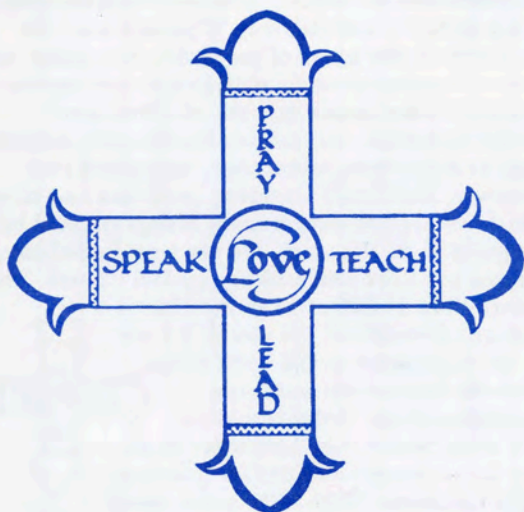


Daughters



of the King

Purpose

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women of the Episcopal Church and churches with the historic Episcopate, and was organized in 1885. Every Daughter pledges herself to a lifelong program of prayer, service and personal evangelism, dedicated to the extension of Christ's kingdom and to the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. By the reaffirmation of promises made at Confirmation, every Daughter undertakes a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. Chapters are organized within parishes, missions and institutions with the consent of the priest, chaplain or bishop with as few as three communicant women, who serve a three-month training period of membership. Chapters may not raise money in the name of the Order, but rather seek to assist wherever possible with prayer and service.



Daughters are young and old, rich and poor, beautiful and plain, community leaders and mothers, doctors and teachers, secretaries, executives and housewives, sinful and wavering, generous and strong. In short, we are ordinary human beings enabled by God's grace to do His work. We are women dedicated to serving our Lord and building up His Church. There are more than 14,000 of us in the United States and throughout the world. Yet we have an importance in the work of the Church far beyond our numbers.

The emblem of our Order is a silver Greek cross, which members wear at all times. Latin words inscribed on this cross broadly translate, "With lofty heart, mind and spirit uphold the Cross." The initials, FHS, at the base of the cross remind us that our prayer, service and evangelism are done "For His Sake."



Study

Study is vital to all Daughters' chapters so that members continue to grow in knowledge and faith, and it is central to chapter meetings. It helps keep us inspired and dedicated to our work of service and prayer. The more we know and understand the faith, the better we can convey it to others and help them to believe.



Prayer

Prayer is the foundation upon which Daughters respond to God in service to others. As Daughters, we come to understand we can do more than pray **AFTER WE HAVE PRAYED**, but we cannot do more **UNTIL WE HAVE PRAYED**. Prayer is finding Jesus and being found by Him, speaking and listening in His Presence. As part of her Rule of Prayer, a Daughter prays daily for 1) the spread of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls; 2) God's blessing upon members of the Order; and 3) the spiritual growth of the parish in which the chapter is organized.



Service

Times of prayer to God are followed by times of service to people. We prepare and deliver meals, visit the sick and dying — praying with them and for them, assist at healing services, welcome and integrate newcomers into parish life, befriend those shut in and comfort bereaved families.



Though our Rule of Service, Daughters vow to 1) participate regularly in the worship, study and work of the Church; 2) undertake a personal program of evangelism by bringing others to Christ through Baptism and Confirmation; and 3) assist the clergy in whatever way possible for the spiritual growth of the parish.

Evangelism

Evangelism means communicating Christ's message and His Love in the power of His Holy Spirit. Each Daughter promises to make a conscientious and constant effort to bring others into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through His Church. We do this in many quiet ways. Our willingness to share the joy of Christian life and fellowship offered in the Church opens new doors to all of us. We find the Order of the Daughters of the King to be a "safe place" in a busy world — a place to take off our masks and be together in Christ's love. We invite you to join us.



Ministry

The Royal Cross, the official magazine of the Order, began in 1891. Sent to every member, the magazine is published four times a year and features Daughters' activities and ministries throughout the world.

Ministries among Daughters chapters are as varied as their members. Some teach Bible classes, sponsor study groups, workshops, Quiet Days and intercessory prayer groups. Others find their ministry in local jails or other institutions. Some work with the mentally retarded. Some visit patients in nursing homes. Some provide emergency food.



Daughters who are mothers of young children may find this time in their lives best to minister to their own families in their homes. Daughters who are employed minister in their environments and witness to Christ by the way they do their work and live their lives.

Although Daughters chapters are not allowed to sponsor or conduct moneymaking projects in the name of the Order, individual members may participate in all other parish fund-raising projects. Members of the Order do make voluntary contributions to three funds, established to further evangelism worldwide.

The Self-Denial Fund supports missionary work both in the United States and abroad. The Master's Fund provides grants for women training for Church careers. The Endowment Fund supports the work of the Order.



Organizations

The Order, which has its National Office in Atlanta, Georgia, is governed by a national council of 15 elected members and representatives from eight Provincial Assemblies.

Daughters of the King cooperates with other Church agencies, including the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, Bible Readers Fellowship and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at diocesan and national levels. More recently, we have joined with PEWSACTION and Council for Women's Ministry to advance prayer, service and evangelism within the church.



Membership

The only requirement for Senior membership in the Order is that a woman be a communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church or a church with the historic Episcopate. Sometimes a woman says she is not “good” enough to become a Daughter of the King. We assure her that goodness has nothing to do with it. We are neither unusually good nor unusually pious. We know it is difficult to follow the way of our Lord, but we also know that our Rule of Life makes it easier. Prospective members test their commitment to Daughters during a three-month training period.



Junior Daughters

Junior Daughters of the Order was instituted in 1896, in Washington, D.C. Junior membership includes girls up to 20 years old. Junior Daughters wear a silver cross in the same shape as senior members with the letters “FHS” engraved on it. Like their senior sisters, Junior Daughters are committed to a program of prayer, service, study, evangelism and fellowship “For His Sake.” All these areas provide training for leadership in the devotional life of the parish.



Letter to Clergy

As Daughters of the King, we believe our task is to live and to express what God wants others to experience: the Good News of Jesus Christ. **WE NEED YOUR HELP . . .** through the Sacraments, spiritual direction, encouragement and enthusiasm. (And, we need your interest in forming a chapter in your parish . . . if you do not already have one!) Freedom in Christ is contagious — it is caught as well as taught. Help us serve others in His Name, For His Sake. You are in our prayers daily. Please keep the Order of the Daughters of the King in yours.



The Prayer of the Chalice

*Father, to Thee I raise my whole being,
– a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord,
this my emptiness, and so fill me with
Thyself – Thy Light, Thy Love, Thy
Life – that these Thy precious Gifts
may radiate through me and over-
flow the chalice of my heart into
the hearts of all with whom I
come in contact this day
revealing unto them
the beauty of
Thy Joy
and
Whole-
ness
and
the
serenity
of Thy Peace
which nothing can destroy.*

For His Sake

I am but one;
but I am one.

I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.

What I can do,
I ought to do.

What I ought to do,
by the grace of God,
I will do.

Lord,
what will you
have me do?



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