



Province V Newsletter



Editor: Penny Campo-Pierce

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Province President's Report

In this report I will hit the highlights of this past year since my last report.

In news from the national level, our national electronic newsletter now has a name: Cross+Links. *This newsletter is only available electronically.* To receive your *electronic* copy, go to our National website (www.doknational.com), look for the box on the right-hand side inviting you to sign up for the newsletter, and follow the directions. *You will then begin receiving the monthly newsletter.* Continuing our progress into new technology, Daughters now has a Facebook group hosted by our own Anneliese Masco (Diocese of Chicago). If this is a social network you have embraced (so far, I have not), ask to be her friend.

Regarding our finances, the National audits are available online on our website. A question has previously arisen about who receives donations from The Order of the Daughters of the King separate from those granted through the Self-Denial Fund. The answer is that even and equal donations are made to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), United Thank Offering (UTO), and Compass Rose (similar to ERD but **through** the Anglican Communion). Our newest fund, the Alpha Fund, has received a wonderful response in donations. Now we need to spread the word about the availability of grants from this Fund.

Planning for Triennial in July 2012 is coming right along. We will be meeting at the Marriott East, Indianapolis. All our meeting rooms are on one level. Additional hotel rooms at a lower room rate will be available at the La Quinta Hotel right next door to the Marriott. Friends of the Groom, a Christian drama group, will be with us from Friday evening through Sunday, including Saturday night's banquet. More details will be in the next issue of our Royal Cross and online at our website. We are the host Province for this and will need some volunteers to help with various activities throughout the Triennial (please talk to your Diocesan president). We also have some plans of our own for a celebration at the Province Banquet the first night of Triennial.

In February 2011, I attended the Province VI Retreat. Our National President, Grace Sears, was our

speaker. I came back feeling renewed and energized. I also brought back many ideas I have already shared with your Diocesan presidents and some you have or will experience at our Retreats. I also represented Daughters at the Province V ECW 2011 Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Within our Province during the last year, I have visited and/or presented at Diocesan Assemblies in Southern Ohio, Indianapolis, Northern Indiana, Michigan, Western Michigan, and I was even able to attend the Assembly in my own home diocese of Chicago. I was present at the installation of chapters in Ohio and Missouri. I installed a chapter in the Diocese of Northern Indiana (the snowstorm that prevented Celeste from attending was further east, allowing me the privilege of installing the chapter) and one in Peoria, the Diocese of Quincy (an unassembled Diocese).

Throughout these visits I've seen Daughters who have moved past our previous difficulties and Daughters who are still living in uncertainty regarding the future of our Order, but I sense all are looking, seeking the greater good for our Order, the Order God intends us to be. The wounds some of us have felt were made over a period of time and will take time to heal. As Daughters, we all will continue to do our best to live into our vows of prayer, service, and evangelism.

Also in these visits, I heard a common thread in discussions of Daughters attending meetings, be they at the chapter, Diocesan, or Provincial level. That attendance is down is, indeed, disappointing but is not, I think, really due to the previous issues we as an Order have grappled with. Other organizations, secular and religious, are experiencing similar declines. Reasons for the decline are almost as numerous as the number involved. The best we can do is to make sure all our meetings are spiritually fulfilling and pray for our Daughters wherever they may be throughout the world. We also have a need for leadership at all levels of our Order. Please keep our nominating committees in your prayers as they diligently serve us.

Another common thread I discovered during my travels is a desire to grow our Order, not to increase our numbers but to share our experience of this spiritual journey with like-minded women. During the

discussions on how to do this, one question was almost always asked: How did you become a Daughter? The most frequent answer was: A woman (insert name here) asked me. So tell a woman at your church about your experience with Daughters and ask her to a meeting or two or three.

A few Sundays ago, as my priest preached on the first reading for that Sunday, self-dedication, doing something simply for the common good of all (church, community, country, etc), I was reminded of our vows as Daughters. I wish to close with the prayer she closed with that Sunday.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen (BPC, pg 832-822, #61.)

FHS, Susan

Reflections on Province Retreat & Assembly 2011

This year's Assembly was held at a retreat center in Ohio (new to the DOK), and it was a very nice place, completely handicapped-accessible; nice woods and trails for walking (paved), labyrinth and good food. The chapel was very beautiful and intimate. At the business meeting we voted on minor by-laws changes (spelling and clarity issues; nothing substantive) and talked a lot about triennial. Triennial will be held next June in Indianapolis - we hope many Daughters from the Province will be able to attend. Ellen spoke with Province President Susan O'Brien about what DOK could do for General Convention attendees. The Episcopal Community is already committed to providing a prayer room at Convention. Ellen suggested the Province Board consider composing prayers for clergy and lay delegates to be placed in their packets. Anyone with ideas for prayers please contact Susan. (contact info available on directory page) We have a new Province Chaplain, Rev. Catharine Phillips. She did a couple of teachings on the Micah verse; our theme this triennial (act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God). We had a lot of time available as retreat time, which was appreciated. The Order seems to be moving forward; healing of the rift that had occurred the last several years has taken place at the National Council level, as well as at the Province, Diocesan and Chapter level. For His Sake, Ellen Schrader,
St. Clare of Assisi, Grace, Traverse City, MI

