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## THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Daughters of the King,

Early in September it was good to renew friendships with the people of the Province of the Pacific (VIII) in Scottsdale, Arizona—Daughters of the King, ECW, clergy and delegates to Synod. The emphasis of the program on renewal of the Church was very fine, and especially gratifying to us since we as Daughters of the King are dedicated to bringing others to Jesus Christ through His Church.

On September 16, my husband and I traveled north to St. Paul's Church at Visalia, California, in the Diocese of San Joaquin, to attend a Renewal Conference conducted by The Rev. Everett Fullam, arranged by Bishop Rivera, and, as before, marveled at the rare gift Fr. Fullam has for teaching the Bible, and relating it to our renewal and the renewal of the Church. The conference was well attended, and I was especially pleased to see so many Daughters of the King there!

October 2nd saw us going south to San Diego for the Diocesan Fall Assembly of the Daughters of the King. That diocesan group is growing—adding new chapters and new members in a very positive way. It was a real pleasure being with them. Then on October 11 I was invited to speak at the Fall Assembly of the Daughters of the King of the Diocese of San Joaquin, held at St. Columba's Church, Fresno, California. They are also growing and working together in the love of the Lord! It was a delight to be there.

It is so very heartening to see provincial and diocesan assemblies well attended. It is part of our obligation as Daughters of the King to be there and to share in the duties of leadership of not only chapters, but diocesan and provincial groups—to widen our view of how we can do a better job of enlarging the Order by adding new members and new chapters, to make our Order attractive to more women of all ages, and to share our ideas with others through workshops, panel discussions, and such. Please make an effort to get to these

meetings, in spite of energy shortages. I feel sure you will find it rewarding. If you feel that the meetings are lacking in interest, then offer your constructive ideas of how to make them more interesting and instructive (with love and understanding compassion), always keeping in mind that it should be to the glory of Jesus Christ! Offer your love and support, you will find it coming back to you tenfold!

Your cooperation is being asked in working with PEWSACTION groups to cover all diocesan conventions. Your Provincial officers are being asked to facilitate the supplying of literature to hand out at conventions by the representatives of PEWSACTION, and to help staff the table at convention. Those who volunteer to help staff a display table are asked to learn as much as they can about all the groups in order to promote them to the people who attend the convention. We feel sure that all DofK will be happy to cooperate in this very worthwhile effort. It definitely can be beneficial to all. We all need to know about all the other groups who are promoting renewal, and wish for them to learn about us! The PEWSACTION groups are: Anglican Fellowship of Prayer; Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Bible Reading Fellowship; Church Periodical Club; Cursillo; DofK; Episcopal Church Missionary Society; Episcopal Engaged Encounter; Episcopal Marriage Encounter; Faith Alive; Fellowship of Witness; Mission for Outreach, Renewal & Evangelism; and, South American Missionary Society.

As we begin the new year, let us keep our hearts and minds open to the Holy Spirit and His guidance. Let us ask for strength to carry out His leading and be willing instruments of His love to bring ourselves and others closer to our Heavenly Father, through His Son, Jesus Christ!

For His Sake,

*Louise Johnson*

## OUR CHALLENGE TO BE LEADERS

Perhaps you have been asked, "Will you be an officer next year?" If so, I know the thoughts that ran through your mind! We are in a fellowship where we each are called to be "shepherds" and lead others to know our Lord and King as we know Him. The wonder of this calling should remain with us always!

I'd like to share some things I have observed, learned and am still learning since becoming a Daughter of the King. I have a hesitation in writing this—for I know the Lord has a way of letting every word I speak or write come back and hit me in the face! At times it hurts to take a second look at yourself! Leadership does not come easy for most of us. What can we do when asked the above question? The first, and last, thing to do is pray the prayer of St. Paul in Acts 9:6, "Lord what wilt thou have me do?" This, of course, is our prayer as Daughters.

Do we hesitate assuming a leadership position because we know we will make mistakes, because we are insufficient? If so, none of us could ever accept any position!

One of the Bible's greatest leaders, Moses, needed strength, guidance, and encouragement just as we do. When God called him, he answered, "Here am I," yet Moses later said, "Who am I that I should go?" I am not eloquent—what shall I say? They will not believe me." The Lord answered, "I will be with thee and teach thee." (Exodus 3 and 4).

