

Annual Convention Report

The 132nd Annual Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri



What are the highlights of your ministry since the 2020 Diocesan Convention?

- We welcomed The St. Abigail Chapter of Daughters of the King into our Diocese on June 13, 2021, at St. Peter & All Saints in Kansas City. They are the newest chapter in our diocese and have 12 new members.
- Both the Fall & Spring Assembly for DOK in the diocese were cancelled due to Covid.
- Province VII Assembly was made available via Zoom and quite a good number of daughters in the diocese participated virtually.
- Many of the activities that Daughters normally participate in were suspended due to the virus.
- As they were able, chapters continued to meet via Zoom and stayed in touch with each other through social media, snail mail and phone calls.
- Daughters continued to be faithful in supporting their parishes, priests and outreaches during this very difficult time in our history.
- DOK Executive Board voted to concentrate on assisting chapters with payment of National DOK dues for individuals who continued to have financial shortfalls due to the virus and shut down in our country.
- A financial gift to Ozark Food Harvest in Springfield was made to assist in the ongoing support for those food pantries in Southwest Missouri that have a huge increased need during the pandemic.
- The DOK Diocese made a \$500 gift to Episcopal Relief and Development to be used as they had need during the pandemic.
- Several (4-5) women who are currently in discernment for becoming daughters in established parishes.
- Daughters continued to be faithful in their rule of life by praying daily for their parishes, dioceses and provinces, as well as national/international daughters.
- New officers for both the diocese and chapters were held in compliance with the By-Laws of The Order of the Daughters of the King.

Describe how these activities have furthered the work of the diocese and strengthened parishes and congregations.

- Daughters of the King provide spiritual formation for the parish through their commitment to prayer, service and evangelism.
- Daughters are a rich resource to the priests of each parish where a Daughters chapter is located.
- Daughters often attract new members through their external/internal evangelism and service which strengthens the parish, as well as the diocese

Describe your plans for ministry/activities in 2022

- Hold our first in-person Fall Assembly in two years on October 16, 2021 at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Belton, MO.
- Continue to seek opportunities for new chapters of Daughters of the King throughout the diocese
- Provide appropriate opportunities for DOK to continue working in the diocese in promoting DOK
- Most importantly; listen to the needs of all Daughters in the diocese and take direction from their in-put.
- Provide relevant and meaningful education that will nurture Daughters for the furthering of God's Kingdom.

How will you measure success in 2020?

- Track (through our National Office) new member numbers, which are only reported to the diocesan level once every three years.
- Track new chapter interest and applications.
- Utilize new membership chair to assist with tracking of our chapter rosters and current members within the diocese.
- Follow the involvement of Daughters in reported participation within the life of their respective parishes.

How does your ministry reflect the priorities of the diocese?

#1 – Grow Congregations

- The presence of Daughters of the King within a parish helps stabilize and sustain the parish so the church can grow and ministry can be on-going.

#2 – Grow Personally

- Daughters grow personally through practicing their Rule of Life: to pray, to serve and to evangelize in furthering the Kingdom of God.

#3 – Grow in Community

- The activities of the individual chapters of Daughters of the King represent the accounting of the work carried out in communities, often hand-in-hand with other community partners.

#4 – Grow in Compassion

- Recognize the need to aid others, as is seen time and again, in the work of Daughters throughout the diocese. Service is one of the rules Daughters vow to uphold in becoming a member of the order.
- Daughters wear their crosses daily and hold each other accountable in an effort to show the world who we are and to whom we belong.

#5 – Grow Leaders

- Through prayer, service to others and evangelism, many Daughters have found their role as leaders within their parish, the diocese, the province and even at the national level.
- Nurture chapter members in leadership so the future of DOK in the diocese will be on-going for years to come.
- Provide a retreat for current board members (who are the chapter presidents in the diocese) to assist in the growth of DOK within our diocese.

Chapters of Daughters of the King in The Diocese of West Missouri

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Belton
Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs
St. George Episcopal Church, Camdenton
St. Thomas a' Becket Episcopal Church, Cassville
Grace Episcopal Church, Chillicothe
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Independence
Trinity Episcopal Church, Independence
Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Raytown
Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield
St. James Episcopal Church, Springfield
Trinity Episcopal Church, Lebanon
St. Peter & All Saints Episcopal Church, Kansas City

2021-2024 Diocesan Officers for The Order of Daughters of the King

Chaplain: The Rev. Timothy Coppinger, Lees Summit
President: Cheryl Webb-Laughlin, St. Thomas a' Becket Episcopal, Cassville
Vice President: Doris Fry, Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City
Secretary: Donna Meyer, St. Michael's Episcopal, Independence
Treasurer: Shari Percy, Trinity Episcopal, Lebanon