set aside a specific prayer time. In that time, you can practice all of the types of prayer. Begin with focusing on God, asking nothing but just enjoying His presence. Then, praise and thank Him.

The fact that you are giving yourself totally to God is more important than the words you think or utter. However, many beautiful prayers are available to you. There are prayers for every occasion in each edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Several books of prayers have been written. The internet contains hundreds of suitable ones. The Prayer of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross would be included in your daily prayers.

God has made many promises to us in His Word. It is good to know His specific promise that relates to your prayer situation, especially if the situation is ongoing. You may want to write down the Scriptures that relate to your prayers and read them aloud before you pray. Here is a summary of seven promises of God:

1. *He has promised to supply every need we have. (Phil. 4:19)*
2. *God has promised that His grace is sufficient for us. (2 Cor. 12:9; Eph. 2:8, Rom. 5:2)*
3. *God has promised that His children will not be overtaken with temptation. Instead, He assures us that a way of escape will be provided. (1 Cor. 10:13, Jude v.24)*
4. *God has promised us victory over death. (1 Cor. 15:3,4,57)*
5. *God has promised that all things work together for good to those who love and serve Him faithfully. (Rom. 8:28)*
6. *God has promised that those who believe in Jesus and are baptized for the forgiveness of sins will be saved. (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38)*
7. *God has promised His people eternal life. (John 10:27,28)*

(Source: <http://www.bible.ca/d-7promises-god.htm>)

Many other books and websites also list a wide variety of promises that God has made to His people. Leaning on His promises, each day, include intercessions for at least the following:

- The spread of Christ's Kingdom on the earth
- For Jesus to use your life and witness to call other women into the Order
- The Prayer of the Order for Daughters everywhere
- Candidates in preparation for admission
- Daughters in your Chapter

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- The parishes that are seeking to establish Chapters
- The Provincial Council of DHC and the Provincial Chaplain
- Your parish or mission and its clergy
- The ACNA and the Church at large
- God's guidance for any specific issues or persons He brings to your attention

Some Daughters keep an ongoing or long-term list of persons and circumstances for which they wish to pray. The prayer list of your chapter and the prayer list of your parish may be included here. Some people keep a prayer journal and subsequently record answered prayers. The journal serves as a tangible reminder that God answers prayers.

In addition to your private prayer time, a time of family prayer is recommended. You have probably heard the old adage, "The family that prays together, stays together." God intends for families to have Him as the head of the family. Families that pray together build strong spiritual foundations. When they put God in His proper place, lean on Him and trust Him, He provides whatever they need to succeed as a family unit. Family prayer can extend beyond meals and bedtime, but that is a start. Here is a guide for establishing family prayer as a priority each day:

- *Talk about whatever is bothering you, no matter how small.*
- *Invite God to reveal His purposes, plans, and desires for your life.*
- *Make God the head of your home.*
- *Expect God to respond as you humble yourselves before Him.*

(Source: <http://www.allaboutprayer.org/family-prayer.htm>)


Prayer is not limited to the "closet" prayer that occurs when you are alone and quiet or even the prayers said in your home. If you learn to live a life of prayer, you will find yourself praying little prayers throughout the day. There are several ways that you can live in prayer all day. As you prepare to start your day, offer yourself for His purposes (oblation) that day. Beholding and glorifying God (adoration) on the morning commute will help your day much more than becoming depressed by the latest horror news story on the car radio.

During the day, when God comes to mind, adore and praise Him. If you exercise on your lunch hour, playing Christian recordings on your iPod can help you refocus on God. If you spend most of your time at home, turn up the volume and have your own private service of prayer and praise. Offer God thanksgiving for everything that goes right during the day and petition His help for everything that does not. As you encounter others who need help, offer intercession for them. If the Holy Spirit makes you aware of the error of your ways, immediately go to God as a penitent sinner, asking for forgiveness (penitence).

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In addition to prayer in your everyday life, you are called to practice it in corporate settings. Jesus said, “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my Name, there am I with them” (Matt. 18:19-20). Some common settings for corporate prayer include: The Holy Eucharist, chapter meetings, meetings of other groups, assemblies, conferences, retreats and quiet days.

The chapter is not automatically the prayer group for the parish. Everyone needs to pray and some have a special calling for prayer. The DHC chapter can be very helpful to the priest in building up the prayer life of the parish.

	<p>1. Read aloud the following Scriptures and discuss how each one relates to one of the types of prayer:</p> <p>Hab. 2:20; Ps. 113:1; James 5:16; 1 Sam.12:23; 2 Chron. 7:14; Isa. 6:8</p> <p><i>[Note: The above and additional Scriptures references related to the types of prayer may be found at http://www.tapestrylostcoin.org/piety.shtml]</i></p>
	<p>2. Review the information on the Rule of Prayer, underlining or highlighting any areas where you would like to expand your prayer life. Discuss at least one of those areas with your study mentor or group, asking for ideas for ways you can grow.</p>

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In your journal, complete the following:

Write Your Rule of Prayer. As you write your Rule of Prayer, pray and reflect to determine how God is calling you to pray for each of the following:

- The spread of God’s Kingdom in the world
- The work of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross in your Church, chapter and at the Provincial level
- Your parish and clergy
- Your own needs and needs of others (include Church and chapter prayer lists)

****When all four parts of your Rule of Life are completed, discuss it with your clergy.**

GOING FURTHER

We are all busy individuals. How do we fulfill Paul’s call to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17)?

VII. Rule of Life: Service

Read silently the following information and answer the questions at the end of the section.

A member of the Order seeks daily to do the will of God where she is, remembering Jesus' words: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my children, you have done it unto me."

Service is one way we respond to God for His goodness to us. It is a way we show our love for one another. It is a way we present the face of our Lord and Savior to others. In our Baptismal Vow, we were asked, "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?" And we responded, "I will with God's help." This covenant was again affirmed at our Confirmation and at various times in our Christian life.

