

Daughters of the King Diocese of Nevada

Fall 2007 Newsletter

My Dear Daughters:

Welcome to each of you.

This first issue of the Nevada Diocesan Newsletter I find to be an answer to our prayers at our June Assembly in Tonopah for closer communication through the year. Each chapter's contribution to this effort is helping us become better acquainted although we are spread hundreds of miles apart. Staying in touch will keep us united in our mission of prayer, service and evangelism. Enjoy reading about the activities of your Nevada sister chapters.

Remember
Wear Your Cross Daily
Daily Prayers Will Diminish Your Cares

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Below is a roundup of activities of the six Daughters of the King chapters in the Diocese of Nevada, based upon information provided by them.

St. Mary Magdalene Chapter **All Saints Episcopal Church, Las Vegas**

St. Mary Magdalene Chapter begins its monthly meetings with contemplative prayer at 7:45 a.m. the second Saturday of the month followed by a healing service at 8:30 a.m. and a meeting at 9:00 a.m. For spiritual guidance last year the group studied the book, *The Practice of Prayer* by Margaret Guenther, and had a program on Practicing Silence, a form of prayer. Outreach activities include ordering pins for visitors to the parish and providing funds for bottled water for the homeless. The chapter also revamped its bylaws and sent representatives to the DOK diocesan meeting in Tonopah. The roster of

Nevada's first chapter includes around 20 members.

Members of St. Mary Magdalene Chapter at their installation of officers. First row, left to right, Annette Mills, Maryrose Johnson (treasurer), Lola Culbreath (president), Jayne Holmes, Josie Gaines, Eleanor Williams, Miriam Campbell. Second row, left to right, Harriet Borg (vice president), Janet Addison, Matilda Martial, Carol Schroer (secretary), The Rev. Emma Gregory, Edith Block.

St. Martha Chapter **Christ Church, Las Vegas**

As the second oldest chapter in the state, St. Martha has around 30 members who gather for Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month followed by the chapter's regular meeting. In addition to praying for those in need, members participate in programs such as making Anglican prayer beads, walking a labyrinth and discussing spiritual books. Service projects include producing Lenten devotional booklets for the general congregation, visiting sick people in hospitals in the Las Vegas area, providing wallet sized emergency cards to the congregation and donating bottled water to the homeless during the summer months. The daughters regularly support quiet days for meditation retreats. The chapter welcomed its new rector, The Rev. Kent Belmore, Jr., this past year and also sent representatives to DOK diocesan meetings.

Julian of Norwich Chapter **St. Martin's in the Desert Episcopal Church, Pahrump**

The Julian of Norwich chapter at St. Martin's in the Desert has five members, including the Rev. Julie Platson and the Province VIII president, Kathyleen Funk, along with two daughters in training.

Mountain Vespers Chapter **Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Sparks**

The Mountain Vespers Chapter, which has 10 members, meets every third Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. Spiritual study this past year has included a Bible study of Women of the Old Testament. Outreach has centered around "back to school" with members facilitating the purchase of school supplies for needy children through donations from the congregation. The group is hoping for a grant to be able to increase their support in this area.

Grace Chapter

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Carson City

The members of Grace Chapter, which include seven daughters, two in training and one-at-large, support their major project of sewing quilts for the homeless.

St. Hildegard Chapter Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno

Beginning with three unaffiliated daughters-at-large two years ago, the St. Hildegard chapter has grown to a group of 12 members who meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. for prayer and program. Programs have included book studies and making Anglican rosaries. In partial fulfillment of the vow of daily prayer, members participate in the parish prayer chain as a service project. Members reached out to the parish and community through a Chautauqua performance of St. Hildegard in cooperation with Nevada Humanities and in retreats in Carson City as well as at Trinity in Reno. St. Hildegard daughters have traveled to Tonopah, Placerville, Roseville and Tucson to join other daughters for fellowship, prayer and education. As individuals, daughters also serve the church in many other ways such as vestry members, oblation bearers, lectors, ushers, diocesan council members and Eucharistic ministers.

Save the Date

Nevada Diocesan Assembly, Saturday, May 3, 2008, place to be determined
Province VIII All Member Retreat, August 1-3, 2008, Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA

Name this Newsletter

As you have probably noticed, this first issue of our DOK diocesan newsletter is lacking a name. Please send any suggestions you might have for one to jlwalpole@charter.net who will pass it on to the diocesan officers for consideration. Also please feel free to make comments and suggestions about what you'd like to see in future newsletters.

**Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things pass away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
He who has God
Finds he lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.**

--A prayer of St. Teresa of Avila
