



# Angelus

Newsletter for The Order of The Daughters of The King in the Diocese of Texas

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## Words from our President – Annette Matthews

Greetings from Your Diocesan President

Welcome to this 2019 edition of The Angelus! It's been some time since its last publication. My prayer is that it speaks something new to you. Don't forget to visit the website for more resources including previous editions of The Angelus.

Fall Assembly is fast approaching for September 13-14 at Camp Allen. Registration is now open. You should have received an email with registration information which can also be found on our website at [www.dokdot.org](http://www.dokdot.org). There is a limit of 200 participants so be sure to register as soon as you know you can attend.

Shortly after I accepted being called to stand for President, while resting in the twilight stage of awakening from sleep, not quite asleep or awake, the overarching theme for my term emerged with urgency followed very rapidly by directions for its realization. I had no choice but to arise and pen everything on paper before I forgot anything.

"Theme: Be Still and Know That I Am God. Arrange your 6 assemblies so that you explore all the persons of the Trinity: Year 1 – Awesome God as Creator of the cosmos and our planet, then Creator of life, Year 2 – Aware God as Incarnated Jesus, then as Cosmic Christ, Year 3 – Available God as the Holy Spirit, always with us and guiding us. Now recall all the exercises that made a deep impression on you that involved quiet time or work followed by reflection on the results. Challenge the Daughters. Got it?" A procession of exercises from as long as 20 years ago sprang from my memory. I have never had such an experience so I was astounded (and grateful) to say the least.

Those of you who attended Assembly last fall heard a world-famous astrophysicist expound on cosmic creation in relation to the Genesis story as well as participated in exercises to make relatively comprehensible God's incomprehensible power and love as well as to locate the spark of God's creativity that resides in each of us.

At Assembly in March you heard a PhD of Biology explain the biochemical processes that occur in a non-living world that set the stage for God's Ruah, inbreathing of life, resulting in an incredible diversity of living organisms including humankind, practiced breathing in an intentional, meditative method that quiets the mind, and learned how to develop a nurturing heart that loves and develops the self-esteem of everyone she meets. (The keynote presentation and Bishop Fisher's sermon are both accessible on our [dokdot.org](http://dokdot.org) website.)

It's evident that I've followed faithfully the plan given to me 2 years ago. This fall we continue with the second person of God, Be Still and Know that I Am God: The Incarnated Aware Jesus. The emphasis is on God's humanity while on earth. Come, see, experience something different. Join us at Fall Assembly.

With joy,  
Annette Matthews

## UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Location
September 13-14, 2019	Diocese of Texas Fall Assembly Hosted by St Dunstan's and St Cuthbert's, Houston	Camp Allen
January 10-12, 2020	Diocese of Texas Junior Daughter Retreat	Camp Allen – CampSite 3
TBD, 2020	Diocese of Texas Spring Assembly	TBD
March 26-29, 2020	Province VII Assembly	Kansas City, MO
September 18-19, 2020	Diocese of Texas Fall Assembly	Camp Allen

## Words from our Chaplain – Rev. Dorothy Gremillion

As your new chaplain, I was recently asked to write an article for your newsletter, The Angelus. I've been reflecting on that name, "The Angelus," and I want to share with you what I'm thinking. It is so beautifully appropriate for an order of women who have dedicated themselves to prayer and service and evangelism, to call their newsletter "The Angelus." This is why I think that:

The Angelus as a prayer devotion had its beginning in the Roman Catholic Church, some 600 to 700 years ago on the European Continent. Through the centuries since then, it has evolved somewhat, although its purpose was always to honor the Incarnation by remembering that the Archangel Gabriel (angelus) came to Mary to announce to her that she would have a child, and that this child would be of the Holy Spirit.

In its various evolutions, the call to this prayer, the Angelus, in the small villages across Europe would be signaled by the church bell ringing at 6:00 AM, at noon, and at 6:00 PM. At those hours, the villagers would stop whatever they were doing, to pray the Angelus and remember the Incarnation. The by-product of praying this way, three times a day, every day, year in, year out, sanctified their time. Sanctification of our time is vitally important.