Our ultimate goal is to live into the words of Jesus when He said: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these ... you did for me" (Matt. 25:40). Any sincere act that brings others closer to being what God intended for His people is an act of service. The DHC chapter is not a social service agency and cannot be all things to all people. However, it is hands, feet and a voice of God on earth. Service should always be guided by God, and we are to depend on Him for the strength to accomplish His call (Phil. 4:13). Without God's help, we will fail (John 5:15).

Service may take many forms, and individual and group service may change over time. Chapters may engage in a group service project or their chapter service may be hearing about, supporting and praying for the individual service commitments of the members. When there is a service project, invite the entire congregation to participate. Be open to transferring responsibility for the project to others, so the chapter is available to God when He has a new service assignment.

Our Church and the world are full of needs, and we are called to meet some of them as God directs and equips us (2 Thess. 2:16-17). God has created each of us for a purpose and has given us skills, abilities, interests and aptitudes that prepare us to accomplish His plans (Eph. 2:10). To be effective in God's service, we must set our minds on things of the Spirit rather than things of the flesh (Col. 3:2); we must let go of any self-absorbed attitude and pray, "God, lead me to the service you have planned for me."

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When you serve, remember that others are also being called to service. If you step out of God's call to you and perform service He has directed you to do, you may be robbing others of the opportunity to perform their God-given service.

To learn what we are called to be and do in service, we pray for spiritual discernment. According to Henry Blackaby, God communicates His will to us through:

- The Holy Spirit
- The Holy Scriptures
- Answers to prayer
- Life circumstances
- The Church and believers

Service within the Church means working with the clergy for the uplifting of the parish, the Order, or your chapter. When you address spiritual, emotional, social and natural needs of those within and outside of your parish, you are providing service.

You serve God as you serve others in the way God has led you. You may be helping members of the parish meet their individual needs, or your calling may be to the wider community. Maybe you are being led to preach the Gospel, to uplift the oppressed, or to give hope to orphans, widows, and downcast people.

?	<p>1. Read the following Scriptures relating to service and discuss what you learn about service (and your role in service) from each one:</p> <p>Rom. 8:5-8 I Cor. 3:5-9 Phil. 2:1-11 Col. 3:23-25 Gal. 6:9-10 I Pet. 4:10-11</p>
?	<p>2. As a DAL, a study group or DHC chapter, have you discerned ways that God is calling you to service? If so, discuss them with your mentor, study members or chapter members. If not, stop and pray the following Scripture, listening for God's response:</p> <p>Ephesians 1:17-19 (with personal emphasis)</p> <p><i>[I pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give me (us) a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him [I pray] that the eyes of my (our) heart(s) may be enlightened so I (we) may know what is the hope of His calling for me (us), what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His vast strength.</i></p> <p>Then, discuss any insights about service received by those in attendance at this session.</p>

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

In your journal, write your thoughts on the following:

Write your Rule of Service. Before writing, ask yourself these questions

- In what area am I already providing service in response to God's calling on my life?
- Is there an area of my life where I am being called to provide additional or different service for my Savior?

****When all four parts of your Rule of Life are completed, discuss it with your clergy.**

GOING FURTHER

Reflect on the service you are currently offering and ask, "How do I know that I am doing what God called me to do?"

VIII. Rule of Life: Study

Read silently the following information and answer the questions at the end of the section.

A member of the Order takes part in the Discernment of God's word in order to gain wisdom, understanding, discernment and strength.

"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was His custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him ... "(Luke 4:16-17).

From the above Scripture, we see that our Savior read the Word. In fact, the Bible contains 71 Scriptures regarding the importance of reading and several refer to the reading of the Scriptures. Reading is only part of study. Additionally, we must understand. In fact, the Scriptures contain 186 references to understanding. Discerning incorporates both reading and understanding. Jesus mentions understanding in several New Testament Scriptures, for instance:

Reference	Scripture
Matt. 13:15	"For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."
Matt. 13:19-23	"When people hear the message about the kingdom and do not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their hearts But the seed falling on good soil refers to people who hear the word and understand it"
Mark 7:14	"... Listen to Me, everyone, and understand this."
Luke 24:45	"Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."
John 10:38	"... even though you do not believe Me, believe the works that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."
John 13:12	"When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' He asked them."

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (Amplified Bible)

"Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work."

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James 1:25

*“... truly happy people are those who carefully study God’s perfect law that makes people free
They do not forget what they hear, but they obey what God’s teaching
says ...”*

The Holy Scriptures are the word of God. We call them the Word of God because God inspired their human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible (Book of Common Prayer, 1979). Second Timothy gives many reasons for becoming intimate with God’s Holy Word. Second Timothy 3:17 describes a person whose life has been transformed. So, we see that an ultimate goal for internalizing the Scriptures is to open ourselves to God’s transforming grace. As our minds and hearts are transformed, our lives will be modified to be more in line with His perfect will and we will become more like our Savior. The Book of James shows the added benefit of true happiness that we can have for discerning God’s Word, and obeying His teaching.

How can learning and understanding the Scriptures help us?

- The Bible gives us a guide for maneuvering through life.
- It teaches us what God expects of us.
- It teaches us how to live in relationships with others.
- The Bible is a collection of wonderful stories with meaning and morals.
- God’s promises to us are comforting, healing and directing in troubling times.
- The Scriptures give us insights into God’s mind so our minds can be transformed in agreement with His mind.
- The Bible explains what is essential for our salvation.

	(1) Discuss ways that studying the Scriptures have made a difference (or could make a difference) in your life.
	(2) Read Rom. 12:1-2 and discuss how studying the Scriptures can lead to personal transformation.

