

Reflections on The Daughters of the King

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When our group of women from Augsburg, Germany began the discernment process for the Daughters of the King, we hadn't any idea what was in store for us. We only knew that we were intrigued and interested about what we had heard, and we were excited to begin our journey of discovery. This small group of interested women from our parish met weekly; we did our homework and worked through the National Study Guide to learn, not only about the Daughters of the King, but also about ourselves.

What gradually opened up before us was an amazing network of connections. The first and foremost was our connection to God. Through a disciplined daily Bible reading and daily prayer, our connection and bond to our Heavenly Father was strengthened. Then came the connection to our priests, our spiritual leaders, and how important it is, through our daily prayers, to support them in the strongest way possible.

The prayers for our Daughters of the King all over the world hold a special meaning for those of us so far away from home. The knowledge that when I bow my head to pray I am joining hearts with other sisters around the world doing the same thing is an awesome connection. We also experienced a deepening of our knowledge of our sisters within our own chapter and our connection to each other became closer through our prayer support of the concerns of the others in our group. We have also started prayer lists in our congregation at St. Boniface and the Daughters of the King have taken on this area of service in order to care for these people through prayer. I am sure there are even more connections that will grow and become apparent as we continue our journey of discovery and service.

There are some special people that we, the Daughters of the King, Gifts of the Spirit Chapter at St. Boniface Anglican/Episcopal Church in Augsburg, Germany wish to thank.

Thank you to the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Orlando, Florida where they graciously welcomed our priest, the Rev. Dennis Krumlauf, and made it possible for our DOK charter to be presented to him there during one of their Sunday services.

Thank you to Bishop Pierre Whalon for your Vision 2012, your wish that the Daughters of the King would spread to Europe, and your wisdom for seeing that we ladies, so far away from home, needed this special connection to other women the world over. Thank you for blessing our crosses – we wear them daily with pride.

Finally, a very special thanks to our sister, Jane Krumlauf, who caught fire for the Daughters of the King and led us through the discernment process.

Your Daughters of the King at St. Boniface: Jane Krumlauf, Catharina Ginsel, Agnes Mammah and Margaret Poeppel

Please contact one of us if you have any special concerns or needs for which you would like us to pray.