

Sisters,

We had a fantastic, and long, interim Board meeting today. We had all States but three represented and many questions were asked and answered. We had greetings from the AOH National President, Danny O'Connell and guest speakers Dairen Courtney, Political Counsellor for Immigration at the Embassy of Ireland, and Ciaran Quinn, North American Representative for Sinn Fein. Besides the National Board and State Presidents, we also had another 70 members as observers. This enabled members to see the National Board in action and to hear for themselves the issues discussed. The entire meeting will be available on our website under the members only page.

I was able to attend to attend state conventions over the summer and I am looking forward to traveling to Florida and Maryland. I ask that you please review the reports of all the National Officers and Appointees, again available on the website.

One item brought up today was the amount of donations raised over the past years. The donations to the Columban Fathers and Columban Sisters were strong, however our Catholic Action Officer noted Project St Project was down with a few states not contributing at all. Please consider all the Charities we support, including Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) and Appeals for Aide.

In closing, remember that we are United, Strong, Committed and Engaged. Each member makes our SISTERHOOD STRONG.