Daughters of the King, you are a group of women who have taken promises to pray many times during the day, every day. While we might or might not say any "Hail Mary's," nevertheless, those prayers sanctify your day. I'm sure that many of you could tell me stories of wondrous miracles that you've seen as a result of those prayers. I look forward to knowing you and hearing those stories.

Blessings, Rev. Dorothy Gremillion+

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## Words from our Vice-President – Nancy Polmanter

Every Chapter President now has continual, up to the minute, access to her chapter's membership database! See Freth Carroll's article. Your member list will not be sent to you as in the past because you already have up to date access to it as long as you have been reported to be the President on the Chapter Officers Form that should be completed every August. Only the currently listed Chapter President can access her chapter's membership list to determine chapter members and dues status.

Access to your chapter's database is an important reason to complete and distribute (by email) the Chapter Officers Form to your Convocation Representative, the Diocesan President, the Diocesan Membership Secretary, the Province President and, most importantly, the National Membership Secretary whose email addresses can be found on the end page of The Angelus. Every chapter must submit a Chapter Officers Form before September even if there have been no officer changes with or without an election (as there is no way to determine whether or not elections were held in individual chapters) and all chapter officers begin their terms on September 1. Thank you, for keeping your Chapter's Officers Form current!

Nancy Polmanter, Vice President

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## Bylaws Update

We have made two sets of updates to the Diocesan Bylaws.

First, we corrected terminology in the bylaws to incorporate the National DOK Style Guidelines (posted on the [www.dokdot.org](http://www.dokdot.org) website under Resources > Bylaws & Important Policies > Style Guide.) For example, "the Order" is now "The Order", "Daughters-at-Large" is now "Daughters at Large", and "web-site" is now "website". These changes are noted in blue.

Second, we added changes to clarify many sections of the operation of the Diocesan Board. For example, we clarified election timing, voting, duties, and responsibilities. These changes are noted in red.

Discussion of the updated bylaws followed by a vote will take place at the Fall Assembly. The drafted bylaws are on the <http://dokdot.org/> website under Resources > Bylaws.

[http://dokdot.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/DOKDOT\\_Bylaws-Comparison-Final.pdf](http://dokdot.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/DOKDOT_Bylaws-Comparison-Final.pdf)

Humbly submitted by the Bylaws Committee: Annette Matthews, Linda Blumberg, Virginia Tippen, and Kathryn Wohnoutka.

## Words from our Membership Secretary – Freth Carroll

Did you know that your Chapter President can now access your Chapter Roster online at [DOKnational.org](http://DOKnational.org)?

The Chapter President of record on the National Roster can now access the entire Chapter Roster online and print it off. This allows each Chapter to keep tabs on who is current on dues, address & email corrections, as well as what information the National office has on record and make appropriate corrections by filing a “Transition Form” to update information.

### This is how it's done:

1. Go to [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org).
2. Sign in the same as you do to pay your dues online.
3. Click on the “Resource” tab
4. Select “Officer’s Corner”
5. Read all the directions:
  - STEP ONE: Click the “Sign in” button. Yes, that means AGAIN.
  - STEP TWO: Your membership list will load.
  - STEP THREE: Downloading the List- Once your membership list has loaded to the screen you will be able to select a format to download.
    - OPTION ONE: Download (CSV - spreadsheet)
    - OPTION TWO: Download (PDF)
  - STEP FOUR: Select your download option. You will see a pop-up message “You are downloading **confidential information** for officer use only. Do not distribute.” **You must select OK** to continue. If you do not see your report, you may need to turn off the pop-up blocker.

