

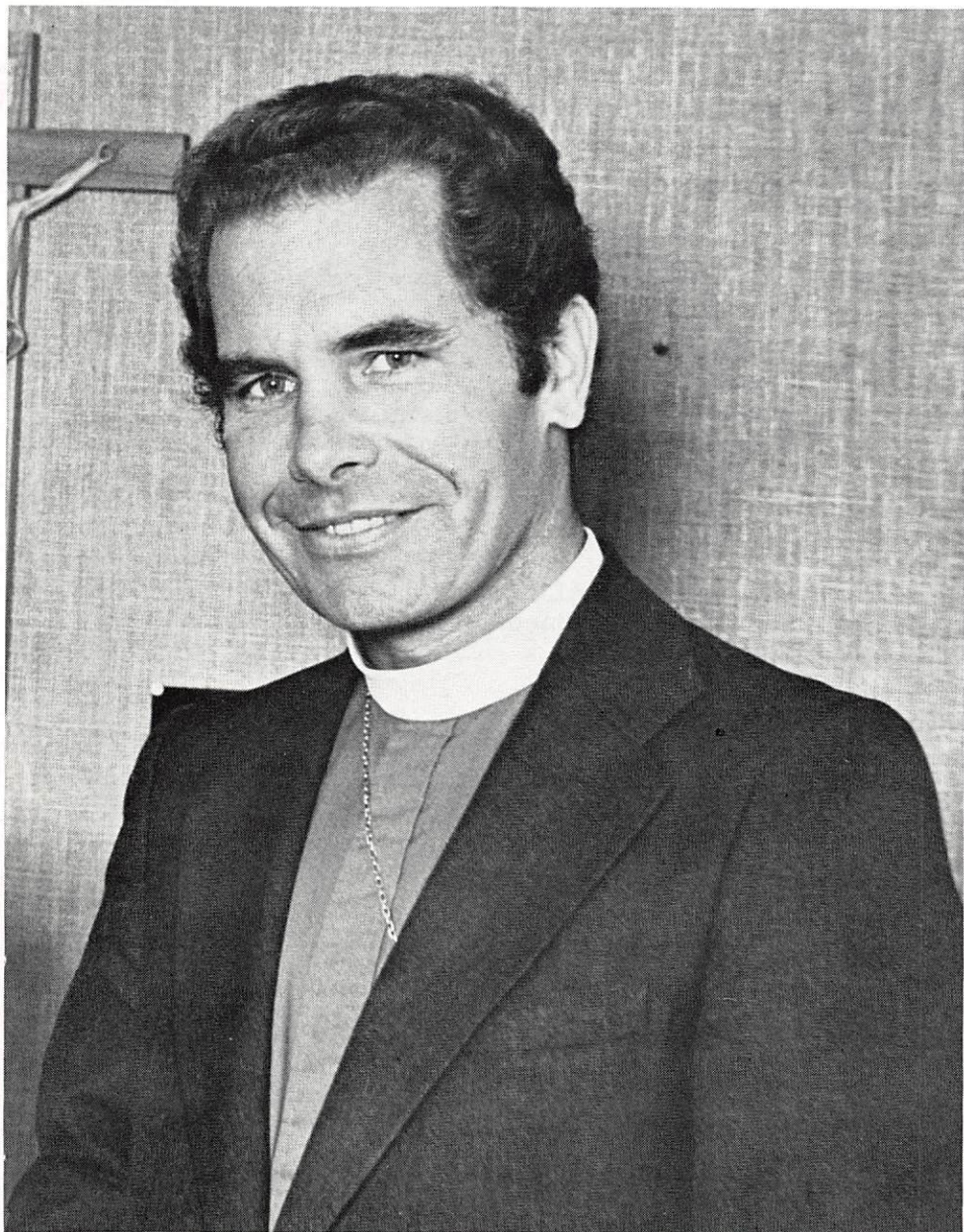
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*To everything there is a season and a time to every  
purpose under heaven.*

*Eccl.3*

So now the time has come for me, as your Editor, to turn over *The Royal Cross* to a new Editor. I have served my season and feel someone else should carry on from here. I have enjoyed working with you in putting *The Royal Cross* together and am sure it has served you well too. I now turn this over to Mrs. Edward Murphy of Merced, California, with my best wishes for a successful term with *The Royal Cross* - good luck and God bless you.