Catharine's Corner

Dear Friends,

The retreat was a blessing to me...to meet the Daughters who were there, to get a broader sense of the larger community, to have some wonderful deep conversations with women who understand the Faith and believe it down their toes. My sense is that you know Community (with a capital C), with all its wonderful quiriness. As I said... it was and remains a blessing. I am privileged to be your chaplain. Thank you for your prayers regarding my driving. I am now driving again, and it is newly wonderful.

The following is from a blog I write, usually every day allwillbewellperiod.blogspot.com (All will be well. Period.)(Thank you Julian of Norwich) The reflection is also something I read as part of my presentation at the June retreat.

Blessings on you all, Catharine Phillips, Chaplain

It is odd the way we attribute importance to things. We keep lists, or deem one thing as The Important Thing of the Day. Sometimes it looms over everything else, blocking out the small things which have the potential for making the day, things like *Jesus loves me, this I know* sung by small children in the small child pure voices they have, like they are singing something they truly know.

Today I have one thing
On the list.
Does it count as a list
With one thing?
Do I need to make up others
To fill it out?

With only one thing it*s amazing
How everything else
Gets done.
I add them to the list
As I do them,
Even though no one else
Is looking
Or even cares
Particularly.

I wonder if most days are really
Like this:
One thing on the list,
So much accomplished
That I never thought to consider.
Now that they*re done
It seems important to remember
So I don*t lose track.



A Summary of the Province V Assembly Meeting, June 4, 2011.

Province V President Susan O'Brien called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. with the Prayer of the Order and additional prayers.

Roll Call by Diocese:

Chicago	7	Milwaukee	1	Western Michigan	4
Eastern Michigan	2	Northern Indiana	1	Missouri	0
Indianapolis	6	Ohio	0	Guests	1
Michigan	7	Southern Ohio	1	Total Attendance	30

Minutes: approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: For the year ending August 31: accepted unanimously. Treasurer Ann Durkos added the books were audited and approved.

Diocesan Reports: Included in retreat folders; the Diocese of Indianapolis presented on screen.

Provincial Newsletter: Editor Penny Campo-Pierce noted if color pictures are sent to her, send with the highest number of pixels. With 633 copies of a total circulation of 1,325 emailed, it saved \$500 of the budget; 35 women now receive it by email and forward it on to Daughters in their chapter or diocese. If someone is not receiving either an email or print copy, she should notify Penny. There are two issues yearly, January and June.

Triennial 2012: Dates are June 27 to July 1, 2012. The next *Royal Cross* will have more information. Province V are hosts for Triennial, thus we are responsible for individualized gift baskets for the speakers; 50 greeters at the airport, bus and train stations; and for the Province dinner on the 27th. The Indy 500 race theme will be used in table decorations for the Province dinner and checkered aprons for the greeters; Pam Sebura has fabric and patterns for the aprons. The Province and final dinners are slightly dressy; spouses are welcome at both dinners, but there is a separate fee for them. Pam Sebura will use her room as a hospitality suite and for food on Tuesday and Wednesday for local volunteers

Old Business: None.

New business: In a series of comedic skits, Marilee Roth and Penny Campo-Pierce presented information about the Funds of the Order

Marjorie Rogers, National Council chair for Worship and Devotions, told us of Celebration Chapter, composed of the National Council. She talked about how we all need passions in our lives; one of her passions is quilt making. She gifted each retreat participant with a square she had made.

Outreach: At the February Board meeting, four choices were narrowed to two to receive a \$500 grant from Province V; Grace House in Chicago and A Rosie Place near South Bend, IN. Voting will take place to decide the recipient.

Nominating Committee: Susan O'Brien appointed Cindy Grimwade, Diocese of Michigan; Pam Sebura, Diocese of Indianapolis; and May Anstee, Diocese of Chicago, to be the nominating committee for the next triennium's officers. The current board serves until the end of Triennial 2012.

Closure of meeting: Provincial Chaplain Catharine Phillips closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gretchen Kenower, Provincial Secretary



Diocesan Reports

(Summarized for space)

Indianapolis

We have survived a harsh winter and stormy spring. Living in Terre Haute I have a new appreciation for the terms tornado watch and warning as well as the prospect of flooding. All of this weather has hampered my desire to visit many of the chapters but the news is still good. On July 10, I will be visiting St. Christopher's in Carmel to welcome 5 out of the 6 new Daughters.