### 6. What do I do with my list?

- **Verify**- that all information is accurate and that each Daughter is current in her dues. Please check all information, but pay close attention to the highlighted cells. The chart below identifies what each highlight means:
  - Is not current in dues (pink)
  - Bad address (yellow)
  - Invalid Email (blue)
- **Dues**-Using the Membership column on the chapter list, identify the last fiscal year in which a member has paid her dues. Encourage members who owe dues to pay using one of following options:
  - o The primary method of paying dues is **online** through the member’s profile.
  - o Pay annual dues with a check **mailed** in to the National Office noting the invoice number or member number on the check’s memo line or with the “**Individual Dues Payment Form.**”
  - o A chapter officer can submit the **chapter’s dues together** in one check sent to the National Office with the “**Chapter Dues Payment Form.**”
- **Individual’s Information**-Members can update their own contact information in their profile on the national website [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org)

### 7. How to **Update the chapter list**: (This responsibility falls on the Chapter President)

- PDF chapter list – mark through the incorrect information and write the correct information
- CSV (spreadsheet) – correct and highlight (so the office is aware of the change) the updated information.
  - Confirm that all members in your chapter are present on the list-Complete a “Transition Form” to transfer members into the chapter or complete an “Application for Reinstatement”. (You may need to contact the National Office to inquire why a member is not listed.)
  - Identify any member who should not be on the list: Complete a “Transition Form” to report deaths and resignation.
  - Ensure that the officers for the chapter are correctly identified-Complete the “Chapter Officers Form” to update officers.
  - Once the chapter list has been reviewed/updated, mail or email the list to the National Office along with the appropriate forms.

### All forms are available on the national website, [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org), menu under “Resources” tab.

- Please note that some forms can be completed online, while others must be downloaded, printed, and filled out by hand.

## Words from our Junior Daughters Chairs

Our Junior Daughter Chapters play an important role in helping our young girls on their journey to know Jesus better. As Directresses (and Friends of JDOK – those women who often help in supporting our Junior Directresses/chapters), you play a vital role in mentoring these young women in their spiritual lives. You often become their role models and spiritual directors and help them see their talents and gifts as tools to grow deeper in their faith.

As Directresses you often find yourself looking for new ideas or resources for the girls in your chapter. While there are lots of materials out there, it can often be daunting trying to find the right materials for your particular chapter. Or you may be a Daughter who is looking to start a new Junior Chapter in your parish. So, where can you go to find help for these situations?

As your Co-Directresses for the Diocese of Texas, Adelle and I want you to know that you are not alone! We are here to provide you with helpful information on how to start a new Chapter or find new resources for your current Chapter. We would be willing to meet with you and your Chapter to see how we can help you.

We are planning on hosting several Workshops throughout the year for current Directresses, Potential Directresses and Friends of JDOK. These workshops include a Bible Study, breakout sessions for chapter activities and planning for our annual JDOK Retreat at Camp Allen. These workshops are also an excellent opportunity for you to network with other Directresses within the Diocese. Our Province Junior Directresses are often in attendance at our workshops as well.

There is also a Junior Directress Retreat that occurs every three years. This retreat is a great opportunity to network with other Directresses throughout The Order. Adelle and I have attended several of these Retreats and have found them to be highly productive and spiritually fulfilling. It is a great opportunity to discuss what other materials Directresses use in their chapters and what works for them.

If you are interested in attending one of our upcoming Junior Daughter Directress Workshops and are not currently on our email contact list, please reach out to either Adelle or me so that we can add you to our google contacts. If you would like to speak to us about starting a new chapter or need resources for your current chapter, please reach out to us. You can contact us via email or phone. You can find our information at [www.dokdot.org/diverse-daughters/junior-daughters/](http://www.dokdot.org/diverse-daughters/junior-daughters/)

FHS, Vicki Terrell and Adelle Muller-McKinstry

## **Junior Daughters of the King – Diocese of Texas Retreat: Godwords: School of Spirituality and Mysticism - January 10-12, 2020**

JDOK Directresses and Friends of JDOK! The owls have been dispatched and you will soon be receiving packets regarding the *Junior Daughters of the King – Diocese of Texas Retreat* at Camp Allen in **January 2020!** Our theme this coming year is God's mysterious and wonderful love. At *Godwords: School of Spirituality and Mysticism* our Junior Daughters will learn how God uniquely equips all of His people with different spiritual gifts that they can use to share His light while warding off darkness.