Arline L. Prosser

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## THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Daughters:

What a wonderful Triennial Convention we had in New Orleans! Our theme was *Open Our Eyes That We May See*, and how I wished that every Daughter could have been there to attend the Opening and Closing Services at Trinity Church, led by The Rev. John Stone Jenkins, the daily Communion Service by The Rev. John Buchanan, and the inspiring meditations by The Rev. John Francis Wyatt, Manager-Director of MORE. (The tapes of these services may be ordered from "Living Voices" at the same address as our National Office.)

Our "Special Evening with Elizabeth and Pat" was most interesting and enlightening. Our eyes were opened to the remarkable recovery from the very disastrous fire last spring at the Mediador School in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and to the improvements in living conditions at

the City of God Mission. We are all so thankful to have these two dedicated women, who receive some aid from our Self-Denial Fund, to represent our Order.

Again our eyes were opened as we shared the miracle of healing in the wonderful witness of Joy Winter and with Diana Bringgold who turned her personal tragedy into real faith, trust in the Lord and overwhelming joy.

With great reluctance and also with thanksgiving for his help and inspiration, we accepted the resignation of Bishop Bigliardi as our National Chaplain and were, at the same time, most honored to have the Rt. Rev. C. Shannon Mallory of the Diocese of El Camino Real, California, accept the Council's election and Bishop Allin's appointment to be our new National Chaplain.

Our National Office in Atlanta, Georgia, was represented by Mrs. Audrey Culpepper, our new Office Administrator, who is dedicated to the task of getting everything in working order at 435 Peachtree St., N.E. Please keep her and her co-workers in your prayers and do try to be patient and understanding during this transition period.

An important decision was made at Triennial that will affect every member of the Order. Effective January 1, 1983, our National Dues will be \$8.00 per year to help meet the higher cost of living. Make a note of this and do remember to send in the new amount the next time dues are collected. Also, effective January 1, 1983, the Registration Fee for all new members will be \$15.00, and replacement crosses will be \$10.25 (which is our cost).

Heartfelt thanks are due our former President, Louise Johnson, who has so ably represented us during the past three years, not only with the Daughters of the King, but also the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and PEWSACTION. We will



always be grateful to Louise for her help in getting the National Office moved to Atlanta, and for her years of devotion to and guidance of our Order.

I feel greatly honored that the National Council had such confidence in me that they elected me to serve the Lord in this very special way, and I ask your prayers that my eyes may be opened to His guidance during the next three years while I am privileged to wear the beautiful golden cross and endeavor to serve the Order to the best of my ability. With the help of Jesus Christ and all of the Daughters, I look forward to the task and I stand ready to help you in any way I can. Please do not hesitate to call on me.

Love, For His Sake  
Geraldine E. Herren



Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world. Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before Him.

Because of his love God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us His Sons — this was His pleasure and purpose. Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son! For by the sacrificial death of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, which he gave to us in such large measure!

Ephesians 1:3-8

## COVER

The Rt. Rev. C. Shannon Mallory

Bishop Mallory is a native of Texas and is 45 years old. He received his BA from UCLA, his MDiv from General Theological Seminary and his MA from Rhodes University, and was awarded an Honorary STD by his seminary.

Ordained to the Diaconate in 1961, he left the Diocese of Los Angeles and entered the mission field, being ordained to the priesthood that same year in Africa. Prior to his consecration as the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Botswana in 1972, he served the Diocese of Damaraland (S.W. Africa) as Rector of Tsumeb-Grootfontein, Director of Ovamboland Missions, and Archdeacon of Ovamboland. He was coordinator for East African Diploma in Theology and Lecturer in Religious Studies at Makerere University in Uganda. He resigned in 1978 so as to clear the way for an indigenous bishop to be elected, a man who is now the Archbishop of Central Africa.

In June 1980 he was elected the first Bishop of the new diocese of El Camino Real in central coastal California and was installed the following October.

He is married to Armonda Lou Ober and they have five children. The Mallorys live in Carmel Valley.

Dear Friends:

How much I look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you through our new relationship as your Chaplain. I want to be as helpful and available as I can, and my continual prayers for the wonderful work of the Order is the most immediate offering that comes to mind.