Grace Chapter has 2 who are in the process of completing the Study Guide who will be installed in August. We also celebrated the ordination of one of our own as Susan Dashler Murphy was ordained on

June 19 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Anderson at 5:00 PM. (Shown here with Phyllis Nottingham)

We are still in the planning stages for our Fall Assembly to be held at Trinity, Anderson on September 17. I will be joining the Episcopal Woman's Ministry (in Indiana this is the organization that houses ECW, UTO, etc.) for their fall retreat at Waycross Sept. 23 - 25, 2011. Jane Tomaine is the guest speaker. Her topic is "Benedictine Spirituality for the Frazzled".

I hope to visit several more chapters later this summer or early fall and have been in talks with several churches to start new chapters or rekindle old chapters. Life is good and the tornados and rain have stopped for now but the heat has arrived and driving brings new perspectives. May God continue to guide us all in our travels.

Pam Seburra

Michigan

Diocesan Wide DOK Meetings—Fall Assembly 2010, sponsored by Diocesan Board, at St. John's, Westland, MI. Spring Assembly 2011, sponsored by St. Margaret Chapter, St. John's, Detroit, MI

New Chapter: A new Chapter will be installed at St. John's, Westland on June 19th. This is the parish of our Diocesan Chaplain, Fr. Rob Kerr. The four new Daughters have selected St. Veronica for their Chapter name sake. Two more women will begin their training shortly after the installation of their Chapter.

Daughters in Training: St. Monnica & St. Margaret Chapters have Daughters in training, with installation

dates to be announced.

Chapter Visits: Diocesan VP, Cathy Morgan and I have made six Chapter visits, with another scheduled for June 6th.

General Comments: Shortly after first taking office it had become apparent many of our Chapters were struggling to remain active and you might say many were disinterested in and dissatisfied with the Order. I wish after a year of prayer, communication and Chapter visits I could report the situation has been reversed, but sadly I cannot. However, I can report there have been signs of improvement. The number of Daughters who attended our latest Assemblies have increased, albeit slightly, and the responses I have been receiving from Chapter Presidents and Daughters via Knee Mail, are considerably of a more positive nature. We will continue to pray for and love our fellow Daughters.

As reported in last year's President's report, we have over 100 Daughters at Large (DAL) in the Diocese of MI and had hoped to make efforts to contact and communicate with each of them. While we have fallen short of this effort, we plan to refocus our efforts in this area, and with input from our DAL we hope to find ways to minister to them, bring them into existing Chapters or establish new Chapters where they are currently worshipping.

Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Grimwade, President

Milwaukee

The mainstay service to our Diocese beyond our prayers is the offering of an annual retreat in fall and an annual assembly in spring – especially for Daughters but open to all women in the Diocese.

Mary and Martha Chapter, St. Boniface, Mequon, WI, hosted our Spring Assembly on May 16, 2011. We were very fortunate to have Mother Deborah Woolsey, Rector of St. Albans—Sussex, WI, presenting Evangelism, using the story of the woman at the well from John 4:28-30. Many of us stayed for the installation of two new members at the 5:00 pm church service.

A Nominating Committee has been appointed with Kay Pulliam, Diocesan Secretary, as its chair. We are looking for nominees for President, Vice President, and Secretary for our election in the Spring of 2012.

Loraine Garner continues to maintain our website which has enabled us to distribute our newsletter, Lifelines, electronically. The site, www.milwaukeeedok.org, also provides a method for Daughters to submit prayer requests to our growing list of email prayers.

Roz Bordain, VP, has moved to Nashville, TN. She is greatly missed here, but has found a congenial DOK chapter there already.

The Madison area chapters are thriving. Two members of the All Saints—Madison Chapter came to

our Spring Assembly. We hope to hold our Fall Retreat November 12 at St. Luke's—Madison.

We invite you all to join us for the Milwaukee Diocesan Fall Retreat this year!

Lela Joscelyn, President

Western Michigan

Our Diocesan President and Secretary needed to step down: the President's term will be completed by the Vice President, the secretary position is unfilled.

Our main concerns have been the continued decline in membership as witnessed by smaller numbers attending our assemblies and the need to better our communication within the Diocese. There continues to be a problem with address, e-mail, and Chapter/Diocese changes not being reported to either the Diocesan President or the National Office which makes our rosters incomplete or incorrect.