We are pleased to inform you that the online registration for the JDOK Girls of Grace Retreat is open. The retreat will be a fun weekend of training at the Godwards School of Mysticism & Spirituality, located on the grounds of Camp Allen and will be held on the weekend of January 10th-12th of 2020. Your training schedule will include sorting, potions, defense against the dark arts and quidditch. We very much look forward to receiving you as part of the Godwords community.

### Camp Allen Campsite #3 January 10-12, 2020

\$30 per girl through September 30, 2019 \$45 per girl through October 31, 2019

No registration accepted after October 31, 2019

Adult volunteer donations appreciated

Partial scholarships available If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Allison Roberts at [registrar.jdokretreat@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.jdokretreat@gmail.com)

If you are interested in helping at the Retreat, we are always looking for safeguarded volunteers for all kinds of activities! We especially need help in the kitchen, activity/craft times, and Dorm leaders.

Youth Registration: <https://stmaryscypress.breezechms.com/form/0f714e>

Volunteer Registration: <https://stmaryscypress.breezechms.com/form/0f714e51>

**"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"  
THE INCARNATED AWARE JESUS**



*Please join us at the Fall Assembly  
September 13-14, 2019*

*Camp Allen, Navasota, TX 77868*

*Hosted by: Ruth Chapter, St. Cuthbert, Houston  
And St. Margaret of Scotland Chapter, St. Dunstan, Houston*

*Register at Camp Allen by clicking this link:*

<http://events.campallen.org/EmsRegics/RSForm.aspx?data=hHr80o3M7J5acgprija10g%3d%3d>

*or by calling Suzi Bailey at 936-870-2422  
Deadline to Register Online is September 10  
Overnight and Day Rates Available  
Vendors Welcome*

## **Is Good Friday Actually Good?** **Rethinking God's Salvation and Jesus' Crucifixion**

**Keynote Speaker**



**Anthony D. Baker**  
**Professor of Theology**  
**Seminary of the Southwest**  
**Austin, Texas**

Tony is a theologian and homemaker in Austin, Texas. He teaches theology at Seminary of the Southwest and serves as theologian in residence at St. Julian of Norwich Episcopal Church. Tony's latest book is *Shakespeare, Theology, and the Unstaged God*.

He has three children--one living in Poland, one starting her freshman year at Texas State, and one braving the turbulence of the second grade.

He spent his recent sabbatical working on a new theology book, learning to play the piano, and learning Spanish. The latter skill will be important in October, when he is getting married and joining a family of bilingual Texans. When he's not preparing for classes, writing, cooking, folding shirts, or going over math flash cards with his daughter, Tony enjoys solitary walks in the forest.



## Missionary Outreach Update – What our Funds have Supported

Dominican Republic Mission Trip – St. Mary's Episcopal, Cypress and St. Dunstan's Episcopal, Houston

Dear friends,

Thank you for your support of the DRMT#2019. With your support, we were able to achieve so much more than we had originally dreamed possible (see Ephesians 3:20).

With sincere gratitude, Adelle Muller-McKinstry

### BACKGROUND ON THE MISSION TRIP

For the last eight years, a team from St. Mary's as well as St. Dunstan's has brought a medical team to the rural sugar cane plantation bateyes of the Dominican Republic. Poverty affects every aspect of their lives: access to food, medicine, shelter, and education.

We mainly work with Haitian refugees who are neither legal citizens of Haiti nor of the Dominican Republic. Compounding the struggles of women and their children, the sugar companies will not hire women and the only available housing is in the name of the male sugar worker. Women average 8-10 children and their living conditions are deplorable. With the majority of them without citizenship papers or education, they are an extremely vulnerable population.