All of us are, of course, the "King's Kids," but some don't know it yet! I thank God that the Daughters of the King DO know it and seek to put the King central in the life and ministry as reflected in your Object: "the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls, and the strengthening of the Church's spiritual life."

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Extending the Kingdom and deepening our wells are always the two essential dimensions of the Christian life; and they must **both** be emphasized and developed, and be given attention and prominence in our lives or we become unbalanced in our discipleship. "Extending the Kingdom" is the King calling us to ministry; "deepening the well" is Jesus the King, calling us to sit quietly, like Mary, and let Him instruct and deepen our spiritual understanding of the things of God — and so "Strengthening the Church's spiritual life." It is only out of those deep inner springs of holiness which He alone can create within us that we are able to do any effective and lasting ministry in the world. Those are the everlasting springs of grace that St. John is telling us Jesus promises to all who seek a deeper knowledge and faith in Him (John 4:14, 7:38). And then how glorious and fulfilling it is to be able to give those "rivers of living water" to the hungry, the thirsty and the parched whom we meet!

May the King bless us all abundantly in this great twofold task to which He calls us. I look forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans.

Yours in His Service  
C. Shannon Mallory

Mrs. Victoria S. Gary, National Secretary, was appointed Historian for The Order of the Daughters of the King by the President, Mrs. Louise G. Johnson, at the last Council Meeting. Mrs. Gary is seeking historical data for exhibition at the 1985 Triennial which marks the One Hundredth Anniversary of our Order. If you have any data or articles pertaining to the beginning of the Order that could be used, please send them to the National Office, 435 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30365, Attn. The National Secretary. All articles will be acknowledged and returned after the Anniversary Triennial in 1985.

JOY Is Prayer

by  
Mother Teresa

JOY is strength —

JOY is love — JOY is a net of love by which you can catch souls. She gives most who gives with JOY.

The best way to show our gratitude to God and the people is to accept everything with JOY. A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love.

We all long for heaven where God is but we have it in our power to be in heaven with Him right now — to be happy with Him at this very moment. But being happy with Him now means:

loving as He loves,  
helping as He helps,  
giving as He gives,  
serving as He serves,  
rescuing as He rescues,  
being with Him for all twenty  
four hours,  
touching Him in his distressing  
disguise.

#### IMPORTANT

Our new Administrator at the National Office in Atlanta, Ga., is Mrs. Audrey Culpepper. Any questions or information you want should be directed to her.

## BEGIN EACH DAY WITH PRAYER

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

*I Thess. 5:16-18*

Accept, O Lord God, our Father, the sacrifices of our thanksgiving; this, of praise, for thy great mercies already afforded to us; and this, of prayer, for the continuance and enlargement of them; this of penitence, for such only recompense as our sinful nature can endeavor; and this, of the love of our hearts, as the only gift thou dost ask or desire; and all these, through the all-holy and atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ thy Son our Saviour. AMEN (John Donne)

Look in compassion, O Heavenly Father, upon this troubled and divided world. Though we cannot trace thy footsteps or understand thy working, give us grace to trust thee now with an understanding faith, and when thine own time is come, reveal, O Lord, thy new heaven and new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness and where the Prince of Peace ruleth, the Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN (Dean Vaughan)

O God of Peace and charity! we beseech thee holy Lord, Almighty Father, eternal God, that we may worship thee with a pure heart. Let us dance before thee with a clean conscience, let us serve thee with all our strength. We bless thee, Holy Trinity, we give thanks to thee, we praise thee every day, we pray unto thee "Abba, Father." May our praise be sweet to thee and our prayer accepted. AMEN (Gallican Sacramentary)

O Lord, Jesus Christ, who art as the Shadow of a Great Rock in a weary land, who beholdest thy weak creatures weary of labor, weary of pleasure, weary of hope deferred, weary of self; in thine abundant compassion, and fellow feeling with us, and unutterable tenderness, bring us, we pray thee, unto thy rest. AMEN (Christina Rossetti)

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart; that so desiring we may seek, and seeking find thee; and so finding thee may love thee; and loving thee may hate those sins from which has redeemed. AMEN (St. Anselm)

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee. AMEN (Aquinas)

Write thy blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved, that no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move me from thy love. Be thou to me a strong tower of defense, a Comforter in tribulation, a Deliverer in distress, a very present help in trouble, and a guide through the many temptations and dangers of this life. AMEN (Thomas a Kempis)

O Almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. AMEN

Dear Daughters of the King:


At Triennial in New Orleans we were pleased to announce that the Presiding Bishop has appointed the Rt. Rev. Shannon Mallory our next National Chaplain. You will find a biographical sketch of Bishop Mallory elsewhere in this issue.