When God calls us to a work, the fact that "I've never been President" should not hinder us from following His lead. The FACT is that God is with us! (Matt. 28:19-20 and Philippians 2:13). He knows whose heart and mind has been prepared. We often judge from the outer appearance, "she speaks and looks like a leader," or "she knows so much." True, the responsibility is greater. To accept leadership might mean being a "starter"—starting a new program and doing things differently from the last officer! Here is where we can apply our prayer for Moral Courage (HDBK). To lead is to show the way—show what it means to be a Daughter of the King. We can only become because of what He is and the power of His spirit. One who is willing to respond to the call of leadership with a

thankful, trusting heart gives evidence of this power.

We are to see this position of leadership as one "appointed" by God—a divinely ordained position. Actually, there is no "position" in our order, only servants who are following the Leader, Jesus Christ. Our appointments are only assignments to grow in humility, and they are to make us humble, not proud.

A shepherd shows the same kindness to each sheep. 1 Peter 5:2, 3 speaks of feeding the flock, not as Lords but being an example. Our greatest enemy, PRIDE, can slip in unnoticed and shows itself when we don't want to ask forgiveness or admit we do not know something. It is possible for us to seek to be leaders under our own direction.

God's great kindness shows us our weaknesses on His "screen of love." St. Paul put it, "When I am weak, then I am strong" because of the power of Christ (11 Corinthians 12:10). God chooses the weak to reveal His might (1 Corinthians 1:27).

A leader goes through many disappointments in herself, in others, but never in God. At times we become weary; frustrated, discouraged, and do not feel up to a responsibility or criticism. I have certainly felt this way and failed to follow our King all the way, but because of His great mercy and forgiveness, and by His mighty power, I get up again (when He has finished pruning).

Say we are in a leadership capacity and begin to feel we are not supposed to be—perhaps we need to examine our motives, our love of fellow members, our devotional life. The answer does not lie in "giving up" but in repenting and "giving praise" to God. We are women "under orders" from our King who never gave up. Perhaps we need a check list to test ourselves! Prayer, humility, enthusiasm, faithfulness, responsibility, perseverance. If we find our confidence lacking, let us pray for His love to fill us more and more. We will never stop growing spiritually if we take time to "seek His face" with a "single eye."

The way to "build up" a chapter, or the church, is to build into the lives of others the principles God has built in us—teaching the importance of a disciplined prayer life, continual Bible study, witnessing and service. This way we evangelize and pass on what we have been taught (11 Timothy 2:2). We are to pray fer-

vently for those placed in our care; get involved and discern the needs. Are we aware that our chapter members have deep needs and what are we doing about it?

Perhaps all this work seems too hard and it does require effort but the reward is JOY. Your letters, ideas, comments, experiences are always welcome. We all will have a missionary vision to give if we keep our hearts open to the promptings of God's spirit. We have a COMMON TASK as we pray and serve, and need not fear for God "who has begun a good work in us, and will perform it." (Phil. 1:6)

In 565 B.C. Lao-Tse wrote:

"A leader is best  
when people barely know he exists.  
Of a good leader  
who talks little (that excludes me)  
when his work is done  
They will say  
'We did it ourselves'."

Lorraine Renfro  
Evangelism Chr.

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### THE STAR (COVER)

O Hearts, be ready! Let us wait with awe  
For the coming of the Christ Child to the  
earth.

There is no light that mankind ever saw  
Brighter than this which heralded His  
birth.

That star still has the mighty drawing  
power

For wanderers lost beneath the arching  
skies;

Its illumination from that distant hour  
Marks plain the path to where the Christ  
Child lies.

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"Prayer is the soul's affectionate quest  
after God."

"We pray to Him and through Him and  
in Him."

"He that would be heard of God, let  
him first give ear to God."

"Whoever seeks from God anything  
besides God, does not seek God purely."

St. Augustine, on prayer.

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### HONESTY

Being honest with ourselves is the foundation of our spiritual growth and experience. If we have the willingness to face ourselves as we really are, we will see that among our various difficulties we too often make our choices for the wrong reasons. We do nice things, for instance, because of what we get out of the doing. This is in some ways worse than not doing them at all, or doing them without paying attention to the needs of the other person involved — or doing them so half-heartedly that they are an insult. For one thing, we deceive ourselves. For another, we deny the validity of our own work. Refusing a job may be far harder than doing it, but it is often necessary, especially when we see that it does not fit into the pattern God is revealing for us. The dirtiness of the job, how time-consuming it is, how prestigious, has no meaning; if it's within the frame God is establishing in our life, then it is ours. Some jobs taken on out of guilt or acquiescence means our own work doesn't get done, which makes a distortion in the pattern of the community. Worse, it means that somewhere around there is the person who needed to do that job. God intended him to have it, so the distortion is increased . . . the work is there and the laborers. If for any reason there's not enough joy and praise and love of God flowing through the church to bubble up in all manner of service, then something is terribly wrong at the very heart of our relationship with God.



