

ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Pittsburgh Assembly of The Order of the Daughters of the King continues to flourish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, adding two new chapters since the 2013 Preconvention Report – the Verna Dozier Chapter at Emmanuel, North Side, in November 2013, and the Daughters of Advent Chapter at Church of the Advent, Jeannette, in August 2014. All Daughters serve our Lord through vows of prayer, service and evangelism. Daughters keep their commitment strong through an annual Renewal of Vows service during the Pittsburgh Assembly's Spring Assembly, one of two presented each year.

The Fall 2013 Assembly was hosted by the Daughters of Grace at Trinity Church, Beaver, on October 26. The Pittsburgh Assembly was privileged to be able to view the new DOK international DVD, "Looking to Jesus, Spreading His Love around the World," which gave rise to the Assembly theme of "Stretching Our Borders." Speaker, Dr. Theresa Newell, not only told the Assembly of her own endeavors in helping to start and encourage international chapters, but also challenged Daughters to expand personal involvement with the Order.

For the Spring 2014 Assembly, The Holy Comforter Chapter in Fox Chapel was the host on May 3. Departing from traditional speakers, the Assembly's new Evangelism Chair, Jessie Hipolit, led a spirited workshop on the third portion of the Order's vows. Entitled "Redeeming the 'E' Word," the workshop, which was interactive, gave Daughters a strong start in becoming "an everyday evangelist in every way."

In 2014, the Pittsburgh Assembly was grateful to be able to present its third annual Lenten Quiet Day on March 8, the first Saturday after Ash Wednesday, at Shepherd's Heart Fellowship in Uptown. Through readings, prayer and meditation, participants focused on the theme, "Faithful Women of the New Testament." Each of the 12 chosen New Testament women was selected on the basis of what she can teach contemporary Christians today. Daughters in the Pittsburgh Assembly were grateful that the open invitation to the Christian community in Pittsburgh provided participants beyond just the Daughters in the Order.

In response to the Order's vow of evangelism, and at the request of the Province III Board, the Pittsburgh Assembly developed a program on evangelism in Spring 2014, through the efforts of the Assembly's Evangelism Chair. This program was presented to Province III at its annual Retreat, which was held in Williamsburg, VA, in early June 2014. The plan now is being disseminated to other dioceses and chapters to encourage and inspire their evangelism efforts.

As part of the Order's vow of prayer, and as a result of the Fall 2013 Assembly focus on International Daughters, the Pittsburgh Assembly became the International Prayer Partner of the Daughters of Jerusalem in Jerusalem, Israel. All Daughters in the Pittsburgh Assembly are praying for them, and chapters are taking turns writing to them via email.

Respectfully submitted,
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