If you have had the advantage of hearing Bishop Mallory speak, you know that he shares our dedication to evangelism.

The last three years have been a real joy to me. The Lord blessed me with many new friends, new experiences, and, most important of all, a closer walk with Him! It all has given me an even stronger resolve to spend the rest of my life bringing others to Christ and to encourage everyone to share in this joyous ministry, because . . . "We reap what we sow . . . If we sow in the field of the Spirit, the Spirit will bring a harvest of eternal life. So let us never tire of doing good, for if we do not slacken our efforts we shall in due time reap our harvest. Therefore, as opportunity offers, let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith." Galatians 6:7-10.

God bless you and keep you in His love, and

For His Sake



Past President

Give me courage to face life's trials  
and not from troubles run.  
Let me keep this thought in mind,  
"Thy Will," not "Mine," be done.  
And, if some wish I do not get  
Though I have prayed to Thee,  
Help me to believe and understand  
You know what's best for me.  
I've failed you many times, I know  
But when tonight I rest,  
I hope that I can kneel and say,  
"Dear God, I've tried my best."

Helen Smith

"None of us lives to himself." Romans 14:7

Robinson Crusoe was a lonely man on his desert island. Yet despite his isolation, he was not living only "to himself." He was a product of civilization. He had rescued carpenter's tools, which had been many ages in development, from the wrecked ship. He was able to survive, not by knowledge discovered by himself alone, but by preceding generations.

Genesis tells us that Adam was not a complete human being until the creation of Eve. It was a great day for Robinson Crusoe when Friday became his human companion. In God's plan we do not live in isolation from one another, but we live, move and have our being in the fellowship of society. More than that, we are intended to live in fellowship with God.

Not only are we the Lord's in life and death, but we also belong to one another. As Daughters of the King, we are daily living our lives to serve one another and in so doing serve Jesus.

#### AN ASCENSION ACROSTIC

Ascended Lord, Ancient of Days,  
Songs of angels chant thy praise.  
"Crowned, enthroned at God's right  
hand."

Each angel harks to thy command.  
Now in prayer our heads we bow.  
Sun and moon heaven needs not now.  
In their stead thy glory glows,  
O'er all above thy radiance flows.  
Now the kingdom of God is thine,  
Thou Light of the world, Son Divine,  
In the Trinity thou doest belong.  
Defend us from all things wrong.  
Ever thy praise will be our song.

Linda M. Summer

(Mrs. John Summer of Wisteria Drive,  
Florence, S.C., is a Member-at-large, and  
is 88 years old.)

## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

We must first have a Light and we must then be "switched on" Christians. We must do all in our power to bring our Light to the ultimate brightness.

We can catch warmth and light from each other. God, who called each one of us to our Being, has given us the true light within—an inward radiance, an incandescence of the Soul, a Presence in the midst, which is as precious as life itself. There are many circumstances which will extinguish the Light and warmth God has given us. Many are extinguished when they have lost courage, heart, and their way, and their Light is out. When this Light shines and glows, it illuminates the face of God. It reveals new glories in the face of man and casts new light on the whole life. We live the New Life unto God when this Light burns. When the Light goes out, our hearts grow cold and we die.

Because this Light is the truest guide to life, it is God Himself who dwells in us. The Light is the life of God and the Light is God. Emanuel—God with us. God in us! He that is now with you shall be IN you. Jesus Christ is in me and in you—not somewhere else, but Here. When God is in us, the Day Star has arisen in our hearts; and when the Morning Star has arisen, we need no further aids or instructions or admonitions, we need no further chart or compass, we need no candle—we have passed from death to Life. Our Light shines and is visible to all who look in our direction.

Now I want to talk about three Greek words. The first is "Metamorphosis" (a complete change). Matthew, Mark and Luke set forth in detail the story of our Lord's Transfiguration six months before His death. "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind," said St. Paul. Jesus went up with Peter, James and John into a high mountain to pray. As He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered. That is what happens to you as you pray—the fashion of your countenance is altered. **BUT YOU MUST PRAY.**

The second Greek word is "Exastrap-tone" (from within himself). Jesus changed. He shone. He shone so brilliantly even His raiment was white and

glistening. The Light came from within Himself.