HOW TO STUDY

First of all, obtain a good study Bible or Bible software. Some suggested Bibles are the New International Version (NIV), New King James Version, Today’s New International Version (TNIV), English Standard Version (ESV) or New American Standard Bible (NASB). Be sure to get the study Bible version. Then add some useful resources such as a Bible dictionary, a Bible handbook, a Bible atlas and a complete concordance for the translation you use. All of these references are available from your local Christian bookstore or online at sites for ordering Christian books. If you do not know which ones to buy, ask your pastor to help you decide.

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To avoid being overwhelmed, select a short passage to study but really work to thoroughly understand the passage. Your Bible atlas will help you to understand the location where the action took place. A good Bible handbook will tell you about the times and the culture of the passage as well as give you a short explanation of content. If you encounter a word you do not know, look it up in a Bible dictionary. The internet offers many free resources for Bible study.


Set aside time each day to study the Scriptures. Many daily Bible study books are available for this purpose. These studies usually assign a passage of Scripture and provide a short commentary to explain some aspect of the text. Also, they encourage the reader to reflect on what is learned and often to put it in practice. Dedicate a time and place for your study. Keep all of your resources nearby. Always pray before you start to study a passage. Offer God your openness to hear and inwardly digest His Word and ask that the Holy Spirit will help you to understand the Scripture and its meaning for your life.

Some families study together; some people study with a close friend. In addition to studying at home, you might want to join a Bible study group or a class that incorporates Bible study. For review, you might want to take a tour of some main passages that, together, present the “big picture” of the Bible. The Appendix of this Manual includes a list of 50 passages for that purpose. Also, other resources useful for Bible study are listed in the Appendix.

Here are questions you might answer as you study:

1. What does the passage actually say (as opposed to what you may have heard previously)?
2. What *doesn't* it say?
3. Who are the major players?
4. What happened?
5. What is the context of this passage?
6. In your own words, what meaning do you get from the passage?
7. What does this passage tell you about God?
8. What does this passage tell us about man?
9. How will this passage change the way I live my daily life?
10. Who will I talk to about this passage?

Credit is given to the authors of the Discover the Bible app for some of these questions.

	(1) What are some suggested resources to have in your Bible study library?
	(2) Read Acts 2:42-47 and answer the questions on the DHC Bylaws on page 35.

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

In your journal, write your thoughts on the following:

Write your Rule of Study. Before writing, reflect on what areas of study will be helpful in maturing you as a Christian.

****When all four parts of your Rule of Life are completed, discuss it with your clergy.**

GOING FURTHER

It has been said that the Bible is God's love letter to His people. How does study enrich your relationship with God? Give an example of when it as enriched your life and drawn you closer to God.

IX. Rule of Life: Evangelism

Read silently the following information and answer the questions at the end of the section. In so doing, we expand the Kingdom of God and fulfill the Great Commission.

EVANGELISM

A member of the Order must make a conscientious and constant effort to bring others into a relationship with Christ. In doing so, we expand the Kingdom of God and fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are a few of the Scriptures that admonish us to bring others into relationship with Christ:

“Jesus came and said to them, ‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’” (Matt. 28:19).

“Again, Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you’” (John 20:21).

“For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake” (2 Cor. 4:5).

In our Baptismal Covenant, when asked, “Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?” we promise God, “I will, with God’s help.”

The term *evangelism* stems from the Greek word *evangelion* that means, “good news.” The Good News we are to communicate is that God loves you, Christ died for you and you can choose to live for Him. This is a message that we can communicate by words and actions. In the 1945 Archbishops’ Commission on Evangelism report, evangelism was described as follows:

... the making known of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, especially to those who do not know it. It is a particular responsibility in the Church’s mission. We are charged to communicate that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Good News from God. Evangelism usually involves the use of words, but not inevitably so. Identification and solidarity with people are indispensable and may themselves be forms of evangelism if they evoke a response which enables Jesus Christ to be named. It is essential that in evangelism the dignity of human beings is affirmed by giving them freedom to choose, without pressure.

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But of course, there are many situations where it is right and proper for Christians to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ. Certainly, it is the hope of evangelists that their hearers will be persuaded and come to faith.

(Source: Report. (1945). Towards the Conversion of England - Report of the Archbishops' Commission on Evangelism. London: Press and Publications Board of the Church Assembly.)

The term evangelism is sometimes a dreaded word because of the various irritating and aggressive evangelism methods many of us have experienced. Let us take a more rational look at what evangelism really is and the role of Daughters in bringing the world to Christ.

If we do not spread the Good News, others will not know our Lord. As St. Teresa of Avila noted, "We are the hands and feet of Jesus." When Jesus called the fishermen Simon and Andrew to be His disciples, He said, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). That message extends to us today.

Many of us fear evangelism because we envision that we must be theological scholars, able to immediately answer any religious question we may be asked. If we realize that the message of Jesus is a simple one, we can let go of that fear. Even theological scholars do not know all the answers, because God is a mystery.

When we share the main message of the Good News of Christ along with our story of how He has affected our lives, we fulfill the charge of Christ. If we are asked questions we cannot answer, we can always either find the answer or refer the person to someone who knows the answer. We trust the Holy Spirit to lead us in our witness and to settle the issues in the other person's heart. We plant the seed and nurture it, but God is responsible for bringing people to Himself; we are not (1 Cor. 3:6).

Here are some guidelines that will be helpful in determining how you will practice evangelism:

1. ***Pray for yourself.*** Ask for grace that your lifestyle will not discredit the Gospel, but will be a consistent testimony to Gospel truths. Pray that God will give you a clearer vision of the eternal destinies at stake for humanity—heaven and hell. When gripped by these two realities, the love of Christ compels us to share our Savior.
2. ***Pray for the lost.*** Pray for your friends and family who are not Christians. People will not respond positively to the Gospel unless God opens their hearts, and so we pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare persons to understand and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.


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3. ***Pray for your Church.*** Ask God to make the preaching and teaching clear and powerful, and to make your congregation one whose members clearly live under the power of the Gospel. Pray that newcomers will be welcomed with the love of Christ.