## TOUR TO RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

On August 3, 1980 six women, four were Daughters of the King, met in Miami and embarked on a 747 for an all-night flight to Rio, arriving about 8:30 a.m. their time. Elizabeth, Pat and a tour guide greeted us and took us to the Arpoador Hotel, which is situated on Iranema Beach with a view of the ocean from the dining room windows. Here we breakfasted each morning, watched the surfers, the joggers and strollers. We pooled our resources, rented a combe (a Volkswagon bus) and with Pat driving and Elizabeth directing the eight of us really saw Rio and its surroundings. In addition there were tour sponsored trips to Sugar Loaf, the Botanical Gardens and the Corcovado.

Some of the highlights — our visit to the Church of the Redeemer to meet the Sisters of the Holy Cross, whose purposes are the same as the Daughters — Prayer, Service and Evangelism. The Bishop's wife is a member of this group.

A visit to Pat and Elizabeth's apartment, where we enjoyed delicious canapes and sipped Maracuja (orange fruit juice) and cachaco (fermented cane juice), a native drink.

Visits to Cidade de Deus (City of God), Elizabeth's Mission and Mediador (Pat's Mission), where we met the teachers and children, saw them at work and they sang for us.

We visited the Lar — the home for elderly women where we had lunch and visited with the women and the director — again shared in talks, singing and fellowship. A visit to Petropolis, high in the mountains to see the Crystal Palace, the Imperial Museum and the beautiful Cathedral where Don Pedro and his queen are buried. The Museum was the former summer castle and contains the furnishings, regal robes, jewels and crown of the King.

Attended two beautiful church services on Sunday — the first at St. Luke's (the English church and school) for morning prayer where the women and children of the "favela" attend. The second, a communion service at Redeemer celebrated by Bishop Sorio. Here a young lady named Kazuio Fukuda came forward to tell the congregation that in the late sixties she had

received a grant from the Daughters to study in a seminary in Argentina. She now plays the organ, teaches in the Sunday School at Redeemer and assists Elizabeth in Christian Education at the seminary. She is married and has three children.

In addition to all of the above, we visited the Bishop's home for an open-house held in honor of his youngest daughter's 14th birthday — rode the subway, attended two feta fairs (flea markets) and some of us were able to visit the Clinic run by the Episcopal Church and see the work, and beautiful woven rugs and pillows made by the women at home to earn money which helps support the work of the Clinic. All the areas — the Missions, the Lar, the Clinic and Pat and Elizabeth's work are in great need and by sharing our experiences we hope to bring greater awareness and involvement to all Daughters. Call us, or write us — and above all go see for yourself if you get the chance.

Claire Benckenstein, Beaumont, Texas  
Sue Such, Painesville, Ohio

Caroline MacNaughton, Mentor, Ohio  
Margaret Rollo, Cleveland, Ohio



**ELIZABETH and the Tour Group — Caroline MacNaughton, Sue Such, Goler Barnes, Elinor Thompson, Claire Benckenstein, Margaret Rollo.**





**CIDADE de DEUS (CITY OF GOD MISSION) — Lf. to Rt., Pat Powers, Elizabeth Daniel, Claire B., Elinor, Goler B., Caroline M. (Tour Group).**



**MEDIADOR MISSION — Senorita Lucie at right, two teachers and children. (Pat's Mission)**

## NEWS FROM PAT & ELIZABETH

Dear Daughters:

Greetings to all of you from both of us. We are full of enthusiasm after the exhilarating visit of four daughters from Ohio and Texas, and two women from Philadelphia. Pat and I became tour guides for a week and thoroughly enjoyed showing off the missions and meeting with women from our parishes, particularly those of an organization similar to the Daughters of the King. The women certainly made a hit here and many have commented on their visit. We feel most grateful and thankful for this visit. We surely hope others will find the way to come in the future.