The third Greek word is "Metanoya" (change of mind, change of heart, a total about-face). This means a change in which the former things have passed away and all things have become new. When you wake up and suddenly say "the world has changed," you mean you have changed, not the world.

Don't go abroad looking for the Light—the Light is in you. If it isn't within you, it isn't anywhere. The great Christian virtues and achievements you will find in yourself. You are the center of your universe. We must bring forth fruit in action and service, but they are a waste of time unless the fruit is good. Our Lord came out of the wilderness to help the world—so must we. We must use this Light.

## ALL SAINTS AND THANKSGIVING

November comes to us each year with two great festivals—one national and one universal: Thanksgiving Day and All Saints' Day. In a way they have much in common. Both days emphasize the source of our blessings in God and both days give us an opportunity to be thankful—the one for all our blessings, material and spiritual; the other for the more specific spiritual heritage in the lives of our great Church Saints, and the lives of our beloved departed, whom we especially remember and give thanks for on All Saints' Day.

I wonder what God thinks about all this. He is a Person, you know. He does think. But we are told in Scripture that our ways are not His ways; and it follows, His ways are not our ways. Is He pleased when we thank Him? O yes—a thousand times yes! Throughout the Bible rings the refrain "Give thanks unto the Lord!" It is meet and right so to do. Let our thanksgiving be "thanks-living"—by word and deed, with our lips and with our lives. So shall the Lord be glorified, in the words we say or sing and in the ministries of love to our fellowmen.

## PROVINCIAL, DIOCESAN AND CHAPTER NEWS

### PROVINCE III

Laraine M. Dennstaedt was elected President of Province III by the Diocesan Delegates. The meeting was held Saturday, June 12, 1982, in the Diocese of Washington, at St. Barnabas Church, Temple Hills, Maryland. Laraine has been a Daughter in the Diocese of Maryland since 1954. She has been active on all levels — chapter, diocese, province and National Council. Asked what she would like to see accomplished during her three-year term, she replied, "The emphasis should be on renewal and evangelism, delving more deeply into understanding what these two words mean, how they are defined and can be acted out in our part of the whole church, what Daughters can do to spread the word through prayer and service, and also to work at encouraging everyone to become disciples of our Lord and Saviour. These are the goals that excite me."

Other officers serving Province III are Evalyn Suski, Vice President, Margaret Anderson, Secretary, both from the Diocese of Washington, and Jennie Hilsee, Treasurer, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Laraine has appointed Judy Mitchell, Diocese of Virginia, to be Parliamentarian, and has chosen her Rector at St. John's, Mt. Washington, Md., the Rev. Arthur R. Lillcrop, III, to be the Provincial Chaplain.

### LAKELAND, FLORIDA

St. Clare's Chapter at St. David's is sharing a unique experience by having a nighttime group, along with a daytime group. This group has grown so that approximately eight to twelve members attend the meetings. They presently are involved in caring for a "Prayer Board" in the narthex of the church. Response to this spiritual aid is terrific. They are also active in hospital ministry and they find it very rewarding. We are sharing a study group with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew — "Waiting on God," by Andrew Murray. Our purpose of the joint study is to help the Brotherhood establish a good foundation in order to keep the Order alive and growing.

### MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

The Daughters of the King of Holy Trinity Church donated a picture to hang in the Chapel of the Middlesex Convalescent Center. The unveiling of the picture of Christ by Sallman was very impressive. It is a picture that should inspire the mass of Christian people. The service was very earnest and touching to my heart and I hope to all those who attended. At a time when the whole world is upheaved by discord—no better time than now to bring to the minds of people that we need our Creator and prayers for those unfortunate, who are suffering from the lack of it. I look at this picture each morning when I go to chapel to pay respect to our loving God and ask His help to give peace that we are able, by His help, to enjoy. I, for one, shed tears by its meaning to all of us Christians. I thank Him for being a free American that I may worship in my own way and time. Blessed be His Holy Name. Thank our pastors and priests for their awareness of the needs of the world at a most crucial time in our lives. God bless them all who participated.

