

New Year Letter to Diocese of Texas DOK

Dear Sisters,

Happy New Church year! I am looking forward to spending another year with you all growing our faith and friendship in this beautiful Order. I am grateful for so many connections to God centered women throughout the country; you have been a blessing and a source of great encouragement to me. Thank you.

Mary Dawson is unable to continue as our VicePresident and has resigned. Audie Adkins from St Alban's in Waco has agreed (and has been approved by the Board) will complete the term. You may receive messages from her throughout the year. If your Chapter is not receiving messages, please ensure that your President's email address is correct(this would be on the annual Chapter role which is sent to the Membership Secretary and National office). If all of your information is correct, please contact your Convocational Representative to try and work through the issue together. The Board is working to provide more efficient means of communication; any suggestions are welcome.

Dues for 2025 are now past due. Presidents, please check the Officer's corner for information on the status of your Chapter members. If your Chapter is unable to pay for a Daughter's dues, perhaps your Priest has funds which may be used. If your local efforts are unsuccessful, please contact us at the Diocese by filling out a request form on the dokdot.org website. If you have a Daughter who meets the requirements for dues relief, the form must pass through me for a signature before it goes to Prov7 President for her signature; then it goes to National. The funds from the dues comes back to the Diocese, enabling us to pay for Assemblies and the work of the Order.

Our inaugural 2 day Fall Assembly Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart, was a wonderful experience; Daughters were able to choose a one or two night stay at our beautiful Camp Allen and the response was surprising! We had 106 ladies for Friday night and 67 stayed for Saturday night; Our speakers Laura Logan and Nancy Leaton were well received. The JDOK taught us how to make pocket altars and then led us in prayer. Rev Francene Young provided information on the IONA school to round out the afternoon. We had a relaxing period of free time until the evening meal. Bishop Fisher led our Saturday evening time together and it was great being in an informal setting sharing our thoughts and prayers. Sunday morning we worshiped with the IONA school and then all were sent on their way out to the mission field. Some of our evaluations commented on how they enjoyed the GBS, the longer breaks and more vendors(we continue to look for vendors for our Assemblies, if you have suggestions). Our next Assembly is February 20-21 in Bastrop; the theme is Gratitude makes what you have enough.. If you have vendor ideas or speaker suggestions, feel free to email them to me.

The service projects for our next year can be found in detail on our website and FB page. The JDOK has a new service project for 2026. They will be making blankets for Project Linus and would appreciate any help by making blankets; the information is on our website and FB page, and Vicki Terrell, our wonderful Thank you for your support of the JDOK.

The deadline to apply for a Grant is fast approaching; please go to dokdot.org for more information and to fill out your application which will be reviewed by the Board in January.

Gratefully yours, Tory Arnold