We ask your continuing prayers for the granting of Pat's visa, which is proving extremely difficult to accomplish. I do not know how I would ever be able to go back to taking responsibility for both Community Centers and parishes missions again. Pat has been able to initiate programs that I would never manage, so we certainly hope a way will be found for her to continue her ministry here.

We also ask you to keep Pat's family in your prayers, as her father is in a weakened condition in the hospital/nursing home and her mother is not well either. We know that God holds us all in His hands and will provide for us in the midst of pain and difficulty.

Preparations are being made for the ground-breaking ceremony at the Mediator to be held on Brazilian Independence Day, Sunday, Sept. 7th. Praise the Lord! Pat is much involved with the construction crew.

Elizabeth has been busy trying to restructure the team at the Cidade de Deus (City of God) kindergarten. Three teachers left at the same time. So she has become a teacher-trainer. Also she and the new deacon in charge of the mission have started neighborhood meetings in the homes of members of the congregation in an effort to reach more people. These are prayer and study-discussion meetings.

Pat and Elizabeth both attended a Congress of Episcopal Church Women in Porto Alegre in July. Over 100 women and young people attended. We took representatives from our missions. It was a most inspiring and worthwhile experience. Elizabeth and colleagues presented a study on Christian Education, and Pat involved

herself with the youth who attended the conclave.

Pat will be in the States at Christmas time to visit her family. She also will be doing programs in 4th Province, Texas and Philadelphia. We hope all Daughters in those areas will attend these programs.

As we busy ourselves during the Advent and Christmas seasons in this year so full of anxieties, wars, hunger and poverty, let us rejoice in the knowledge that Our Lord Jesus comes into this very world in the utmost simplicity and humility with a Love whose power cannot be overcome.

ALLELUIA! May we offer ourselves to be instruments of His Love.

FOR HIS SAKE  
ELIZABETH and PAT



## TO DAUGHTERS-AT-LARGE

It is both a privilege and a joy to send greetings and letters of information to our Daughters-at-Large. A greater joy is ours when we receive letters of appreciation letting us know that our message has been received. In one letter a daughter suggested the possibility of a special column in *The Royal Cross* for Daughters-at-Large. The suggestion was brought to the Committee during Council Meeting last April and Arline Prosser, Editor of *The Royal Cross* was present and readily agreed to make possible such a column. Because of limited space the Editor advises that material for publication be news articles or sources of inspiration that may be enjoyed by all. REMEMBER it will be your responsibility to keep this column alive.

Joy, love and God's blessing to each of you.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
DAUGHTERS-AT-LARGE

Eleanor M. Link, Chr.

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## BEGIN EACH DAY WITH PRAYER

*Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. — JAMES 5:16.*

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*

— COLOSSIANS 4:2.

Almighty God, as Mary prayed for that life in the world on the first Christmas, we pray today for new life in the hearts of men. May each of us grow to meet the challenge of God in us. May we love as He first loved us. May we shine forth His light for all men. AMEN

Dear Lord, it is enough to be in your presence. For a moment I turn my eyes to you and the clamor of the world stills. Whatever I am doing, Lord, however busy I am, please help me to keep a portion of my attention on you. Then everything falls into place and I can find your will for me in each thing I do. Keep me in your presence Lord, I pray, for Christ's sake. AMEN

Dear Lord, you are our Father, our source of comfort in time of trouble, our guide in a dry and thirsty land. Help us to ask rightly when we are in trouble. Help us to know that you are with us and with those we love. Help us to find you in the midst of pain and fear — and to offer that pain and fear for you. Help us to love you. For the sake of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN

O Lord, strengthen us to endure. Help us to stand when we want to run away, to speak out when it would be safer to be silent. And, Lord, when we give way to our natural cowardice, help us to repent and grant us a chance to make amends. For your mercy's sake. AMEN

O God, keep us ready for the second coming of Your Son by sending Him into our lives right now. Grant we may serve you faithfully and with a pure mind all our days — In Jesus name. AMEN

Heavenly Father, I pray for those who turn aside, who hear your voice but cannot take in the truth of you. I don't know how they live without you; I don't know where they find strength and meaning. Dear Lord, bless those who wander still away from you. Continue to draw them to you. And, may I help them by my life and my love for them and for you, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Dear Lord, teach us how to share our faith. Teach us how to show your love. Teach us how to shine your light and spread your kingdom, wherever you have called us to be. For the sake of your dear Son, our Lord. AMEN