Diana Begley

*(This article was written by an inmate of this facility.)*

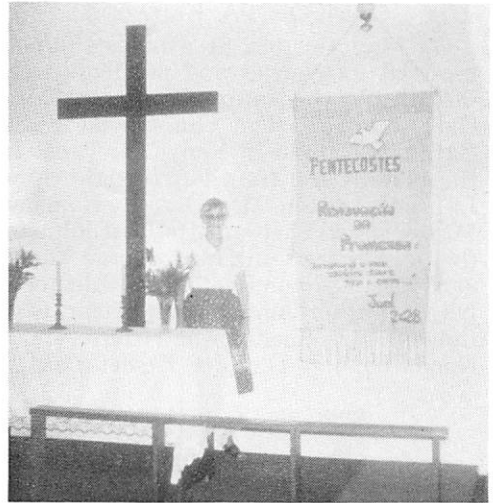
### DIOCESE OF THE RIO GRANDE

The Annual Assembly of the Rio Grande was held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, El Paso, Texas, June 4 and 5. Speakers for the Assembly were the Rt. Rev. Richard M. Trelease, Jr., Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande; Miss Kay Douglas, President of the Seventh Province; the Rev. Ronald R. Thomson, Provost of the Pro Cathedral of St. Clement and Chaplain of the Diocesan Assembly of the Daughters of the King; and the Rev. Frank H. Grubbs, Rector of St. Alban's. Seven of the nine chapters in the Diocese were represented. Officers elected for a two year term were Mrs. Elizabeth Owen, President, and Mrs. James Q. Hargrave, Vice President. Both officers are members of the Jane Torrance Sargent Chapter at St. Alban's Church.

## DIOCESE OF OREGON

On Saturday, June 5, 1982, St. Mark's Chapter of the Daughters of the King, Medford, Oregon, was hostess to the Diocesan Assembly.

Following the sharing of Holy Communion, 32 women were in attendance for the installation of the following Diocesan officers: President, Mrs. Lois Morrow, Tabitha Chapter, St. James, Tigard, Oregon; Vice President, Miss Margaret Heil, St. Phillips Chapter, Portland, Oregon; and Secretary, Mrs. Willa Bagley, St. Phillips, Portland, Oregon. Father Warren Frank, priest at St. Mark's, installed the officers and gave the address to the assembly. We were pleased to have Father Chester Schulda, priest of St. Luke's, Grants Pass, Oregon, accompany the Daughters from St. Luke's and to have him give the final benediction. Mrs. Peggy Roesch Boston was installed in absentia as Treasurer.



Elizabeth in their new Chapel.

## MEDFORD, OREGON

They are now 17 strong at St. Mark's Chapter in Medford. They meet once a month, starting with Holy Communion. The members bring a sack lunch and then have their meeting.



Members of the National Council at Seabury. "Looking over the books" are Victoria Gary, National Secretary, and Charlotte Howting, National Treasurer.



Elizabeth with some of the teachers in one of the classrooms.

## CALIFORNIA, Kenwood

On May 16, 1982 St. Hilda's Chapter received its charter and members were installed by the National President, Mrs. Carl Johnson. The chapter is at St. Patrick's Church in Kenwood. Those in the picture are, from left to right, Mrs. LaFrenz Arfsten, Mrs. Dorothy Ramsay, Mrs. J. David Shelton, Mrs. Carl Johnson (National President), Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Calmar Evers, Mrs. Elizabeth Nagle. Father John Bogart, Vicar, is in the rear. Mrs. Shelton was a transfer from Good Shepherd Chapter, Hemet, Calif.



Forgive me, O Lord, for prayers my lips too easily speak, for prayers that fall from my tongue as lightly as air: For prayers made out of words and are nothing but the words. Forgive me for the prayers I borrow from the agony of the Saints without suffering myself: for prayers taken from another's cross and spoken in my comfort: for prayers of light and glory unballasted by the darkness and depth from which such things bloom. Forgive me, Lord, for prayers uttered without regard for Thy presence: for prayers unwashed by the silences of mystery: for prayers that beg for what I would refuse if it were given. Forgive me, Lord, for prayers wherein I salved my conscience, pampered my feelings, and consecrated my false faith, forgive me, Lord, and teach me how to pray.