4. ***Don't go at it alone.*** Much of the guilt associated with personal evangelism comes from the misguided notion that all Christians must be eloquent in Gospel proclamation. In reality, God has made each person unique. Some find it more difficult to speak up than others. This fact should lead neither to a false guilt over the lack of natural ability or spiritual gifts, nor to a shirking of responsibility for the souls of men and women. God's people should be encouraged to work together.

5. ***Cultivate the habit of talking about your spiritual life without embarrassment.*** We talk with our friends about what is most important to us. If the Savior is precious to us, His Name and our devotion to Him will come up naturally in our conversations.

(Source: http://www.opc.org/new_horizons)

	<p>(1) The Samaritan woman was the first evangelist in the Scriptures. Read her story in John 4:28-42 and discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What "Good News" did she share? • How did the Samaritans react to her message? • Discuss ways her marital issues may have influenced her witness to others. • What was the final benefit for the Samaritans who heard Jesus? <p>(2) Read John 4:35b and discuss ways that you can evangelize by word and action?</p>
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PERSONAL REFLECTION

In your journal, write your thoughts on the following:

Write your Rule of Evangelism

At the end of Discernment, before vowing to become a Daughter of the Holy Cross, you are encouraged to discuss your completed Rule of Life with your clergy/priest to seek suggestions for improvement.

GOING FURTHER

Write your story of how Jesus has affected your life and share it with another person.

X. Exploring the Bylaws and Handbook

THE BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross, Inc. are located in the DHC Handbook, Page 19. Answer the following questions, by reading the noted Articles in the Bylaws.


Questions	Where Found in DHC Bylaws
1. What are the six requirements to become a member of DHC?	Article II. Membership, Page 19
2. How many members are required for a chapter to be formed?	Article III. Organization of Chapters, Page 20
3. If members are from different churches, who can be the chapter chaplain?	Article III. Organization of Chapters, Page 20
4. Who provides guidance for Junior Daughter Chapters?	Article IV. Junior Daughters of the Holy Cross, Page 21
5. Who establishes the annual DHC Dues? Can chapters have local dues? Can Daughters raise funds for DHC?	Article V. Dues and Fees, Page 21
6. What is the Order's initial structure?	Article VI. Structure, Page 21
7. How many persons constitute the Provincial Council? What are the officer positions?	Article VII. Provincial Council, Page 21
8. What is one of the duties of each Provincial Officer?	Article VII, Section 7. Duties of the Provincial Officers, Page 22
9. What positions constitute the Executive Board?	Article VII, Section 8. Executive Board, Page 23
10. Describe the nominations process for the DHC Provincial Council.	Article VIII, Section 1. Provincial Assembly, Page 23
11. How is the Provincial Chaplain selected?	Article IX. Provincial Chaplain, Page 24
12. What is the procedure for amending the Provincial Bylaws?	Article XI. Amendment, Page 24

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DHC HANDBOOK

Refer to the following sections in the Candidate Discernment Manual and the DHC website and answer the accompanying questions:

Question	Section in the DHC Handbook
For what purposes may the monies in the In Christ Alone Fund be used?	In Christ Alone Fund
What is the difference between an Order and an organization?	An Order NOT an Organization
How may a Virtual Chapter be organized?	Virtual Members and Chapters
How may an inactive Chapter re-activate?	Inactive Chapters
For what purposes are the Services of the Order used?	Services of the Order See Resources section on the DHC website (www.daughtershc.org)

	Now that you have completed the journaling process, discuss any gains the process provided you.
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PERSONAL REFLECTION

Be in prayer and to discern whether you, or eligible DHC members you know, are being called to serve on the DHC Provincial Council in the future.

XI. Building Unity: Chapter Project

[Note: A woman preparing to enter the Order as a Daughter-At-Large should discuss possible projects with her priest and study mentor. She may do the project alone or with others.]

Read silently the following information. Then plan and implement your Chapter (or individual, if not in a chapter) project.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

Earlier sections of this Discernment Manual addressed praying together and worshipping together. This section focuses on working together to extend Christ’s kingdom. As each woman in a chapter or Discernment group prepares to take a Vow of Service (and live by it), it is essential for her chapter or Discernment group to function as a united front and reach out to the wider Church and to the world. Faith without works is dead (James 2:26b).

In addition to building unity, we are also called to good works by God. In Paul’s letter to the Church at Ephesus, he reminded them that they were, “God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:10). From this passage we learn that not only are we called to do works (good deeds), but God has pre-ordained the work for us. Since we are all called to serve, this chapter on *doing* service is equally pertinent to DALs and to Daughters who will belong to a chapter.

Spend time in prayer and discernment and let God guide you to the project(s) He has prepared in advance for you to do. The project you do may be small and completed in a short time, or it may be the early steps of a much larger project—maybe one that involves the entire parish. Your chapter may already have an ongoing project. The women in the study sessions may plan, work on, and report about their participation in that project.

PROJECT PLANNING

Here are ten steps to use in planning your project:

1. Spend time in individual and corporate prayer and discernment. Ask God to show the chapter, study group or DAL the project it or she is to do. Continue to cover the project in prayer at each step.
2. Question others in the Church to determine what the needs are.

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3. Take a look at your community to see if there are needs in your area that might be met by the chapter, Discernment group or DAL.
4. Determine what interest and talents exist within the chapter or group involved in this Discernment process.
5. Once the chapter, Discernment group or DAL knows what the project will be, discuss all aspects of it, making sure that all involved understand it and are committed to helping.
6. Think about what you really want to do and what outcome(s) you expect.
7. Determine your plan of action, identifying the various tasks.
8. Develop a schedule for implementing the project.
9. Make assignments for the various tasks.
10. Determine how to evaluate the project to know if it accomplished what was intended (or something much better). The *Discernment Class Project Report* form to use in reporting this project to the Provincial Council includes an evaluation.

