

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc



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Msgr. Jason A. Gray
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Patricia A. O'Connell
407 E. Lyndale Road
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Dear Sisters,

This letter is to introduce myself as your newly elected National Catholic Action Officer. I can't express enough how much I appreciate your trust in me by electing me as your National Catholic Action Officer for 2016-2018 at our National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey in July.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Carol J. Sheyer
121 South B Street
Hamilton, OH 45013

As your new Catholic Action Officer please feel free in contacting me if you have any questions or guidance needed pertaining to this office. Our National website is updated with my contact information. To reach me by email please send to colleenbowers@ladiesaoh.com. If you need to call me you may reach me at 412-498-3392.

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Karen Keane
108 Kennewyck Circle
Slingerlands, NY 12159

NATIONAL TREASURER

Marilyn Madigan
4375 W 182 Street
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Catholic Action Includes:

Project St. Patrick is a Catholic Action program of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ancient Order of Hibernians and friends that was initiated in 1995. This program was created to provide financial support to seminarians and religious by giving vocational grants of \$500.00. Many of the young men and women do not have enough money to cover their expenses (books, insurance, food, clothing, tuition) and are unable to work at outside jobs due to their heavy schedule of classes and studying. By donating to Project St. Patrick and using the Project St. Patrick "In Memory Of", "In Honor Of" cards you can help relieve some of their financial burden. With a \$500.00 donation a PSP vocation grant can be named in honor of your chosen person.

NATIONAL IRISH HISTORIAN

Dee Wallace
206 Bellewood Drive
Aiken, SC 29803

SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious)

The needs of aging religious are a crisis in our nation today. SOAR helps financially distressed Catholic religious congregations in the United States in the care of their elderly and infirm members. The organization provides assistance on a temporary basis. In the past, donations have helped to renovate space for handicapped accessibility, purchase electric beds and handicapped accessible vans and have also helped to install fire alarm, nurse call and wandering system.

NATIONAL MISSIONS & CHARITIES OFFICER

Mary Ann Lubinsky
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Right To Life

Every minute three more children die from abortion in the United States alone and countless others are threatened with death by infanticide and euthanasia. With this statistic in mind it is important for the LAOH to continue their support in promoting and defending the right to life of the innocent human beings.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC ACTION OFFICER

Colleen Bowers
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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT / NATIONAL ORGANIZER

Mary Hogan
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Staten Island, NY 10305

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www.ladiesaoh.com

When making donations to Project St. Patrick and/or SOAR please ensure all checks are made payable to LAOH, Inc. It is **IMPORTANT** that if the check is for **Project St. Patrick** mark in the **memo PSP** and if it is for **SOAR** mark **SOAR** in the memo section of the check. This is important so your donations are recorded correctly and you get recognized for the donations made. All checks are to be mailed directly to me with the proper forms to your next entities. See attached forms.

The Right for Life March will be held Friday, January 27th in Washington DC. The date is different due to the Presidential Inauguration, which will be one week prior to the March for Life. If you would like to go to the website it is marchforlife.org where you can download a March For Life Trip Planner for 2017.

All Divisions, Counties and State Catholic Action Officers are required to submit a comprehensive year-end report. Please ensure you follow the procedures and entities structure on your reports.

I will send you a quarterly report to your State Catholic Action Officer for her to forward to her entities. I have included all forms for your review and use. They have all been updated with my contact information. The new updated forms are uploaded to the National Website for quick reference and downloadable for all if needed.

FYI: In addition there are deadline dates for you to mark your calendars. They are:

1. The completed Division report is due to the County Catholic Action Officer January 31st. If there is no County then the Division report is due to the State Catholic Action Officer by January 31st. If there is only one Division in the entire State, then the report goes directly to the National Catholic Action Officer by January 31st.
2. The County report is due to the State Catholic Action Officer by February 28th. This is a single combined report of all Division reports received by the County Officer. Division reports should never be sent to the State Officer unless listed above.
3. The State report is due to the National Catholic Action Officer by March 31st. This is a single combined summary report of all County Reports received by the State Catholic Action Officer. Division and/or County reports should never be sent to the National Catholic Action Officer unless listed above.

I look forward in working with all of you in the next two years of my term of office.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, Christian Charity,

Colleen D. Bowers

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