Fall Assembly: It was held in October at St. John the Evangelist, Fremont, MI and hosted by the St. Theresa of Avila Chapter. We held an "Art Day" where daughters were encouraged to share a sample of something they love to do. There were quilts, shawls, purses, banners, and watercolor note cards. A spinner brought her wheel with many samples of wool, yarn, and finished sweaters. A china painter showed us how to paint a tiny rose on a tea cup. We learned to make sand paintings and Anglican Rosaries. It was a day of great fun where we could share our gifts with one another and develop community.

Spring Assembly: The Spring Assembly was held in May at Holy Trinity, Wyoming, MI. Our theme was "Getting back to Basics-The Rule of Prayer." We had various prayer tools available to use. Susan O'Brien, our Province President, led us in making and using Examen Prayer Ropes. We had Father Everett Klein, St. Peter's by the Lake, Montague & St. Alban's Church, Muskegon lead us on a journey through the Psalms of Ascent. The outdoor Labyrinth and the Stations of the Cross were available for periods of individual prayer and contemplation. Lunch and a discussion period with Susan were a time of laughter, sharing, and learning.

Installations: St. Clare of Assisi, Grace, Traverse City has installed two new members.

Diocesan Convention: We had an information table at Convention and enjoyed the opportunity to speak to lay persons and clergy about the Daughters of the King. St. Clare of Assisi, Grace, TC put together a wonderful prayer room for use during convention.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Klein, President

Chicago

Greetings and Blessings. For over 40 years, the Diocese of Chicago's Daughters of the King banner has been carried to Diocesan gatherings, Province V Assemblies and several Triennial Retreats.



A couple of women from the St. Monica, Church of the Transfiguration, Palos Park, made the banner pictured with a few members of the current chapter. Melba Grober was one of the women, who, in the late 60s,

started to lovingly needlepoint and cross stitch the banner. The banner has been retired to the St. Monica Chapter, as it was becoming fragile, showing the wear and tear of the years.



We were blessed with two women who volunteered to make a new DOK banner for us. This beautiful banner was created by our Province V

President, Susan O'Brien, and Susan Meehan, a Daughter from St. John Chapter, Lockport. Both are talented and creative quilters; this banner shows their handiwork and their love of the Daughters of the King. The banner was presented to Kathy Schultz at the Spring Quiet Day in March and blessed by Rev. Carol Kraft, our diocesan chaplain.

Kathy Schultz, Diocesan President

"He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6: 8

Bylaw Changes

After preliminary discussion, the following bylaws were passed at the Assembly meeting June 4, 2011. Other proposed bylaws were tabled for further discussion and will be re-presented for vote next year.

The first correction was in the title of the Bylaw document. This was mandated by National DOK and now states:

ARTICLE I – Name
This body shall be known as the Provincial Assembly of the Order of the Daughters of the King in Province V.

The 2nd bylaw addressed were the sections determining how long an appointed office on the executive board could be before it was considered a term of office. This was prompted by the confusion at a recent election for provincial officers and necessary because our bylaws state that a person can only serve three terms on the executive board. It now states:

ARTICLE IV – Officers
Section 4: Vacancies
Two (2) years in the appointed office shall be considered a full term in that office.

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDING 8-31-2011

Beginning balance September 1, 2010	\$17,531.97
Receipts:	
Spring Retreat	\$3,760.00
Dues from National	\$5,030.00
Dues from Unassembled Dioceses	\$225.00
Interest Income	\$6.09
Contribution	
Fund Donations	
In Kind Donations	\$40.26
Total Receipts	\$9,061.35
Disbursements:	
President's Travel & Expenses	\$1,275.70
Board Meeting Expense	\$1,558.06
Bank Service Fees	
Newsletter	
Retreat Expenses	\$1,650.00
Bond	\$187.00
Treasurer's Expense	\$19.40
Endowment Fund	
Master's Fund	
Self-Denial Fund	
Alpha Fund	
Total Disbursements:	\$4,690.16
Ending Balance May 31, 2011	\$21,903.16
Checking	\$10,928.06
Savings	\$10,975.10
Respectfully Submitted, Ann Durkos, Treas.	

Thank You

June 26, 2011

Dear Sisters-in-Christ,

On behalf of **O'Hana Heritage Foundation** and the families whom we serve at **A Rosie Place**, I thank you for the gift of \$500, which will help us serve Medically Fragile children and their families. We are delighted to be the first recipients of a service award from Province V and are pleased the Daughters recognized the need to support these special families who cut across all socio-economic, ethnic and religious categories. We need your prayers for strength and comfort for the families we serve and for guidance for all who give time, treasure and talent. Thank you for the generous gift from Province V. May God continue to bless our Order.

For His Sake, Bunmi Okanlami

President, O'Hana Heritage Foundation
 Board. Mary & Martha
 Chapter, Cathedral of St James, South
 Bend, IN