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (Eph. 4:11-12)

Your project may benefit others in your Church or it may reach the wider community. Here are a few suggestions, but what you choose to do may be very different from any of these project possibilities:

- Bible study for abused women
- Christian book drive for youth
- Christian economics sessions
- Community counseling (using the Scriptures)
- Developing Sunday School curriculum
- Establishing and maintaining a Christian library for the Church/ the neighborhood
- Food bank project
- Holding Friday Night at the Movies to show wholesome films and share Christ
- Hospital visitation and prayer
- Letters of encouragement to ministry leaders and others in the Church
- Making and delivering prayer shawls/prayer blankets/prayer quilts
- Ministry to assist mentally or physically challenged persons

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- Ministry to prisoners and their loved ones
- Neighborhood Bible study
- Neighborhood Christian book club
- Neighborhood parties to invite the unchurched
- Neighborhood prayer services
- Nursing home praise and worship services
- Outreach to children
- Outreach to senior citizens
- Outreach to the unchurched, using creative talents such as music, drama or crafts
- Outreach/comfort to those in the military
- Parent's Night Out (babysitting for kids and supper/entertainment for parents)
- Prayer walking
- Sponsoring a women's retreat
- Visits to sick and shut-ins of the Church

After completing the project, complete the *Discernment Class Project Report* form (see www.daughtershc.org). Submit this form along with the *Application for Membership* form.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In your journal, complete the following:

Journal on the effect that this project has had on your Christian development.

GOING FURTHER

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CATEGORY	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	ABOUT THE AUTHOR
DEVOTIONALS	A DAILY WOMEN'S DEVOTIONAL	This 52-week devotional is written by pastors' wives who share what they have learned to help women pursue Christlikeness. Each week focuses on one theme and daily devotions include Scripture and a prayer.	Donna Gaines, General Editor. NAVPRESS
DEVOTIONALS	DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups	The book features fifty-two selections organized to introduce the reader to the great devotional writers over the course of one year. It includes readings from Augustine of Hippo, Francis of Assisi, Deitrich Bonhoeffer, Julian of Norwich, Martin Luther, Annie Dillard, Thomas Merton, Kathleen Norris, Dallas Willard, John Calvin, and many more.	Richard J. Foster is the author of several bestselling books. He is the founder of Renovaré, an organization committed to the renewal of the church of Jesus Christ. James Bryan Smith is a theology professor at Friends University in Wichita, KS and a writer and speaker in the area of Christian spiritual formation.
DEVOTIONALS	FAITH ALONE: A Daily Devotional (see note*)	Powerful excerpts from the writings of one of the giants of the faith. Freshly translated from the original German into today's language, this book contains a daily devotional taken from some of Luther's best writings and sermons.	Martin Luther was a German professor of theology, composer, priest, Augustinian monk, and a seminal figure in the Protestant Reformation.
DEVOTIONALS	FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, PART 2 (see note*)	This devotional contains a 365-day plan to guide you through the New Testament and Psalms twice and the rest of the Old Testament once in a year. It places the reader into the larger framework of history and God's eternal plan.	D. A. Carson (PhD, Cambridge University) is Emeritus Professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where he has taught since 1978. He is a cofounder of the Gospel Coalition and has written or edited nearly 120 books.
DEVOTIONALS	IT IS FINISHED: 365 Days of Good News (see note*)	These short readings each contain a truth from God's Word that will set you on a solid foundation for the day—a foundation of God's grace, goodness, and unconditional love.	Tullian Tchividjian , best-selling author, speaker, consultant, and past pastor of Coral Ridge (Ft. Lauderdale). He holds a degree in philosophy and Master of Divinity.
DEVOTIONALS	JESUS CALLING: Enjoying Peace in His Presence (with Scripture references) (see note*)	The book contains devotional writings of personal reflections from the author's daily quiet time of Bible reading, praying, and writing in prayer journals.	Sarah Young earned a master's degree in Biblical Studies and Counseling from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Young and her husband are missionaries with Mission to the World, the PCA mission board.
DEVOTIONALS	Magnificat (Magazine)	A visually stunning pocket-sized monthly magazine that features the complete readings (RC) for each Sunday and weekdays, daily reflections on the Gospel and information on the lives of the saints.	Published by The Catholic Company (not a company of the Roman Catholic Church). Available from Amazon.com and other book/media sellers.
DEVOTIONALS	MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST	Timeless and anchored in Scripture, it will challenge you to grow in your faith and cultivate ever-greater obedience to Christ.	Oswald Chambers (1874-1917) is best known for the classic devotional <i>My Utmost for His Highest</i> . Born in Scotland, Chambers had a teaching and preaching ministry that took him as far as the United States and Japan.

