

The Order of the Daughters of the King® Invitation to a Study Retreat

The Order of the Daughters of the King is inviting women in parishes of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe to a

training retreat at Villa Palazzola that could lead to formation of new Daughters of the King chapters. We will introduce the Order and the first steps of our study. The schedule will include the beginning of a discernment process, reflection on our spiritual journeys, meditation time, community building and fun activities. Members of the National Council of the Order will be conducting the sessions, assisted by Cindy Birdsall, President of All Saints Chapter, Heidelberg, Germany.

We are an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, Churches in communion with it or Churches in the Historic Episcopate. The Order is 125 years old, with over 27,000 members-mostly in the Episcopal Church, but some also in Anglican, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches. Approximately one tenth of our membership is outside the United States.

The mission of the Daughters of the King is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. We form chapters in order to support one another in deepening our spiritual lives, and fulfill our vows in part by praying for our clergy and local congregation, and serving where needed.

We hope that a member of your parish will be able to attend this weekend retreat.

Villa Palazzola, Italy September 17-19, 2010

Cost: 60 euros per person; includes dinner Friday through lunch Sunday

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