We do our best to temporarily relieve some of their problems by providing medical care in our clinics, installing water filters, and feeding the children lunch during the one-day Mission Bible School(MBS). Throughout everything we do from medical care and food distribution to MBS and playing games with children, sharing the love of God and praying with the people.

### MEDICAL:

- 320 patients served with main issues being hypertension, skin ailments, gastric irritations, back pain, and dehydration.
- \$2150 worth of medicines brought and distributed

### MISSION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- Over 260 children participated
- Activities included group Bible stories with life virtue application, small group Bible reading time, prayer bracelets, songs, parachute games, lunch, oral hygiene lesson with toothbrush distribution.

### BIBLE DISTRIBUTION:

- 45 Beginner Bibles given to families with young readers
- 40 Adventure Bibles given to families with older children, pastors and aspiring pastors, teachers and religious leaders.

### FOOD, HYGIENE, AND WATER FILTER DISTRIBUTION:

- 25 Water filters installed
- 500 boxes containing 30 shelf-stable meals for a family 6 distributed
- 700 toothbrushes and toothpaste given to all the children who attended MBS as well as the adults who were seen in the clinic

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## 2018 National Handbooks are Here

Order through the Online Store: <https://www.doknational.org/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=3286971>

Also available online (you need to be logged into your account):

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.doknational.org/resource/resmgr/dok\\_resources/2018\\_Handbook.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.doknational.org/resource/resmgr/dok_resources/2018_Handbook.pdf)

## Web (Internet) Resources: Website Listings

National DOK <https://www.doknational.org/default.aspx>  
Province VII <http://www.dokprov7.org/index.html>  
Diocese of Texas <http://dokdot.org/>

## Facebook Groups

National DOK The Order of the Daughters of the King®  
Province VII DOK Prov 7  
Diocese of Texas DOK Diocese of Texas

We have been making major enhancements (including new material) to the Diocesan Daughters website - <http://dokdot.org/> . All of the information is grouped in 5 major categories:

- 1 – About Us
- 2 – Diocesan Officers
- 3 – Diverse Daughters (DAL, Glory Bound Singers, Hijas del Rey, Junior Daughters)
- 4 – Events
- 5 – Resources (Bylaws/Important Policies, Communications & Angelus, Evangelism, Grants Information & Applications, Meeting and Spiritual Enrichment Ideas, Outreach & Service, Prayers and Prayer Requests, Reflections & Examen, and Web Links)

If you have any additions or questions, contact us at: Teresa Antley (tantley01@comcast.net) and Linda Blumberg (L\_Blumberg@alumni.utexas.net).

## News from around the Diocese:

- On March 3, 2019 the Marjorie Terry Chapter, of St. Timothy in Northshore, Houston, was disbanded when the church was decommissioned for insufficient membership. This was a very strong DOK chapter and the Daughters planned to continue meeting as they looked for other DOK chapters to join. Pray for their success.
- Annette Matthews presented the charter for a new senior chapter, Edie Wakefield, at Holy Innocents, Madisonville, on July 26, 2019. This chapter was formed with the assistance of St. Stephen's, Huntsville, Grace Chapter.
- Catherine of Siena Chapter of St. Peter's Pasadena has been divided into a dual chapter with a single charter. The Hispanic members now belong to Catalina de Siena. They are able to vote for their own officers who will be designated co-officers with the current officers of Catherine of Siena.

## PHOTOS from around the Diocese:

On September 2, 2018 President Annette Matthews presented the charter at the institution of the Llenas de Gracias Chapter, Sr5242, at San Mateo, Houston (Bellaire), with Patricia Zeballos.





A new JDOK chapter Lydia, Jr750, was chartered at Ascension in Houston. The charter was presented by Tory Arnold and Vicki Terrell on January 27, 2019.



Patsy Thomson's Funeral (April 2019) – Krisita Jackson (National DOK President), Renate Walker (past Diocese of Texas President), Annette Matthews (Dioceses of Texas President):



Fall Tea (October 2018) – Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Sylvia Welles Chapter, Spring, TX



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