

***The Order of the Daughters of the King®***

Diocese of Western Massachusetts

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Members of *The Order of the Daughters of the King®* are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are ordinary women who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. No special spiritual attributes are needed to become a Daughter – only a sincere desire to draw nearer to God and a willingness to live according to our Rule of Life.

We currently have four chapters based in parishes: St. John's, Williamstown; Holy Trinity, Southbridge; St. Andrew's, Longmeadow and Springfield. The Bishop's Chapter is based at the Cathedral in Springfield and includes Daughters from the Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. David's, Feeding Hills. We also welcome the St. Andrew's chapter which meets with us.

This year we were able to host a Quiet Day for the first time since the pandemic! Saturday, October 4 we enjoyed a day at St. David's, Feeding Hills. This featured an exploration of prayer using a Labyrinth, a Bible Study with the Rev. Harvey Hill, (Rector of St. David's and new Chaplain for the Bishop's Chapter) and a Eucharist. The day was a blessing to all the women who attended, many of whom were not DOK.

All of our Daughters continue to live out their vows of Prayer and Service. We pray daily for our parishes, clergy, Bishop, our Order, our Sisters in Christ around the world and the concerns of our own communities and parishes. This year we also have been in prayer for the discernment and election of a new Bishop. We also serve daily both within our churches and with various projects and ministries in our communities.

We pray that our lives will reflect the life-giving love of our Lord.

