



# Daughters Digest

Advent 2011

The Order of Daughters of the King

Diocese of Virginia

During this Advent season of anticipation, I want to give you an insight on what will be happening in our Diocese over the first few months.

On February 25, we will have our Executive Council meeting at St Stephen's Church in Culpeper. This meeting is for the chapter presidents, or their representative, to fellowship together and be part of the direction of our Diocese.

During our Executive Council meeting we will be presented the slate of Diocesan officers for the 2012 – 2015 term. If you would like to serve or know someone that would be a good candidate to serve, please contact our First Vice-President Pamela Smith at 703-655-1224 or Pamela.smith@dc.gov.

The Spring Assembly needs a host chapter. If your chapter would like to volunteer, please contact Pamela Smith at the above email address or phone number. We are here to help direct any volunteer chapter through the process.

The Executive Board has voted to try a new way to donate to the four DOK National Funds. Our new option is to bring your personal or chapter checks to our two yearly Assembly meetings and our Diocesan Treasurer, Jo Chandler, will send them in for you. Afterwards, she will send you a letter of receipt. More information will be forthcoming in the Spring Daughters Digest.

My prayer for each of you is a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Donna Dettmann

President, Diocese of Virginia

## Mark Your Calendars

Executive Council Meeting  
(Chapter Presidents or their Representatives)  
February 25, 2012  
St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper

Spring Assembly  
Needs a Host Chapter

Province III Retreat  
June 1 – 3, 2012

Triennial National Assembly  
June 27 – July 1, 2012  
Indianapolis, IN

Trust in His timing...  
Rely on His promises...  
Wait for His answers...  
Believe in His miracles...  
Rejoice in His goodness...  
Relax in His presence...

## Evangelism And The Great Commission

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

This is the Great Commission. A commission is an authority given to act in the place of another. This is a task given to all believers, given to act in Jesus' authority, but to do what exactly? The first verb is incorrectly translated as an imperative in most of our Bibles. A better translation would be, “in your going.” In the Hebraic world, life was depicted as a journey, so we can correctly say, “in your daily living, make disciples.”

Then the question arises, “What is a disciple?” The word is from the Greek for a student or learner and is connected to the English word “discipline,” meaning an area of study or a form of correction. Both meanings are significant for us here. A disciple is a student or an apprentice learner of a master teacher. In the world of the Judaism of Jesus' day, a person would select a Teacher and travel with him to learn Torah (God's instructions for living) from him. The goal was always to become mature enough to eventually have one's own band of disciples or apprentices. And what are we to teach? The answer is simple – all that Jesus commanded His disciples to learn and to do.

So how do we understand our commission? In our daily living, we are all called to help our neighbors to become apprentice learners of the Master Teacher by how we live and what we ourselves have learned as His disciples. We are to be disciples who make disciples.

How do we start? Be a good learner ourselves and by being connected to the world around us.

Go bake some Christmas cookies for your neighbors and share a blessed Christmas Season, and may the Lord be with you, as He has promised.

June Leeuwrik, Evangelism Chair

## Quiet Day – January 7, 2012 – In Culpeper

Daughters of the King extends a post-Christmas invitation to you that Jesus offered his disciples over two thousand years ago: **"Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile."** (Mark 6:31)

Please mark your calendars now to join DOK for a Quiet Day here at St. Stephen's on Saturday, January 7, 2012, gathering at 9:30 am. Please RSVP by December 30, 2011 to Lina Frank; [lfrank\\_lina@msn.com](mailto:lfrank_lina@msn.com) (571-436-3171)

We will hear three different devotions centering on Epiphany ("manifestation"). Between these short talks, we will have the opportunity for individual quiet time--expressing these personal periods of silence with opportunities for prayer, reflection, meditation, reading, journaling or simply being still and being in God's presence. Lunch will be furnished for you by St. Monnica Chapter as the quiet continues during our meal, and we will close our time together with celebration of the Eucharist which will end our vow of silence for the day. Daughters of the King will have designated people available to answer questions at the start of the day, and Father Michael will be available should anyone sense the need for urgent spiritual care.

If you have any questions about the Quiet Day, please feel free to call Kitty Whitman (540-825-4443) St. Monnica welcomes everyone, especially those who have not yet experienced a Quiet Day.

### 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the King James Bible

Review by Emily Thrasher

In honor of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible (1611), you may want to make or refresh your commitment to read scripture daily. To help you understand the significance and the setting of the writing of this landmark text, Adam Nicholson has written *God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible*. This book describes the years from 1604 when the Bible was commissioned by the new king of England, James Stuart, to its authorization and publication in 1611. It is an incredible history of King James, newly arrived from Scotland, and 54 scholars in six "companies" who worked with the previous English translations, notably Tyndale's, but also went back to Hebrew texts for the Old Testament, Greek texts for the New Testament, and Hebrew and Latin Vulgate texts for the Apocrypha.

"It is one of the strangest of historical paradoxes that the King James Bible, whose whole purpose had been nation-building in the service of a ceremonial and Episcopal state church, should become the guiding text of Puritan America. But the translation's lifeblood had been inclusiveness; it was drenched with the splendor of a divinely sanctioned authority, and by the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, it had come to be treasured by Americans as much as by the British as one of the national texts." (p. 230)

The characteristic sound of the King James Bible...like the ideal of majesty itself, is indescribably vast and yet perfectly accessible, reaching up to the sublime and down to the immediate and the concrete, without any apparent effort. The rhetoric of this translation has, in fact, precisely the qualities which this psalm [Psalm 8] attributes to God: a majesty that is mindful of man." (p. 231)

While there are many newer translations, most owe a debt to this incredible work that has been at the foundation of our English literature as well as our understanding of the word of God.

**Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.**

On Sunday, October 16, the Saint Julia Chapter of the Junior Daughters of the King was installed at St David's Episcopal Church in Ashburn, VA. Congratulations to this new chapter.

Anne McCracken

Jr. Directress, Province III



### **The Knots Prayer**

Dear God, Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind. Erase the will nots, may nots and might nots that may find a home in my heart. Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the am nots that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough. Amen

Author known to God

## My Dearest Loved Ones,

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santa's and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that, there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.

Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15: 1 - 8.

If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth here is my wish list. Choose something from it:

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.

2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.

3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up... it will be nice hearing from you again.

4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need - spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.

5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.

6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.

7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind word. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families.

8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary - especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.

9. Here's a good one... There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to the Salvation Army or some other charity which believes in Me and they will make the delivery for you.

10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of mine.

Don't forget - I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court.

And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember...

## *I Love You, Jesus*

### Three Things In Life That . . .

..once are gone never come back

1. Time

2. Words

3. Opportunity

..you should never loose

1 - Hope

2 - Peace

3 - Honesty

..are never certain

1 Fortune

2 Success

3 Dreams

..are truly constant

1. Father

2. Son

3. Holy Spirit

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