O Christ, you healed in Galilee, come into our hearts and heal us today. We are tired of our old resentments and hurt feelings and angers. We know they have no place in our lives, yet they creep in. Heal us Lord. Help us to fix our eyes on you so that all such pettiness withers and falls away in that clear light that is your love. Go back with us Lord to our childhood and heal those earliest hurts. Comfort that lonely child within us and enable us to move on into a new life with you. AMEN

Heavenly Father, into this month in which the days are the shortest and the nights longest, Thou hast placed the light which radiates from the manger in Bethlehem, the Christ Child, Thy Son. Let this light remove whatever shadows are in my heart, shadows of guilt, of fear, of worry. Let it lift my spirit so that I may unite my song with that of the angels and my fellow believers. Open my eyes that I may see more fully the greatness of Thy unspeakable Gift and its meaning to me in my experiences and tasks. Bless the message of this season so that many may find peace with Thee and with others. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



## CONFERENCE AT ST. LOUIS

Sept. 18-21, 1980

The Episcopal Conference on Evangelism and Shared Ministry, sponsored by Pewsaction and the Office of Evangelism and Renewal of the National Church, was held in St. Louis, Mo., on September 18-21. It provided a list of speakers that were terrific to hear and a joy to be associated with. As First Vice-President of the Daughters of the King Council, I am, with Louise Johnson, our President, a member of the Pewsaction National Board. I found the Board Meeting which preceded the conference on evangelism quite exciting and educational. I was able to get acquainted with the Board Members from the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, Bible Reading Fellowship, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Church Periodical Club, the Episcopal Church Missionary Community, Episcopal Engaged Encounter, Episcopal Marriage Encounter, Faith Alive, Fellowship of Witness, Fine Arts Contemporary Evangelism, MORE, National Episcopal Cursillo, the Order of St. Luke, and the South American Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church. A more versatile and interesting group of lay people and priests could never be found.

The Rt. Rev. John Allin, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, visited with us during the Morning Prayer. His talk concerned the Episcopal Church of today and the need for renewal. He praised the various ministries of the Pewsaction groups and encountered the parishes to take advantage of their programs as needed.

The conference was built around the needs of laity and clergy in their parishes. Registrations were expected to include the Priest and 4-6 lay members of their parish, to study needs and answers to renewal in their parishes. Teams were also sent from a number of Dioceses. 1200 registrations were there, showing a growing need for renewal, evangelism and lay ministry. The result was a large number of the clergy hearing the same message as the laity.

As moderator, Harry Griffith was excellent. The main speakers were The Rt. Rev. Michael Marshall, Bishop of Woolwich, England, The Rev. Frank Turner, member of the National Church Center Staff, The Rev. James Fenhagen, Dean of General Theological Seminary, New York City,

The Rev. John Francis Wyatt, Director of MORE, and David Burkett, consultant in lay ministries. All spoke to a variety of needs but all gave the same message: "RENEWAL IS NEEDED; there must be better communication between clergy and laity; lay ministry is essential in the church of today; and evangelism is the obligation of all Christians."

We were especially proud of our own Barbara Merrick, who was one of the 12 workshop leaders. Her subject was on prayer and the need to become closer to Jesus. The title of her workshop was "Branches of the Vine."

The Rev. Ted Nelson of Dallas was leader for a Prayer and Praise Session that was both lively and inspiring. Music for this session was furnished by the Cursillo band from Dallas, Texas. Music for other sessions during the conference was produced by the Fisherfolk from Colorado.

Other Daughters present were Hattie Bunting, Treasurer of Pewsaction and Ethel Boyle, Diocese of South Carolina. Barbara Merrick wore two hats as the Chairman of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and a Daughter.

It was a thrill to be a part of this conference and to represent the Daughters of the King.

For His Sake  
Bertha Milbank



Someone has blended the plaster  
And someone has carried the stone;  
Neither the man nor the master  
Has ever builded alone.

Making a roof from the weather,  
Or building a house for the King . . .  
Only by working together  
Have men accomplished a thing.

