



Daughters of the Holy Cross

January 3, 2017

Dear Daughters,

Here I am, Lord. That was my prayer in 2000 when I found myself transplanted in Columbia, a place about which I knew nothing. I was an eastern North Carolina girl; what was I suppose to do in this new place? I soon found myself in the Trinity kitchen making casseroles with Cam Smith, Lannie Stinnette, and Katie Fritze. Shortly after that, I was collecting and selling used shoes at the Bazaar with Melanie Glenn, pouring lemonade with Cassandra Crooks, and crunching numbers with Susan White. I believe God sent the Daughters to me to help me find my place in Columbia and to give me direction and friends who became a treasure.

Here I am, Lord. Again that was my prayer when a short time ago I found myself in one of life's lowest valleys. On that day, it was so many of the Daughters who held my hand through difficult phone calls, brought my children home to me, mopped an overflowing toilet, and filled my pantry with my favorite sustenance, Diet Coke. The support continued with pinned notes of encouragement on my back door, phone calls, texts, and visits, some visits where not a word was exchanged, just shared silence. There is not a doubt in my mind the support was sent to me through these women by God.

Here I am, Lord. I prayed still again because Daughter committees and Trinity events I had once enjoyed had become overwhelming. I found answer to my prayer at the beach with Ann Gressette, in the mountains with Claudia Guignard, at lunches with Kirsten Moorman and Susan Johnston, and on the patio with Joie Ray. I discovered the answer was for me to be quiet and rest. Letting go of commitments was difficult and a struggle, but after I began to do so, I felt stronger in so many ways. I have thanked God for sending these Daughters and so many others to help me learn the benefits of solitude.

Here I am, Lord. I'm praying every day as the 2017 President of the Daughters, admitting I'm nervous and scared. The thought of standing behind a podium and using a microphone makes me want to make a run for it, no doubt my voice will quiver or crack. Still, I rest in knowing God is hearing me because He has sent to me Daughters like Pence Scurry, Sophie Martin, Bayly Felch, and others that I didn't even know a year ago to take leadership roles for the coming year. Each year brings its own set of challenges to the Daughters. I'm certain He will be there as a guide because He has also sent Daughters Betsy McKay, Arney Love, Connie Britt, and others with so much experience to guide me.

Here I am Lord. I invite you to join me in taking to your heart this scripture from Isaiah 6, which has become my daily prayer. Chris Marlow in his book, *Doing Good is Simple*, asks the challenging question "What can I do to give someone the chance to thrive today?" Possibly, it is to invite a newcomer onto your committee, mop a floor, or sit quietly with a friend. That may not seem like God's work, and it's not going to cure world hunger, yet I believe there is no way we can tell the difference it may make in a person's life on that day. Only God knows that. Perhaps you are being called to join one of Trinity's outreach programs or maybe chair the Bazaar (call me ASAP if you feel this call!). No matter what you feel is being asked of you, let's support one another and join together in responding as Isaiah did, "Here I am, Lord".

I am looking forward with great anticipation to working with each of you this year.

Fondly,



Scotty Frantz

Daughters of the Holy Cross

2017 Volunteer Form

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please check the ministries below that you are interested in serving through the Daughters of the Holy Cross. You may also complete the form online at trinitysc.org/volunteer.

- Pastoral Care Casseroles:** Prepares casseroles for Trinity members in need or for the birth of a baby
- Church Women United:** Open to all women from area churches, provides migrant worker kits
- DHC Communications:** Assist with DHC Communications
- Episcopal Church Women:** Diocesan-wide organization for Episcopal women
- Flower Delivery:** Delivers flowers to the sick and shut-in members of the Parish
- Decorations for DHC Events:** Provides and helps arrange centerpieces for DHC meetings and events
- Meals for DHC Events:** Prepares meals at the 4 DHC events; Cooks, servers and helpers needed
- Hospitality:** Helps with preparations of special receptions as requested by the clergy & DHC Board (simple food, flowers, and set-up/servers)
- Lemonade on the Lawn:** Serves lemonade to the congregation during the summer months
- Lenten Lunches:** Provides desserts; Helps prepare and serve lunch on Wednesdays during Lent
- DHC Mailings:** Helps stuff envelopes for DHC mailings and for the Buzz on the Bazaar
- DHC Photographer:** Photographs different DHC events
- Still Hopes Special Events:** Plans parties for Valentine's Day and Ice Cream Social
- United Thank Offering:** Assists in planning for two United Thank Offering Sundays at Trinity

Daughters of the Holy Cross Chapters: All women of Trinity are encouraged to participate in a chapter. Participation in one chapter does not preclude participation in an additional chapter.

Please indicate your interest and the chapter chair will contact you. Chapters communicate by email regarding meeting notifications and other chapter news.

- Bishop Finlay:** This chapter meets at the church in the evening (6pm) the 2nd Monday of each month (except Summer) for a covered-dish supper & program
- Bishop Temple:** This chapter meets in the morning in homes for refreshments and a program.
- Elsie Lamar:** This chapter meets in the evening with a program and refreshments.

2017 Trinity Bazaar Volunteer Form: October 14, 2017

We are seeking volunteers for the Trinity Bazaar. Please check your areas of interest below.

- Cooking for the Frozen Foods booth**
- Baking for the Baked Goods booth**
- Making jams, jellies, and pickles for the Pickle Pantry booth**
- Moving and sorting items the week before and the day of the event**
- Which booth would you like to help with? _____**

Please contact Pence Scurry (pencescurry@gmail.com) or Sophie Martin (sophielanemartin@gmail.com) if you have any questions or suggestions for the 2017 Trinity Bazaar.