



## ***Without Easter there would be no Christianity...***

It is that simple. As someone said, "If Jesus had not risen from the dead, we would never have heard about him."

We would all love to have been there when Christ burst forth from the tomb. How I envy Mary Magdalene in her being the first to embrace the risen Jesus, becoming the first witness to the Resurrection to reward her exceptional love of Jesus. Mary was faithful even at the foot of the cross and in her desire to care for him even after his death. To be frank, Mary deserves to be called the first apostle, and would probably have been numbered among the apostles if the hierarchy had not become rigidly patriarchal after the first century of the Church. The Episcopal Church, at last and far too late, is recognizing the importance and validity of the ministry of women. Sadly, though, often women in ministry have to function far better than men to prove themselves and be fully accepted by those they serve.

Our society is still patriarchal. Men hold the vast majority of positions of power both in government, industry, and even religious institutions. Men, on the average, are paid almost 25% more than women with the same qualifications and responsibilities. Women often make the greatest contribution to corporate success, but the rewards and recognition often then go to men. Whatever one may think of her political positions, I am sure that many people distrust Hillary Clinton just because she is not a man. I also believe that if the world were run by women, there would be fewer wars and more international cooperation. I do not think it is a coincidence that Angela Merkel has been the European leader most sensitive to the plight of refugees from the war-torn Middle East.

I have no solution to the problem of the unequal treatment of women or the sad fact that women are the victims of injustice and abuse vastly, vastly more than men, not only in this country, but even more so in other parts of the world. I can only state that my work with the Daughters of the King has been an immeasurable blessing to me. I have been so pleased to be diocesan and provincial chaplain, not only to be able to serve so many wonderful women devoted to our risen Savior, but for my spiritual welfare through the inspiration I receive from the Order.

May the blessings of Easter be with you all now and remain with you forever.

In Christ, Mike+  
*The Rev. Michael Gemignani*  
*Chaplain, Daughters of the King*  
*Diocese of Texas and Province VII*

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER - Renate Walker**

Greetings to all. I have experienced a whirlwind of activities and blessings since officially taking office at the end of the 2015 Spring Assembly in Tyler, Texas. I experienced "Letting My Light Shine" at Triennial in Utah as your Diocesan Delegate. What a marvelous experience that was! Over these past months I have presided over two very successful Assemblies - 2015 Fall at Camp Allen and 2016 Spring in Marshall, TX. Each of these Assemblies focused beautifully on the presidential theme for my term "Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me." (found in Matthew 16:24-26) I've represented our Diocese in my capacity as a Board Member on the Diocese of Texas ECW and great common-ness and fellowship between us. We are intentionally building a strong bridge between our two groups. I have had the honor of installing THREE (3) Junior Daughters of the King Chapters. There is such glory in the faces of young Daughters and I feel that instilling the Vows early is a great way to grow and keep faithful Daughters long in to the future. Just attend a Junior Daughters Retreat - you will feel the vitality, energy, and LOVE, you will know they get it, they are our future. Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) As I prepare this "article", I am



preparing mentally to drive to Austin to attend the dedication of a Prayer Room at St. Luke's on the Lake. This room is being dedicated to honor Nancy McCann, who passed away recently and quite suddenly. Nancy was the Directress of the Glory Bound Singers. She was my friend, my mentor. March 19th would have been her birthday. What a glorious tribute and witness to her. Over the course of the next year (and beyond) I along with Fr. Mike, our Diocesan Chaplain, will sponsor NO COST workshops on How to Structure Chapter Meetings. We have had one so far and it was well received. Feel free to contact me if you would like to have one of these workshops in an area near you. Also, keep an eye on our DOK website, several chapters in various locations have expressed interest and as we set dates, they will be posted on the website. I look forward to continuing this very exciting, energetic term knowing I am blessed with every endeavor taken and accomplished. There will be many opportunities for us to come together across this Diocese and Province, I hope to see each of you at one of them.

May God Bless you All.  
Happy Easter!  
Renate A. Walker, President, Diocese of Texas



## JDOK Needs YOU!!



Dear

Sisters in Christ - We have a quickly growing Junior Daughters Order in the Diocese of Texas. It is such a beautiful blessing to have so many young women and girls want to devote their life to Christ, through service prayer and evangelism. Without the help of our Senior Daughters of the King members, this would not be possible. Everything you do for each one of these girls is setting them on a path leading straight to a deeper relationship and better understanding of God. Isn't that what we all strive for? YOU are doing that for these girls! The more you are involved, the better chance these young girls have of transitioning from Junior Daughters of the King into our Order of the Daughters of the King. How precious that is. Keep up the great work Directresses! Senior Daughters, please remember that we as Directresses need help sometimes. One extra person per service project or meeting can really go a long way to help us out. Be a doer of the Word, go where God leads you. Help in any small or big way you can. Your presence is needed. If you need help starting a JDOK chapter at your church please contact me and I would love to help you get one started. Truly it is a blessing!

FHS,

Brandi Antley, JDOK Diocese of Texas Co-Directress

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
April 22 – 24, 2016**	Provincial Spring Assembly	St. Christopher's -Fort Worth
April 30, 2016	Chapter Meeting Workshop	All Saint's - Stafford
Sept 9-10, 2016	Fall Assembly	Camp Allen
Jan.	JDOK Retreat	Camp Allen

\*\*Registration date deadline has been extended until April 8, 2016. The Fort Worth Hampton Inn cut-off date for special DOK rates is April 8, 2016. The Hyatt Place Fort Worth/City cut-off date was March 25, 2016. They may still honor the Daughters of The King rates but the Daughters who want to stay should call the hotel to make sure the rate has not changed

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings Workshop

April 30, 2016 8:30am. All Saint's Stafford For more info:  
Call Mary Bounds at 281-239-7599 or email: [mlbgen@yahoo.com](mailto:mlbgen@yahoo.com)

*All Daughters of the King are invited.* Chapter presidents should make a special point to come or send a representative.

If you would be interesting in hosting a Chapter Meeting Workshop in your convocation, please contact Renate [rwalker@archimage.com](mailto:rwalker@archimage.com) and she will help schedule one in your area.

### Upcoming Events

Please remember - If your chapter or convocation is having a quiet day, service, etc. please send information to: [tantley01@comcast.net](mailto:tantley01@comcast.net) so it can also be posted on webpage and included in the Angelus and send email Annette Mathews [acmmatt@msn.com](mailto:acmmatt@msn.com) so she can send information out to the Convocational Representatives.



### Labels for Education

The Labels for Education program is winding down due to a decline in the need for the program. We have until the end of August to bank our points for Down Home Ranch (<http://www.downhomeranch.org/>), So I am asking for your help in getting the word out to our Daughters so that I can get as many Labels banked and get with the folks at the ranch for items they would like. My address to mail them to me is: Helen Paulsen, 25 Shady Rock Ct., Round Rock, TX 78665 my phone is 512-569-1066. For questions - [paulsenh779@gmail.com](mailto:paulsenh779@gmail.com) For a list of participating products: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products>

### Is God calling you??

If you are able to assist with the Angelus Newsletter or would be interested in assisting with the website, please let Teresa [tantley01@comcast.net](mailto:tantley01@comcast.net) know..

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