

Nov 19, 2024

Dear Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King!

God's peace and joy to you all in this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. I pray for you all and thank God that you are in my life.

A big thank you to all of you who submitted your treasurer's report to Kathy Akin, and a great big thank you for all the work that Kathy put in to gather, encourage, sort, collate and total the reports to send them on to National. I recommend that you keep a copy to refer back on for next year, as I understand this is an annual report. If you were unable to submit your report, I would advise you to review the request and plan to submit it next year.

As you know, a portion of our dues comes back to the Diocese and we are expecting that check soon. The amount is based on the number of Daughters who pay their dues. If you have a member who has not paid their dues, we encourage you to:

- 1) ask your chapter to assist,
- 2) ask your Priest to assist
- 3) ask your Diocese to assist by filling out a request on the website. We have funds set aside for this purpose. If you have a Daughter who qualifies for dues relief, you must fill out the form, send it to me for approval and a signature, then I send it on to National.
- 4) at this time, you shouldn't need 4, because we can help at the Diocesan level.

Fall Assembly at Camp Allen was discussed at our last Assembly, and we had a lot of input from you on the evaluation forms. Thank you. Teresa Antley did an extensive search of venues all over Texas and we learned that Camp Allen continues to meet our needs and our budget. Our plan is to offer our usual Friday night/Saturday choice, an option for Saturday only and an option for Friday and Saturday night. Saturday pm will have a more relaxed, less structured time, enabling you to explore the grounds, network, socialize, and rest. Fall 2025 Saturday evening Bishop Fisher will be offering a round table type discussion, more details to come after our January Board meeting when we meet with the Bishop. I am hoping that this will afford those who desire a longer time to process or just more time to rest that opportunity.

If you are not a member of our Facebook group, please look us up and join. You can post your prayer requests directly there. There is a daily prayer posted and there is usually extra information there you may share with your Chapter. Currently we have less than 300 members on our FB page...please consider giving a look at it.

Our website has been updated; thank you to Linda Blumberg for all of the effort it took! There is information there as well. You can find contact information for the Diocesan officers and there are resources that you may find valuable.

Finally, I pray that your Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas are a time of blessing, renewal and joy!

Gratefully yours, Tory