— Forward

## "BE HAPPY IN THE LORD"

We hear a lot these days about the stress of modern life, and the newspapers are full of terrible examples of the ways we try to deal with it. Every parish is loaded with these same tensions and the same way of dealing with them. We have suicides, fast and slow to eliminate the tension of conflict; murders, physical and psychological, to eliminate the stress of another's effect on us; adultery to eliminate the tension of intimacy and wholeness by settling for the imitation; dishonorings and negligences, eliminating stressful parts of our relationships; bibliolatry (idolatry) eliminating that symbiosis (idolatry of persons) eliminating the tension of self-alone by deferring one's personality to another; and ritual escapes that eliminate the stress of facing ourselves by public acts of ritual, not only in church, but in good works and employment.

Paul says to the Philippians in the Jerusalem Bible translation, "I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat what I want is your happiness."

We want it, too. It is very evident that we do so in all our attempts to eliminate pain and stress. We yearn to be happy . . . So WHY aren't we? Who or what went wrong? Is it my parents, me, my spouse, my job? Yes, we want to be happy — does Paul have a clue for us? He goes on to say: "Let your tolerance (forbearance) be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near."

What is the opposite of stress? Tolerance! We think the opposite of love is hate, but it's really apathy, being without feeling. So, the opposite of tension, stress, pressure in life, is not the absence of these, which is death, but tolerance, patience, acceptance of stress and even pain. To tolerate stress of inner conflict is growth — NOT suicide. To tolerate stress of another's existence is love — NOT murder. To tolerate pain of intimacy and emerging wholeness is to grow measurably — not living an imitation. To tolerate the tension of not fully comprehending the Gospel is to grow in faith — not to worship a book. Paul says, "Let your tolerance be evident." Use it, share it — BUT HOW? And how can we stand the stress. "There is no need to worry," says Paul, "but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving! We are thankful for Christ and His love, for acceptance (His tolerance of

us), His forgiveness, His continuing love, His co-operative creating. When we are truly thankful our tolerance is enabled. When we are keenly aware of God's gifts to us what we need changes. As we are aware of our fullness, our acceptance, we can accept and let be.

For as Paul says, "The Lord is very near." God's mystery is in our lives, supporting us in our growth, pinning us down, and in our pain confronting us. It is in and a part of our very stress. "God with us" (Emmanuel) means that every time we cry out, God cries out; and being the creator, He sustains us as we grow to become what He is creating us to be.

The mystery is that we cannot avoid pain and stress because we need them for life and growth and love and justice. The mystery is that Paul promises us that "that peace of God which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard (our) hearts and (our) thoughts in Christ Jesus," rather than saying that when we ask for what we need with prayer and thanksgiving we will get it! We get the Peace of God, not what we want! THE PEACE OF GOD is our happiness.

Yet for happiness to come, for the mysterious power of God to operate we must choose to "let our tolerance be evident to everyone." We must choose to live with pain and stress, never trying to eliminate it, only keeping the proportions manageable. We must choose to accept as we are accepted, love as we are loved, forgive as we are forgiven, create as we are being created. We must choose life, over death, and we must choose to maintain our choice. Paul tells us how: "Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honor, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise." In other words, "be positive; God loves you."

So, rejoice, be happy. Let your tolerance be evident. Let all know your forbearance! The Lord is near — He is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything. There is no need to worry.

The Rev. A. E. Johnson, Curate  
Emmanuel Church, Athens, Ga.

## PROVINCIAL, DIOCESAN AND CHAPTER NEWS

### OKLAHOMA — MUSKOGEE

St. Agnes Chapter met Tuesday, September 16, 1980 at Grace Episcopal Church to observe the 70th Birthday of the chapter. Following a 10 A.M. Communion Service in Bixby Chapel, members adjourned to the parish hall where a birthday cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Wm. N. Weaver and her hospitality committee (Mrs. E. Weber, Mrs. T. Bixby, III, Mrs. F. Newell and Mrs. A. Johnson). Mrs. R. T. Motter, Jr., President, opened the program with a prayer and Mrs. George W. Siebold gave a brief history of the chapter which was founded September 10, 1910. Clippings and pictures of early-day members from our history scrapbook were passed around, reviving memories of many and varied activities of the group. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Ralph King.



### MARYLAND, WHEATON

Below is an original collect composed by Susan Phillips as part of her probation program in preparation for becoming a member of the Order. The original is done on fine parchment paper — the calligraphy done by Mrs. Phillips. She is a member of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Wheaton, Md. The original is the prized possession of her Chapter.