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DEVOTIONALS	NEW MORNING MERCIES (see note*)	This devotional offers daily encouragement through 365 gospel-centered meditations aimed at helping readers trust God and rely on his grace each and every day.	Paul David Tripp (D. Min, Westminster Theological Seminary) is a pastor, author, and international conference speaker. He is also the president of Paul Tripp Ministries. He has written a number of popular books on Christian living.
DEVOTIONALS	THE WORD FOR TODAY	This devotional is published around the world by United Christian Broadcasters (UCB).	Bob Gass, with his wife, Debby , write <i>The Word for Today</i> . Bob Gass has also authored more than 30 books and produced an extensive library of teaching DVDs and CDs.
DEVOTIONALS	WORD FOR YOU TODAY	These devotional readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format. It may be used for personal devotions and to open church meetings or Bible studies.	Published by Concordia Publishing House Published quarterly, authors change each month.
DEVOTIONALS	YOU ARE THE BELOVED: Daily Meditations for Spiritual Living (see note*)	This devotional offers deep spiritual insight into human experience, intimacy, brokenness, and compassion.	Henry Nouwen was a Dutch-born Roman Catholic priest, professor, and pastor who gained international renown as the author of many classics (translated in 30 languages) including <i>The Wounded Healer</i> and <i>Return of the Prodigal Son</i> .
EVANGELISM	BEYOND THE LOCAL CHURCH: How Apostolic Movements Can Change the World	These are all strategic ways to live for the kingdom—in venues beyond the local church. Mission leader Sam Metcalf shows how God has always worked through entrepreneurial individuals and organizations that launched out in fresh ways.	Sam Metcalf is president of Church Resource Ministries. He holds a BA from the University of Virginia and masters and D Min degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary.
EVANGELISM	GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thought	The author challenges you to exercise your God-given power to shift negative thinking patterns and take back control of your thoughts and emotions.	Jennie Allen is an award-winning and bestselling author. The author has a master's in Biblical Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary.
EVANGELISM	JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION: How to Be an Everyday Missionary	Simple and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools.	Greg Finke , ordained in 1989, spent the last ten years pastoring churches with a 1,000 or more. He is a neighborhood missionary in League City, Texas. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary and is ordained in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.
EVANGELISM	MAKING RADICAL DISCIPLES: Make and Multiply Disciples Like Jesus Using Ten Contagious Disciple Making Lessons	This book is a simple, practical, easy-to-read one that lead to spiritual transformation.	Daniel Lancaster has planted two churches in America, served as a long-term missionary in Southeast Asia, served as Vice-President for University Ministries (Union University, Jackson, Tennessee), and is currently a mission consultant with Cornerstone International.
EVANGELISM	THE CASE FOR CHRIST STUDY GUIDE WITH DVD: A Six-Session Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus (see note*)	Rejecting easy answers, you will sift through historical evidence as you weigh compelling expert testimony. Pastors, small group leaders, and individuals will find compelling answers for their questions about Jesus.	Lee Strobel , with a journalism degree from the University of Missouri and a Master of Studies in Law degree from Yale Law School, was the award-winning legal editor of the <i>Chicago Tribune</i> and a spiritual skeptic until 1981. His books include four Gold Medallion winners and the 2005 Christian Book of the Year.

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EVANGELISM	THE POWER OF A WOMAN'S WORD: How the Words You Speak Shape the Lives of Others (see note*)	The author's insights will guide you to instill courage in friends, express confidence in family, and share Christ with the lost. Discover how to harness your tongue's power to build up rather than tear down!	Sharon Jaynes is the co-founder of Girlfriends in God, Inc., a non-denominational ministry. She writes for Proverbs 31 Ministries' Encouragement for Today devotions and teaches in its She Speaks conference. Along with others, she provides daily online devotions read by about 500,000 subscribers.
PRAYER	FERVENT: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer (see note*)	The book is described as a hands-on, knees-down, never give-up action guide to practical purposeful praying. It includes tear-out sheets ready to post in your own prayer area.	Priscilla Shirer . American author, motivational speaker, actress, Christian evangelist, is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, with a master's degree in Biblical Studies. She has been a conference speaker for major corporations, organizations, and Christian audiences across the United States and the world.
PRAYER	HOW TO PRAY: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer (see note*)	Wesley explains the why and how of prayer for believers at any stage of the Christian life. Lightly edited for ease of reading.	John Wesley (1703-1791), Anglican clergyman, evangelist, and founder, with his brother Charles, of the Methodist movement in the Church of England.
PRAYER	PRAYING WOMEN: How to Pray When You Don't Know What to Say	Walsh shares practical, biblically based tips to help you ignite your conversation with the Lord.	Sheila Walsh is an international speaker and Bible teacher. She also is co-host of Life Today with James and Betty Robison.
PRAYER	WAY TO PRAY: A Biblical Method for Enriching Your Prayer Life and Language by Shaping Your Words with Scripture (see note*)	This Matthew Henry work consists almost entirely of Scripture, arranged under various headings, to help Christians to pray in harmony with the truth of God, revealed in his Word. First published three hundred years ago, it has been revised and updated by O. Palmer Robertson	Matthew Henry (1662-1714) is highly valued by contemporary preachers and Bible users. O. Palmer Robertson is a well-known conference speaker. He holds a Th.D. from Union Theological Seminary and has pastored congregations in Mississippi, several states, and has taught in Westminster, Reformed, Covenant, and Knox Seminaries in the U.S.A. He is now Principal and Director of African Bible University in Kampala, Uganda.
STUDY	7 WOMEN AND THE SECRET OF THEIR GREATNESS (see note*)	The author presents the portraits of seven remarkable, faithful women who impacted the lives of the people around them in powerful and unique ways. Each of these women is an extraordinary example of true womanhood and courage in the face of opposition by following God's call upon their lives.	Eric Metaxas is the author of four New York Times Bestsellers, including the #1 Bestseller, BONHOEFFER: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy, sold over one million copies in 19 languages. He is host of the Eric Metaxas Show, a nationally syndicated daily radio program in 120 cities. Metaxas is a Senior Fellow and Lecturer at Large for the King's College in New York City.,
STUDY	ABIDE: Keeping Vigil with The Word of God	This book is an invitation to make the Word of God your home through the practice of lectio divina. It includes scriptural meditations, reflective questions, and personal prayers.	Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B. , is a spiritual guide, popular retreat facilitator, and author who makes her home with the monastic community of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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STUDY	AWAKENING TO GOD: Discovering His Power and Your Purpose	According to the author, spiritual awakenings tend to occur when God's people understand their calling and prepare through prayer, personal renewal, and action. He offers a compelling vision for a "Jesus way" of widespread spiritual renewal, equipping you to better love people into the Kingdom of God.	Gerald B. Long , minister, evangelist, author, motivational speaker, and former banking executive. Served as pastor for 17 years. Also is past Executive Director of ALPHA USA.
STUDY	BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND 2-IN-1 BOOK AND STUDY GUIDE (see note*)	The author states that you will discover how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find peace and gain control over your mind. • See the truth by thinking correctly. • Use spiritual weapons effectively. • Overcome the 10 wilderness mentalities that hold you in harmful circumstances. 	Joyce Meyer is one of the world's leading Bible teachers and a New York Times bestselling author. Her TV and radio broadcast, <i>Enjoying Everyday Life</i> , airs on nearly 450 television networks and 400 radio stations worldwide.
STUDY	BEHOLDING AND BECOMING: The Art of Everyday Worship (see note*)	Featuring 850+ pieces of original artwork alongside 32 meditational readings, According to the author, we become what we behold when we set our hearts and minds on Christ and His redemption story here in the details of our daily lives.	Ruth Chou Simons is a bestselling and award-winning author, artist, entrepreneur, and speaker, using each of these platforms to spiritually sow the Word of God into people's hearts. Also, she is CEO and founder of GraceLaced, a multi-faceted inspirational art company rooted in ministry.
STUDY	CHASING VINES: Finding Your Way to an Immensely Fruitful Life (hardback). (see note*)	Moore explores what it means to abide in the vine of Christ—and bear abundant fruit! Includes life application takeaways so you can dig deeper into God's plan for human flourishing.	Wanda Elizabeth "Beth" Moore (born Wanda Elizabeth Green , 1957) is an American evangelist, author, and Bible teacher. She is the founder of Living Proof Ministries based in Houston, Texas. The ministry focuses on aiding women who desire to model their lives on evangelical Christian principles.
STUDY	ENEMIES OF THE HEART: Breaking Free from the Four Emotions That Control You (see note*)	The writer explores each of these destructive forces—guilt, anger, greed, and jealousy—and how they infiltrate your life and damage your relationships. He says that, left unchallenged they have the power to destroy your home, your career, and your friendships.	Communicator, author (20 books), and pastor, Andy Stanley founded North Point Ministries in 1995. Today, NPM consists of 70 churches globally. He holds an undergraduate degree in journalism from Georgia State University and a master's degree from Dallas Theological Seminary.
STUDY	KNOWING GOD, BOOK AND STUDY GUIDE (see note*)	Discover the difference between <i>knowing</i> God and knowing <i>about</i> God! Packer's updated classic and 22-lesson study guide will help you to perceive God's true nature and love his Word.	J.I. Packer - an ordained Anglican minister, he holds a D.Phil. from Oxford University. Packer has been a central figure in a variety of theological movements in North America and Europe for nearly two generations. He was named by <i>Time</i> magazine as one of the 25 most influential evangelicals in America.
STUDY	LIES WOMEN BELIEVE, UPDATED (see note*)	The author exposes those areas of deception most commonly believed by Christian women - lies about God, sin, priorities, marriage and family, emotions, and more. Then she sheds light on how women can be delivered from bondage and set free to walk in God's grace, forgiveness, and abundant life	Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth also known as Nancy Leigh DeMoss is the host and teacher for Revive Our Hearts and Seeking Him, two nationally syndicated programs heard each weekday on over 1,000 radio stations. Her books have sold more than four million copies.

