



## **The Order of the Daughters of the King® - FAQs**

### **What is The Order of the Daughters of the King®?**

The Order of the Daughters of the King®(DOK) is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. Our membership currently includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives.

### **What is the Mission of DOK?**

The Mission of DOK is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Members of DOK undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and Service. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a member pledges herself to a life-long program of Prayer, Service and Evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

### **What is meant by Rule of Life?**

A Rule of Life is a self-imposed spiritual discipline practiced daily by an individual. It includes regular and seasonal devotions, both private and public, and is a commitment intelligently and prayerfully considered. A Rule of Life sets apart an order from other church organizations.

### **What is meant by Rule of Prayer?**

In our Rule of Life, Prayer always comes first. It is the first priority for Daughters, and our Service and Evangelism depend upon it. Each Daughter's Rule of Prayer should be carefully considered and guarded. It should be prayerfully chosen, reviewed regularly and revised periodically. Our vows do not specify particular prayers, length of prayers, or times of prayer, just that we pray daily for our sisters, our church, and our clergy. Part of every Daughter's Rule of Prayer is to pray daily:

- ✙ For the unity of Christ's church.
- ✙ For the spread of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls.
- ✙ For God's blessing upon the members of DOK.
- ✙ For the spiritual growth of the parish and for the clergy of the parish to which the chapter owes allegiance.

## **What is meant by Rule of Service?**

Through her Rule of Service, a Daughter daily seeks to do the will of God where she is, remembering Jesus' words, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did it for me." Matthew 25:40 (NIV). The Rule of Service is the application and extension of our baptismal vows. As part of her Rule of Service, each Daughter promises:

- ✙ To be Christ's faithful servant in the extension of His Kingdom.
- ✙ To regularly take part in the worship, study and work of the Church.
- ✙ To render at all times aid to the clergy as deemed necessary for the spiritual up-building of the parish.

## **How do I become a DOK?**

As stated in our bylaws, a three-month preparation period is required for membership in DOK. During this time prospective members participate in a period of concentrated study, training, prayer and service. Daughters-in-preparation are encouraged to attend meetings in advance of being accepted into DOK. Applications for membership include the distinguished DOK cross.

## **What is the service project for The Anne Berry Chapter of St. Michael's?**

Our chapter serves the clergy as requested. Service projects have included providing cookies for LEMS and clergy visits to shut-ins, cleaning albs the chalice bearers wear during communion and sending cards of encouragement to parishioners.

## **When are chapter meetings held?**

We hold monthly meetings typically on the first Saturday of the month. During the hour-long meeting, a member will lead the devotion followed by discussion and prayer. While we encourage 100% participation at meetings, we understand schedules do not always allow for this commitment.

## **Financial Support of DOK**

The primary way that the financial needs of DOK are met is through annual dues paid by each Daughter (currently \$40). This money is used to support the work of DOK at the national, provincial and diocesan levels and includes a subscription to *The Royal Cross*, the national quarterly publication. In addition, many provinces and dioceses have newsletters for members.

### **The Motto of DOK**

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?