



# THE MUSTARD SEED

December 2007

## *A Message From Our President*

Carolyn Booker, Province III President

This is the time of the year that many reflect on the past year and what they have accomplished and what they wish to do in the coming year. Hopefully we will all count our blessings and praise God that He is in our lives. As we anticipate the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, let us all reflect on the many good opportunities He has bestowed upon us. It is so easy to focus on many issues that take us away from our vows as Daughters. As the New Year approaches, let all of us recommit ourselves and begin to think what we can do to make our prayer life stronger and how we can better serve Him.

As for the Province we currently have a website which can be accessed at <http://www.dok-proviii.org/>. Therese Chaplin from the Diocese of Virginia has taken on the responsibility of the website. I thank her for her diligent service to our Province. The website will be another tool that will keep us informed. It is our hope to place information about current assemblies and functions of interest to the Daughters on the website. From time to time we will publish a newsletter with details about assemblies held in the various Dioceses and other relevant details. Please send your information to [therese.chaplin@fcps.edu](mailto:therese.chaplin@fcps.edu)

**HOPEFULLY EVERYONE IS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE PROVINCE RETREAT/ASSEMBLY IN PHILADELPHIA, MAY 30-JUNE 1, 2008. DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING.**

**I close wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy Prosperous New Year!**

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## *Membership Matters*

Sheryl Sims, Province III 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership,  
Newsletter Editor, & Historian

As a province, we continue to grow. We are blessed with the formation of new senior and junior chapters and increased membership within our Order. "Thank you" to all who continue to lift our struggling unassembled dioceses up in prayer. We especially pray for new ways to reach out in this area and to energize our efforts in this area. Please consider how you might help us to reach out to prospective Daughters and form new chapters within the dioceses where just one chapter exists. We are grateful to the Daughters in these areas who work so hard to maintain their chapters, and we look forward to new growth with God's help. Lastly, please remember that the Order depends on your dues! Please send it in if you have not done so already.

Newsletter Deadline: March 31, 2008

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## *Diocese of Maryland*

Glenda Bailey, Diocesan President

The Diocese of Maryland has been busy this season. We have instituted a new chapter, Transfiguration on the Mountain, Braddock Heights, MD and with that 4 new Daughters! Also, we have installed 3 new Daughters at our All Saints In Prayer Chapter in Annapolis. Our new Chaplain, Reverend Angela Shepherd, was installed at our Fall Assembly in October. Our Fall Assembly was hosted by All Saints In Prayer, Annapolis, in October. They provided us with a wonderful luncheon, and a calming and heartwarming Eucharist. The speaker for Assembly was Tracey Tiernan, disk jockey for WRBS, a Christian Radio station in our area. She was delightful! Her energy and love for God shone through as she shared her message about *JOY* in our lives. Tracey also provided us with several songs of praise, and had us sing along with her to worship God. How blessed we were! It was a small, but delightful, gathering of Daughters. We have a new Chair-Daughter for our Daughters-At-Large, Alwilda Aquish, who has just recently joined our Diocese. God is good, all the time! Our Diocesan President is planning to visit each Chapter, including our Junior Daughter Chapters, either for Sunday Service or a Chapter meeting. Reverend Shepherd and I, as Diocesan President, will be working together beginning in January to institute a Circle of Prayer for the Diocese and also working a plan to make the Chaplain's role more inclusive in our Order. We wish each Diocese a very merry Christmas and hope the coming year is bright and filled with God's glory for each of you.

*Diocese of Pennsylvania*  
Lillian Anne Randolph, Diocesan President

Advent Quiet Day  
Trinity Church in Ambler

**Finding God in the Ordinary**

We began the morning reflecting on a short piece from Julian of Norwich. The morning continued with individual time in silent reflection and prayer. When we returned, we continued our reflection by expressing our thoughts and feelings through a creative process using things like tissue paper, yarn, feathers, glue and the like. The morning concluded with sharing about our experience. Lunch was served by the Daughters at Trinity, who enjoyed homemade soup by Fr. Dave. Following lunch, Daughters had a variety of activities from which to choose, such as sitting in the church to read or write while listening to meditative harp tunes, nature walks, meditating with icons, etc.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania is looking forward to hosting next year's province retreat at the National Christian Conference Center!  
Mark your calendars for May 30, 2008 to June 1, 2008.

*Diocese of Virginia*  
Emily Thrasher, Diocesan President

The 23 members of the Diocese of Virginia who attended the Provincial Retreat last Spring were so blessed by the teachings on healing that when we held our Fall Assembly in September we asked our assistant Diocesan Chaplain to teach on Healing Prayer. We will continue to study healing at our Spring Assembly Meeting in April by inviting a hospital chaplain to speak to us on "Visiting the Sick".

The Lord has blessed us with continued growth. We have just instituted a new chapter at Church of the Messiah in Fredericksburg and a new Junior chapter (our second Junior chapter) at Truro Church in Fairfax.

We are continuing to make knotted rosaries for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan which we send with prayer suggestions for the rosary as well as our own prayers. We found out that many of the soldiers were stretching the rosaries to get them around their necks, so that they would have them with them at all times. We have started making them longer!

