

The Order of the Daughters of the King

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Vision Statement. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King® is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

Who We Are. The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of prayer, service and evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. We are an order for women communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate. Today our membership includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches.

An Order, not an Organization. An Order is a community under a religious rule, especially one requiring members to take solemn vows. We don't just enroll as members and attend meetings; we take life-long vows to follow the Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service.

The Daughters of the King in Fort Worth. There are approximately fifty-eight members of the order in our diocese in six chapters and fifteen Daughters-at-Large. We have recently added the Mary of Magdalene Chapter to our fold at St. Alban's in Theatre Arlington. Deacon Sharla Marks served as the study guild leader for the members of the new chapter. Members take part in a twelve-week study before they take their lifetime vows in the order and receive their cross. Members of the order have a responsibility to attend their chapter meetings and to participate in diocesan, provincial and national assemblies either personally or by sending representatives.

In March, Lydia Hiatt, Cynthia Eichenberger, and Marti Fagley attended the Province VII assembly hosted by the Daughters in the Diocese of Oklahoma. We traveled to Oklahoma City for the weekend event. Our Province 7 Chaplain, Fr. Mike Gemignanim, led the study for the weekend on spiritual life and growth using his original hymn compositions and meditations as tools for reflection.

In October, diocesan officers, Marti Fagley and Lydia Hiatt (Co-Presidents), Marilyn Jones (Vice President), and Doris Hamilton (Treasurer) hosted the diocesan assembly at St. Luke's, Fort Worth. Mother Carlye Hughes led our eucharist and reflections.

We have struggled to form and hold together a diocesan board. We are grateful to the women who serve at this level and hope more will volunteer. Our diocesan president also serves on the Province VII board which meets twice a year. We continue to persevere in our calling to prayer, service and evangelism.

Financial Support of the Order. The primary way the order meets financial needs met is the annual dues paid by each Daughter. The money is used to support the work of the order at the national, provincial and diocesan levels and includes a subscription to *The Royal Cross*, our national

quarterly publication. We also support The Masters Fund, the Self-Denial Fund, the Endowment Fund, and the Alpha Fund of the order through our gifts.