

*The Order of the Daughters of the King  
Episcopal Diocese of Texas*

The Feast of Pentecost, 2007

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and Pentecost blessings! I hope if you've received this letter you are currently President of your Daughters of the King chapter. If you are not, could you please give this to your current president? I am enclosing several documents that will be of interest to you all.

The first is a letter from our National DOK President, Joan Dalrymple, to each of our chapters. It is important for you to understand the position that our National Council has taken, and I want to remind you that in the Diocese of Texas our theme for the next several years, during my term of office, is "One Heart and One Mind in Christ – Through Prayer, Service, and Evangelism," based on Jesus' prayer recorded in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John's gospel. As you pray regularly for our Order, remember that we live out our vows to spread Christ's kingdom so that the world will know that God loves them and has sent Jesus to us all (paraphrase of John 17:23.) The work we do to fulfill our vow of "prayer and service for the spread of Christ's kingdom" is far too important to be diminished by disputes, the solutions for which are, for lack of a better way of putting it, above our individual pay grades. It is my fervent hope that we Daughters will remain above the fray. And please continue to pray for our bishops, our clergy, and the leadership of our Order.

Second, enclosed is a copy of the survey from National which I'm told some of you did not receive. If you have not done so, please complete and return them to me.

Third, I've enclosed a "Change of Officers Form" which I would ask that you complete and send in as soon as possible, listing your chapter officers who will be serving as of September, 2007. Ongoing communication with chapters and individual Daughters is a daunting task and you can help by updating our database.

Fourth, let me encourage you to visit often our diocesan DOK website [www.dokdot.org](http://www.dokdot.org) where you will find a wealth of information about what is going on around the Diocese of Texas. Our Fall Assembly will be September 28-29 at Camp Allen, hosted by the Daughters from St. Richard's of Round Rock. Other events are noted on the website as well.

Finally, I am so grateful to be a part of the Order of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Texas. I hold each and every one of you in my heart and pray for you all. Please let me know how I can be of service to you.

For His Sake,

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