AMEN

## AUTUMN

Autumn dresses her trees in gaudiness. Like a prodigal, she scatters her gold for any one to enjoy. She knows that the wind will soon strip the trees of these vivid clothes of gold, scarlet, yellow, red and brown, and leave them with grotesquely shaped arms reaching to the skies, as though imploring nature to sleeve them again with warm greens. So Autumn puts on her show, her last defiant demonstration of her joy in living before the somber weeks of Winter arrive.

Isn't it paradoxical that it is in "dying" that nature shows her full beauty? Many people go about brooding about the political conditions and muttering dark words about the times in which we live. But beauty is still ours for the looking. Mild breezes make us joyful at the brittle sound of rustling leaves dancing across the streets and over the fields. All seems riotous now, it is true, with trees still half clothed in the brilliant garb of Fall, and with fallen leaves skipping hither and yon looking for a quiet resting place; but having lived through it before, we are not disturbed, for we know that the confusion will give place to peace, to the stolidity of frozen turf, and to the austerity of naked branches and twigs. Then will come clean clouds of snow drawing immaculate sheets over all the imperfections of lawns and fields.

Man's world is in need of regeneration, but God's world is beautiful. Is that not always the way? When we meditate upon man and his activities, we are depressed. The antidote is easy, however; it is to remember that there have been ten thousand Autumns, followed by an equal number of Winters and Springs. There is no reason to believe that, likewise, bitterness and malice and evil, which men have created, won't be tempered and even vanish away, as has happened before because of the pervasive love of God.

A Vermont farmer once said, "A farmer can't help but believe in God; the world is too beautiful to have just happened. It requires a beautiful Creator behind it." So we take heart, for we know that He will fill our hearts and the hearts of all men with His abundant love, and we shall forget our petty differences and live in brotherhood even as He has willed.

The love of God has been implanted in thousands and hundreds of thousands of

His people. That is why we have such a day as All Saints' Day in our list of glorious Feasts. The saints of God are too numerous to count. They are in every nook and cranny of God's world. They are God's promise to us that we too can make scintillating gold out of the dross of daily experience. As long as there is GOD, just so long is He making saints.



"DO YOU WANT TO BE WELL?"  
(John 5)

What a foolish question--of course the invalid wanted to be well! For thirty years, he had been lying near the pool for the sole purpose of finding healing. For thirty years, he'd been there without once managing to get to the water in time when the angel troubled the waters. Thirty years of this, and Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be well?"

It is a fearful thing to be well. There is no excuse for not serving others. One might be asked to grow up, to leave indulgence behind, to take responsibility for himself and his actions, to give to others rather than to receive.

Many of us don't have the courage to be whole. We are used to our fears and limitations. As long as we have them, we don't have to probe more deeply, nor face up to our real failure. "What can you expect of poor little me?"

Christ wants us well. He came so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Not just enough energy to make it from day to day, but a great plenty, pressed down and overflowing--immeasurable.

We drain away this health, this vitality, by our fears, our lack of faith. We dissipate our energy by carrying grudges, by trying to keep the lid on the hurts of the past--those that have been inflicted on us and those we have dealt others.

Yet all the time the answer is clear: God is with us; Christ is healing.

If we want to be healed, we must be willing. It is good news that the past is not irrevocable. The hurt child within can be comforted and made whole. New relationships can supersede the old. New life can flow into dark and dirty corners, making all clean and new again. It is there for the asking for those who know Jesus.

THE MESSENGER FOR DIRECTRESSES  
AND JUNIOR DAUGHTERS

Mrs. George Milbank  
National Chairman  
Junior Division  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Daughters in Christ:

Fall with its coat of yellows, reds and browns is again with us. It is a gorgeous time of year — leading us with expectancy toward the season of Advent, which will remind us of the coming of our Lord at Christmas! Before we reach Advent, however, All Saints Day brings in November. Traditionally, that is a special day of prayer for all Daughters of the King; and we are expected to pray for the Saints in thanksgiving for the blessings of our church. The season of thanksgiving brings us up to Advent and our joy in receiving the light of the world.

However, Advent is not only a season of preparation, it is also a season of repentance and change. Do you realize a habit that should be changed; careless actions, rudeness, thoughtlessness, or unloving reactions that should be corrected? How about a decision to change these during Advent!

Merciful God, who sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way of our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

For His Sake  
Bertha Milbank,  
National Chairman

God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence.

