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Dear Sister Hibernians,

***I am sending a gracious Thank You for your support in my election to the LAOH National Office of Catholic Action.***

Please allow me to introduce myself as your newly elected National Catholic Action Officer. My name is Peggy Cornish from Covina, California. I am a member of Division One, St. Brigid division in Orange County, California. I have been a Hibernian just short of twenty years. I have served at all levels of this noble Order. I genuinely believe that Catholic Action is the heart of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

**What is Catholic Action?** I will quote my predecessor Cathy Turk who summed it up beautifully, "Catholic Action is everything we do in the name of Christ. Every act of kindness that we show another, whether small or large, is Catholic Action". I wish to Thank Cathy Turk for her help and guidance with the transition of office.

**Project St. Patrick (PSP)**, the Catholic Action Officers oversee **Project St. Patrick (PSP)** which is a Joint LAOH and AOH Catholic Action program to provide financial support to seminarians and religious by giving vocational grants of \$500.00. The men and women can use this money to cover any expenses while they are taking classes and studying. Please continue to use the Project St. Patrick "In Honor Of" cards. A minimum donation of at least ten dollars (or more) is greatly appreciated. Many divisions also have small fundraisers or raffles to raise money for PSP. Outright donations from your division or individual members help support this worthy project, they are accepted and greatly appreciated. **If you need PSP Cards please contact me with your name, mailing address, division#, county and state.**

**SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious)** is also under Catholic Action. We as an Order have supported this organization for many years. This organization helps the needs of aging religious. SOAR helps financially distressed Catholic religious congregations in the United States in the care of their elderly and infirm members. This organization provides assistance on a temporary basis. Our donations have helped to renovate space for handicapped accessibility, purchase electric beds, and handicapped accessible vans.

**PRO-LIFE:** We support and defend life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death and everything in between, NO Exceptions! Often, we hear about the beginning and end of life issues, but it is just as important to remember everything in the middle. A simple phone call or a kind hello may be the difference in making someone's day especially during these trying times with COVID-19 lockdowns.

**DEROGATORY:** We must all remain vigilant in our watch and act on anything derogatory or demeaning to the Catholic Faith or Irish people. Remember a letter or note to a local business goes a long way to stop these unacceptable practices and sale of derogatory items. It is up to us as Hibernians and Catholics to **respectfully** educate people and businesses that these items are offensive.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or have suggestions to improve our Catholic Action work. I am here to serve. Please remember that I am on the west coast (pacific time). The best time to reach me is on the weekend or on weekdays after I am home from work, 7PM to 10:PM (PST). As often attributed to St. Francis, remember:

***Preach the Gospel at all times, use words when necessary.***

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

*Peggy Cornish,*

National Catholic Action

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