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STUDY	MERE CHRISTIANITY STUDY GUIDE: A Bible Study on the C.S. Lewis Book (May need to purchase Mere Christianity book-print or Kindle) (see note*)	The Study Guide includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twelve sessions of study with multi-week options included • Comprehensive Bible study workbook with five daily studies per week • Bible study questions that are ideal for group discussion 	Clive Staples Lewis was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably one of the most influential writers of his day. He wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience, and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year.
STUDY	PROMISES FOR WOMEN FROM GOD'S WORD	It lists promises recorded in Scripture on which women can rely, providing the assurance of God's faithfulness when readers are looking for strength and comfort.	Baker Publishing Group
STUDY	PURSUIT OF GOD WITH REFLECTION & STUDY QUESTIONS (see note*)	In this book, Tozer declares that man can know, in a very personal way, our absolute, real, sovereign, eternal, majestic God.	A.W. Tozer was extremely influential in evangelical Christianity in his generation and was often called a "twentieth-century prophet."
STUDY	SITTING AT THE FEET OF RABBI JESUS: How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith (see note*)	Journey back to ancient Palestine and explore the culture, customs, feasts, and prayers that shaped Christ and his disciples. It includes study questions.	Ann Spangler is an award-winning writer and the author of many bestselling books Lois Tverberg , PhD, has been writing and teaching about the Jewish background of Christianity for the past twenty years.
STUDY	THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE: What on Earth Am I Here For? (see note*)	This expanded edition of The Purpose Driven Life, includes QR codes to video introductions by Rick Warren for each chapter, an audio lesson at the end of each chapter, with over thirty additional hours of teaching by Rick Warren, two bonus chapters, and more.	Rick Warren is the founder of Saddleback Church and as the author of The Purpose-Driven Life (2002), became one of the most influential Evangelical Christians in the United States. He holds a Bachelor of Art degree from the California Baptist University, a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary.
STUDY	THE REASON FOR God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism (see note*)	Responding to the questions of open skeptics and ardent believers, the author draws from literature, philosophy, reason, and real-life conversations to explain how faith in a Christian God a soundly rational belief is.	Timothy Keller , renowned pastor, and New York Times bestselling author started Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City. Dr. Keller also founded Redeemer City to City, which has trained leaders to start more than three hundred new churches.
STUDY	UNGLUED: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions (see note*)	The material is designed to help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resolve conflict in relationships - Find peace in relationships - Improve your communication - Respond by managing your tendencies to stuff, explode or react in between - Respond to situations out of your control 	Lysa TerKeurst is president of Proverbs 31 Ministries and the New York Times best-selling author. As president of Proverbs 31 Ministries, the author and her team have led thousands to make their walk with God.

