## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc



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April 21, 2019

RE: Appeals for Aide Assessment/ Columban Fathers Donations

Dear Sisters,

I hope all had a very Blessed Easter! Easter holds a very special place in my heart.

There are two high priority topics from me they are as follows:

- 1) In January, I sent all State M & C Officers, copied State Presidents & the District of Columbia their entire donations to date from my office. In addition, I sent some states a separate letter stating the proper procedures are not being followed for credit of donations within their states. There are some states that have membership still sending donations directly to the Columban Fathers and not through my office with the forms. In addition, some members are sending me their green or pink forms instead of mailing the forms directly as stated on the forms to the Columban Fathers. I am asking that you please communicate the proper procedures that are to be followed. If you need me to assist you I will be happy to guide you through the process in the event you are not sure due to changes of officers etc.
- 2) In July at the National convention it was voted and passed from the membership of the order that all Divisions will be assessed 50 cents per member for the Appeals for Aide. I made mention in my last letter of this as a side note. I put forth an inquiry to our National President what procedure we need to use since this was to start in April 2019. It has been decided that instead of collecting the 50 cents per member there was some confusion on what year to start. It has been decided that as stated in the convention proceedings this year instead of April we will extend the time frame to June 15, 2019. The monies are to be directly sent to me with the form that is attached. I have updated the donation form that needs to be filled out in its entirety in order to correctly track said assessment. It is important that all donations. We can discuss any procedures at the next National Convention but for now until July 2020 you need to ensure your membership follows this procedure.

I thank you for all that you do for this great and noble order. If you need any help, please contact me.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, Christian Charity,

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