Our other Diocesan service is to man the Diocesan Annual Council Chapel in January. We provide intercessory prayer teams who pray with delegates as well as praying for the requests that are dropped into boxes scattered around the conference center.

There are 256 Daughters in the Virginia Diocese. There are 14 chapters and 1 Junior DOK Chapter with a second Junior DOK Chapter to be Instituted in December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Diocese of Virginia is looking forward to hosting the Provincial Retreat in 2009!

### *Small But Mighty!*

#### **Christ Church DOK Chapter Admits Its Fourth Member**

Beverley Allison, Chair - Daughters-At-Large

During the October 7 Sunday service, Ruth Anne Ryan became the fourth member of Christ the King Chapter, Christ Episcopal Church Gordonsville, VA. Present were Chapter President Dorsey Comer, Molly Barrow and Beverley Allison, Christ Church Rector the Rev Alexander MacPhail officiated the Ceremony of Installation.

### *Diocese of Washington*

Keava Harmon, Diocesan President

#### **"Daughters on the Move...Cultivating God's Garden"**

The Order of the Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Washington held its Tea for Clergy of Parishes without Chapters on Saturday, October 13, 2007 at The Episcopal Church of St. Mary Magdalene 3820 Aspen Hill Road, Wheaton, Maryland 20906



#### **WELCOME NEW DAUGHTERS AND CHAPTERS!**

It is with prayers of thanksgiving and joy that Province III welcomes its newly admitted Daughters and newly instituted chapters to The Order of the Daughters of the King. We look forward to getting to know each of you as we pray, serve, and evangelize in the name of our Lord. Thanks be to God for your presence in our Order and the gifts that you bring to those around you.



#### ***Pause and Reflect:***

*John 15:12-17 (NKJV):* “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends...” Agape love is the unconditional, selfless, and steadfast love that one experiences in responding to the legitimate need of another. While our most basic human needs may be met through agape love – to be known, to be needed, to be accepted, and to be wanted, our most important need is to be loved by God. As Daughters, what might we do to demonstrate agape love as we live out our vows to pray, serve, and evangelize?

PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO SUPPORT THE ORDER'S FUNDS

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Endowment Fund - November 1, 2007

Self-Denial Fund - February 2, 2008

Master's Fund - September 2008

*\*You may contribute to any fund at any time.*

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The Self-Denial Fund is due February 2, 2008, and is made up of gifts of \$10.00 or more, given in memory of a daughter, family member or friend, which can be given by an individual, chapter, diocese or province. You may also give a gift of thanksgiving for birthdays, weddings, healings, or any reason. The Daughters of The King thank you for your support in this endeavor. All contributions should be sent to:

The Order of the Daughters of The King  
Margaret Franklin Center  
101 Weatherstone Drive, Suite 870  
Woodstock, GA 30188

FHS,  
Burhedita Gonzalez, Funds Chair for Province III

**Please complete this form and mail with your contribution to the address above. Make checks payable to The Order of the Daughters of the King.**

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 Endowment Fund  Operating Fund  Master's Fund  Junior Daughters  
 Self-Denial Fund  Other (Specify):  Lifetime Membership



Prov. III DOKs participate is Litany for Departed Daughters for former mayor's wife, Effie Barry. On September 13, 2007, Province III Daughters gathered to pay their respects to, and hold a service

for, our departed Daughter of the King, former Washington, DC, first lady, Effi Barry. She passed away on September 6h after bravely battling leukemia. The ex-wife of former District of Columbia Mayor, Marion Barry, Effi, was a woman of style, grace, and spiritual fortitude. She will long be remembered for her deep faith, devotion to others, and tireless service to the communities in which she lived. A celebration of her life was held at the Washington National Cathedral, on September 14. Effi Barry was a beloved member of the Annunciation Chapter at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church while living in the District of Columbia; and the St. Anne Chapter of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, which she joined as a charter member after relocating to Hampton, VA. Province, Diocesan, and Chapter Officers along with Daughters from the Dioceses of Washington, Maryland, Virginia, and Southern Virginia joined their prayers with those of many others in thanksgiving for, and tribute to, Mrs. Effi Barry, a true Daughter of the King.



Daughters of the Diocese of Virginia participated in a memorial service for Patience Dominic, of the Josephine Bakhita Chapter, who passed away on November 11 after a long illness.

*We thank you Father for the blessings all Daughters who passed away from January 2007 to present have made in our lives and in the life of our Order. We ask you to comfort and grant your perfect peace to their families and friends. We praise you, Father, for it is you from whom all of our blessings flow, now and forever. Amen*

### ***Notes From The Shepherd's Staff at the National Office***

**Thank You!** For sending in the corrected chapter lists, transition forms and officer change forms. This helps the National Office to maintain the integrity of the membership records.

#### **Deadlines For**

#### **Holiday & Shipping/Shipping:**

Please be aware of the following deadlines for shipping and holiday orders as we approach the end of 2007:

**December 7** – Last date for Christmas orders this year. *No exceptions to these above dates. Orders received between November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and January 2, 2008 will experience delay.*