Psalm 46

1983 JUNIOR DAUGHTERS  
CONVENTION, AUGUST 7 to 10

Plans are underway for the Junior Daughters Convention which will be held in Union Mills, North Carolina, on August 7 to 10, 1983. This is a beautiful spot near the Smoky Mountains — at a conference camp which is equipped for a program such as ours.

The Convention Committee who are working on the plans at this time are: Bertha Milbank, Wichita, Kansas; Jo Ann Smith, St. Louis, Missouri; Kay Douglas, San Antonio, Texas; and Betty Hart, Boulder, Colorado. If you have any special ideas that you'd like to see used, notify one of these committee members. The committee will inform you of more specific plans in the next edition of the *Royal Cross*. MARK YOUR CALENDAR and begin making plans to attend!!! SEE YOU THERE!!!

REGISTRATION TIME  
IS HERE AGAIN

Is your chapter registered? Now is the time for each Directress to see that dues of all chapter members are sent to the National Office. The address now is:

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Dues of \$2.00 for each girl pays her registration, sends the *Royal Cross* to her, qualifies her chapter to get extra mailings from the Junior Committee, and includes her in the count of Junior Chapters. Please get your registration in before November 1st!

## ADVENT

At the age of 11 Lisa was outgoing and confident. She loved the active routine of camp and the fun she had with her many friends.

Corky was very different. Making friends was difficult for her. She was somewhat plain, a situation not helped by her chubby figure or her severe, black rimmed glasses. Try as she would, she never quite seemed to keep up or to fit in.

The days progressed with the situation staying about the same. Lisa was with the group: one who belonged and who was accepted and loved. Corky was avoided as much as possible. That is until one afternoon when a girl in the group decided it would be funny to taunt Corky as she turned to go to her cabin. She picked up a pebble and threw it at Corky's heels as she went down the path. Then another thought it funny and she, too, threw a pebble. And so did another and another. Somehow, there on the beautiful wooded path in Minocqua, Wisconsin, a little girl was being peppered with stones because she was just a little different from the other girls.

Lisa watched the scene in stunned silence as she was reminded of the many times she had ignored Corky, or failed to take the time to speak to her, or had laughed at some joke about her. She realized she had never done anything to help Corky and the awareness was intolerable. Darting down the path, Lisa called, "Wait for me, Corky, how about a game of Old Maid?" Her back muscles were tense waiting for the stings of the pebbles, but they never came. A hush fell over the group as they watched their friend actually put her arm around Corky's shoulders and go into her cabin with her. It was as though time was suspended, as the horror of what they had done hung as a cloud around them. Then suddenly and breathlessly they went as one, rushing to the cabin, stumbling inside, offering apologies and requests to join the game. And Corky forgave.

God put his hand on Lisa that day in the woods. He saw her experience some of the cruelty and pain of the world. He bared His face in Corky's image and taught Lisa to serve Him. He showed her the difference her witness could make. And she was His own forever.

Marcia Wilder

Long before Jesus was born, the world was preparing for Him. Prophets and holy people of the Old Testament explained that God loved mankind, and that one day God Himself would come to show men exactly what love meant. Men and women waited and prepared for His arrival which came at the first Christmas.

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is a season which represents the years in which the world was preparing for the coming of the Son of God. We use those weeks to prepare ourselves to celebrate His joyful birthday. At Christmas we want Him to be born once more in our hearts.

An Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreens with four purple candles around the edge, with a fifth white candle in the center. Each part of the wreath has a special meaning. The circular wreath has no beginning and no end. It serves as a reminder that God has no beginning and no end. He lived before there was a world; He lived in Jesus; He lives now and always will live.

The wreath is made of evergreens. They stay green all year, never losing their needles. Since they are always alive, they are a reminder that people who love God will not only live their lives now, but will live eternally with Him.

The four purple candles represent the four weeks in Advent. One candle is lighted the first Sunday in Advent and an additional one each Sunday thereafter. Candles are burned to give light. The additional one is lighted each week to show that the light of Jesus' love and joy is shining brighter into the darkness of hatred and evil the nearer we come to His birthday. Finally, on Christmas Eve, the white candle is lighted to show that the light of Jesus Christ has come into the world. Four candles are purple because purple (or violet) is the Church's color for penitence and that's for watching and preparing. The fifth candle is white, the Church's color for purity and joy.



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