OUR ETERNAL HEAVENLY FATHER,  
BEYOND WHOSE LOVING CARE  
WE CAN NEVER TRAVEL, SEND US  
THE COMPANIONSHIP OF YOUR  
HOLY SPIRIT ALL ALONG LIFE'S  
JOURNEY. THAT EVER TRAVELING  
IN YOUR COMPANY, WE MAY BE  
COMFORTED AND FIND ALWAYS  
THE PATHWAY YOU INTEND US  
TO TRAVEL, FOR HIS SAKE. AMEN.

### DIOCESE OF THE RIO GRANDE

The Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the Rio Grande was held at St. Francis on the Hill, El Paso, on June 6-7, 1980. Father Charles DeVries, Diocesan Chaplain, gave the welcoming address to 57 members, guests at the luncheon on June 6. Bishop Trelease was also a guest. New officers are Mrs. George Lackman, President; Beverly Hatchett, Vice President and Editor of the News Letter; Mrs. Giles Lucie, Historian. A Retreat for all Episcopal Women was held October 3-5 at Holy Cross Retreat House in Mesilla Park, near Las Cruces, with Father Achuff as Retreat Master and Father DeVries assisting.



### TEXAS, HOUSTON

Palmer Chapter, of Palmer Memorial Church, Houston, has added three new members to their Chapter, namely: Mrs. Robert Mattox, Mrs. Ross Rommel and Mrs. Henry Zaleski. We are glad to see the chapter gaining and wish you good luck in your endeavors.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

### EPIPHANY SELF DENIAL

It is that time again for our Epiphany Self Denial Offering—keep in mind Elizabeth and Pat and what wonderful work they are doing in Brazil.



It is always a keen disappointment to receive articles after all copy has been sent to the printers. Our next deadline is January 1st, 1981.



### CHANGE IN ADDRESS

When you have occasion to change your address will you be so kind as to notify MRS. K. HABIBY, at the NATIONAL OFFICE in New York—instead of sending it to your editor—it simply means it is held up that much longer as I have to send it on to her.



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be on March 6, 1981 and the theme will be "THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S." The service will be an opportunity to focus concern and prayer for the ecological awareness and action which is needed to restore health to our world. This year's international service was written by American Indian Women of Church Women United, from six tribes—Cherokee, Choctaw, Hopi, Winnebago, Sioux and Seneca.

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My best wishes to each one of you for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and good health and happiness in the New Year. Ed.



### LOVE

Here is the essence of Christmas—"God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Loving people isn't a natural characteristic, but we must practice loving if we are to follow the command of Jesus—as he gave us the example.

As it says in John 1—4:7-8. Beloved let us love one another for love is of God, He who does not love does not know God—GOD IS LOVE.

Love is self-sacrificing and self-giving—the event of Christmas proves this. We must trust God to help us put forth our best effort. So it is up to each one of us how we shall love—do we feel hatred in our hearts for anyone? How great is our love and care for others? Love seems simple when it comes to family but when it comes to others we have a tendency to pull back—not to care. As Daughters of the King I know you are all trying to follow the command of Jesus but what better time than now at the beginning of a New Year to begin to renew our search for ways in which we may love in deed and truth.

ALP



Thou shalt know HIM when HE comes,  
not by any din of drums—  
Nor the vantage of HIS airs—nor by  
anything HE wears.  
Neither by HIS crown—nor HIS gown.  
For HIS PRESENCE known shall be  
By the HOLY HARMONY that HIS  
COMING makes in thee.

# THE MESSENGER FOR DIRECTRESSES AND JUNIOR DAUGHTERS

Mrs. George Milbank  
National Chairman  
Junior Division  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Daughters in Christ:

A New Year — a new beginning! How wonderful that our calendar allows us to start over — every twelve months. Advent has pointed the way to Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Christmas has made real the human nature which was given to Him so we can understand His teachings. And — a New Year reminds us that we need to walk with Him at all times, to reflect His glory, and to spread His kingdom. It's a big responsibility, but who said that being a follower of Christ WASN'T a responsibility?

We were commissioned to "Go out into the world and spread the Gospel." With this command, Jesus put responsibility on our shoulders. With this command, He sent us into our everyday world to evangelize and spread His Kingdom. With this command He tests our true loyalty and willingness to be on His side. "If you are not for me you are against me." As Daughters we have a responsibility; and now we have a New Year to prove that we accept it. Let's make our resolutions this year; but this time LET'S KEEP THEM.