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STUDY	WHAT ANGLICANS BELIEVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY (see note*)	This new edition of the 1974 classic is for the very different world of the 21st century and its powerful new preface examines the whole question of belief. The author aims to help Anglicans understand their own tradition and what it can offer them.	David Lawrence Edwards was an Anglican priest, scholar and church historian. He served as the Dean of Norwich, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sub-Dean at Westminster Abbey and Provost of Southwark, and was a prolific author
STUDY	WHEN GOD DOESN'T FIX IT: Lessons You Never Wanted to Learn, Truths You Can't Live Without (see note*)	Tackling common myths about God and hardship, the author examines what happens when life does not turn out as we expect---and offers assurances.	Laura Story is a Bible teacher, worship leader, Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter, and bestselling author. She has a graduate degree from Covenant Theological Seminary and has served as a worship leader at Perimeter Church in Atlanta since 2005.
STUDY	YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times (see note*)	The author encourages readers through sharing the Biblical story of Joseph. Stripped of his identity, thrown into a pit, and sold as a slave, his was a story of defeat and challenges, but as time passed God worked through his circumstances to bring redemption and reconciliation.	Max Lucado , who entered the ministry in 1978, has served churches in Miami, Florida; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and San Antonio, Texas. He currently serves as Teaching Minister of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio. He is America's bestselling inspirational author with more than 140 million books in print.

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Discernment sessions may be offered using one of a variety of approaches. According to the DHC Bylaws, a woman who seeks to become a Daughter must study under the guidance of a member of the Order (Article II, Section 3b of the Handbook). An individual seeking membership, as a Daughter-At-Large, may be mentored by a Daughter whom she knows, or the Daughter-at-large Chairperson will assign her a study mentor. An existing chapter preparing new candidates may complete the Discernment period with current Daughters teaching the lessons. The chart on this and the next few pages shows a suggested assignment of responsibilities for each approach. Mentors/Conveners/Teachers may delegate tasks to others but are still responsible for ensuring that the tasks are performed.

The following study Bibles or Study Bible software are suggested:

- New International Version (NIV)
- Today's New International Version (TNIV)
- New King James Version (NKJV)
- English Standard Version (ESV)
- New American Standard Bible (NASB)

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Training Tasks and Suggested Assignment of Responsibilities			
TRAINING TASKS	DAL with Mentor	Convener with Mentor	Chapter/ Member(s) as Teacher(s)
PRIOR TO THE TRAINING			
1. Submit <i>Intent for Candidate(s) Training</i> form and submit to Membership Chair. See Resources Section on the website (www.daughtershc.org)	NA	Convener	NA
2. Obtain a copy of the <i>Candidate Discernment Manual</i> for each candidate enrolled in the training.	Candidate	Convener	Teacher(s)
3. Make one copy of the <i>Training Session Attendance</i> form and record attendance of the candidates. See Resources section on the website (www.daughtershc.org).	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
4. Request each candidate to bring a blank journal (or writing paper or laptop) and a Bible to each training session.	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
5. Arrange for <i>the Service for Beginning 3- Month Discernment period</i> . (See Resources section on the website (www.daughtershc.org).	Candidate	Convener	Teacher(s)
DURING EACH SESSION			
1. Start with prayer.	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
2. Record attendance on the <i>Training Session Attendance</i> form see Resources section on the website (www.daughtershc.org).	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
3. Start the discussion of the chapter being studied	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)

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TRAINING TASKS	DAL with Mentor	Convener with Mentor	Chapter/ Member(s) as Teacher(s)
4. Encourage everyone to participate.	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
5. Participate fully in the discussion.	Candidate and Mentor	Entire Discernment Group	Candidate(s) and Teacher
6. Make sure the questions in the chapter are discussed.	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
7. Remind the women in the training that they are to complete the Journal Reflection between sessions. <i>[At the end of Chapter 10, remind each candidate that they are to discuss their completed Rule of Life with clergy if they will be taking the Vow to become a Daughter of the Holy Cross.]</i>	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
8. End the session with prayer.	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
9. Complete the Journal Reflection.	Candidate	Entire Discernment Group	Candidate(s)
COMPLETE SERVICE PROJECT			
1. Read Chapter 11 ahead of time.	Mentor	Convener	Teacher(s)
2. Determine and plan the project to complete.	Candidate and Mentor	Entire Discernment Group	Candidate(s) and Teacher(s)
3. Complete the project.	Candidate	Entire Discernment Group	Candidate(s) and Teacher(s)
4. Complete the <i>Discernment Class Project Report</i> form with input from the candidates. See Resources section on the website (www.daughtershc.org).	Mentor with Candidate input	Convener with input of the Discernment group	Teacher(s) with input from the Candidate(s)
AFTER THE TRAINING SESSIONS ARE COMPLETED			
1. Complete the <i>Application for Membership</i> form for each member. See Resources section on the website (www.daughtershc.org).	Candidate	Convener	Teacher(s)

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TRAINING TASKS	DAL with Mentor	Convener with Mentor	Chapter/ Member(s) as Teacher(s)
2. If forming a chapter, complete the <i>Application for Chapter Charter</i> form also. See Resources section on the website (www.daughtershc.org).	Not Applicable	Convener	Not Applicable
SUBMIT TO THE PROVINCIAL DHC TREASURER			
1. Submit the following to the Provincial Treasurer, treasurer@daughtershc.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A completed <i>Application for Membership</i> form for each candidate • The completed <i>Discernment Class Project Report</i> form. • Membership enrollment fee for each candidate (check(s) or Zelle payment) • The completed <i>Application for Chapter Charter</i> form if also forming a chapter. 	Candidate or Mentor Candidate or Mentor	President Elect or person delegated by President Elect President Elect or person delegated by President Elect	President or person delegated by President President or person delegated by President
2. Allow up to <i>four weeks</i> for crosses, membership cards and Chapter Charter to be processed and mailed.			
ARRANGE MEMBER AND CHAPTER (if appropriate) SERVICES			
Arrange for the Service of Admission and (if appropriate) institute the chapter and install officers. Use the services found under Resources section on the website (www.daughtershc.org).	Candidate	Convener	Teacher(s)