

The Order of the Daughters of the King Annual Report October 2022-Sept 2023

Vision and Mission Statements

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the vision of The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. The Mission of the DOK is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism.

Who We Are

The Order of the Daughters of the King, founded by Margaret J. Franklin at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City in 1885, is a religious order for women and girls who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life and supported by the companionship of our sisters. Our primary goal is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others. Members take lifelong vows and dedicate themselves to prayer, service, and evangelism.

For more information about becoming a Daughter or about starting a new chapter in the diocese, please contact Michele Marini (michelemarini@comcast.net).

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Websites

Daughters of the King National: <https://www.doknational.org/>
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Ministry Work 2022-2023

As with many organizations, the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) spent the past year continuing to rebuild after the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the diocese's five DOK chapters, three continued very active, one became very low in numbers and another, while faithful in retaining its healthy membership, struggled to find leadership. The chapters and the executive board continued to have monthly business and prayer meetings to remain active and connected at the chapter, the diocesan, and the province level via ZOOM, in person, or in hybrid combination. Email prayer chains were standard.

All DOK chapters in The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania continued to support their parishes by praying for the clergy, staff, and parishioners and by helping as needed. Daughters provided support for local parishioners with cards, gifts, and telephone calls. Some chapters laundered acolyte robes, polished silver and brass, and cleaned their church. Others provided receptions for funerals and for coffee hours.

The Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter in Lancaster strengthened its mission by gathering Daughters together for prayer and conversation and by having a summer social gathering. Its prayer list and prayer requests kept its members bonded and mindful of their own needs as well as those of others. The chapter organized and facilitated an overnight prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday into Good Friday at St James in Lancaster.

The Dame Julian of Norwich Chapter in State College hosted the annual diocesan fall assembly in November 2022, with the theme of building community. Several Daughters from the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania joined in the spirit-filled day. Activities targeted getting to know one another, connecting together, and building community and included a shared lunch and Holy Communion. Kathy Paulo, national membership chair and former president of Province III, was the facilitator for the day's program.

Sister Jen Trenary from the Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter in Lancaster was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in February 2023, at St. John's, Lancaster. Nearly a dozen sisters were in attendance to support Jen in her new ministry.

Daughters from all over Province III gathered for the annual province retreat held in April 2023, at the Claggett Center in Maryland. The retreat was organized under the guidance of our own Michele Marini, current president of Province III. The theme for the retreat was "Let Your Light Shine." Guest keynote speaker, the Reverend Mrs. Barbara Crafton, provided inspiration for all with her thoughtful comments and reflections, especially with her strong reminder: God is a creator, not a destroyer.

For a service project, Daughters from all over Province III knitted or crocheted prayer squares to support the Assembly of Dominican Republic.

The DOK Province III executive committee, consisting of elected officers, committee chairs, and diocesan presidents from around the province met at St. Andrew's, State College, in August for two days of spiritual development with speakers, activities, food and fellowship. As always, this gathering concluded with Holy Communion.

A family picnic for Daughters was held at Little Buffalo State Park near Newport, Pennsylvania, in September. The event was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Preparations are well-underway for next year's Triennial to be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Hoover, diocesan president