For His Sake  
Bertha Milbank  
Natl. Chr. Jr. Daughters



## ON CREATION

The love within the Godhead is so strong that it is allowed to overflow, to spill out, where it touches chaos, order appears; where there is darkness, light; where there was no thing — something; the created world — all from a super abundance of delight in Love.

## BUILDING FOR A NEW YEAR

THINK love, not hate  
THINK success, not failure  
THINK health, not disease  
THINK good, not evil  
THINK prosperity, not poverty  
THINK safety, not danger  
THINK life, not death  
THINK friendship, not hostility  
THINK joy, not sorrow  
THINK hope, not despair  
THINK tranquility, not tension  
THINK FORWARD,  
NOT BACKWARD.



## SOUND FAMILIAR?

This story is about four men named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY and NOBODY. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, and Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody blamed Anybody.



## BOOK LIST ON MEDITATIONS

For meditations in the chapter meetings, consider the following books:

- My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers
- Be Still and Know, Millie Stamm
- Kingdom of Self, Earl Jabay
- The Way of the Wolf, Martin Bell
- Nenshu and the Tiger, Martin Bell
- My God My Glory, Eric Milner-White
- I've Got To Talk to Somebody, God, Marjorie Holmes
- Who Am I, God? Marjorie Holmes

## THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath symbolized many things. It is a circle and is meant to remind us that God, like the circle, has no beginning and no end. God has always lived and will always live. Evergreens are used on the wreath to remind us that people who love God will not only live their lives now, but will live forever with God. The wreath has four candles, usually blue or purple. Deep blue is the royal color, the church uses it to remind us that we are watching and preparing for our King. The four candles stand for the four weeks in Advent. A fifth candle, or Christ candle, may be added to the center of the circle. One candle is lit on the first Sunday, and an additional candle on each Sunday until Christmas. The Christ candle is lit at Christmas. The candles we use are to remind us of the way Jesus changed the darkness of hatred and evil into the light of joy and love.

### ABOUT FORGIVING OTHERS —

Lord, once when you were hurting through  
and through

Cuts in your feet, your side, your hands,  
your head —

You looked on those who did this thing  
to you

And cried for them, and this is what you  
said:

“Forgive them, for they know not what  
they do,”

Oh Jesus, sometimes people cut me too.

Teach me to look on them with peace,  
with love,

Forgiving them as You forgive above.

From: **GOD I'VE GOTTA TALK  
TO YOU!**

What were you thinking of, Dear God,  
to risk it? How did you dare? You sent the  
light of the world into a world in the most  
vulnerable form possible, the merest flicker  
of new-born life. A thousand things could  
have happened. How did you dare?

Even today, God, you entrust your world  
to us. It is for us to minister, to reach out  
and comfort the lost, the lonely, the little  
ones. How do you dare? How do you dare?

Only by your love are we strengthened;  
only by your hand are we guided; only by  
your word are we kept true, dear God.  
Keep us true, God, help us to dare.

## THE REAL SAINTS

The “Real Saints” never complain that  
there is no quiet for meditation because  
their lives are a constant practice of the  
presence of God.

The “Real Saints” never complain about  
enough time for prayer because their lives  
and all they do are a constant flame of  
prayer rising to God.

The “Real Saints” never complain about  
dry times because they are continually  
aware of God in their lives.

The “Real Saints” never worry about  
their salvation because they are so close to  
eternal life now they are assured of their  
future.

Those “Real Saints” exist only in our  
imagination. The saints of the past who  
left us records of their spiritual journeys  
and the saints of today who surround us  
all have experienced the same fears and  
doubts, deserts and wildernesses, joys and  
revelation that we know. We are equally  
“Real Saints.”



### STUDY HINTS

In your study program, have you includ-  
ed the study of Prayer? What better way  
to carry out your Rule of Life on Prayer!  
Consider the different ways of praying, as  
well as the major parts of a prayer. Dis-  
cussion on the power of prayer and  
comparing instances of prayer power can  
show the need for each to pray.

Prayer chains are valuable in empha-  
sizing prayer and in showing the power of  
prayer. Each girl in the chain is included,  
feeling that she shares with others a need  
to pray.

For a special event, plan a quiet day or  
a retreat. Your priest will be willing to  
help you plan such an event.



Christmas is a time of PROMISE, the  
MEANING of which man has never fully  
grasped; the JOY of it too deep for our  
small hearts; the MESSAGE too simple  
and enormous to be simply believed except  
by children.

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