



*Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.*  
*National Board*  
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*Committee on Political Education*  
*Gail Dapolito*  
*Chair*

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Dear Sisters,

I am truly honored to be appointed, by our National President, Karen Keane, as the Chair of the new National Political Education Committee. I have been a member of the LAOH, DC for 19 years. I currently serve as Secretary of Division 9, Daughters of Erin, District of Columbia. I previously served in various offices on the Division and State levels, including as Division and State President.

On the personal side, I grew up in Our Lady of Sorrows parish, Takoma Park, MD, a suburb of Washington D.C. I still live in the DC area and belong to the Shrine of St. Jude parish, Rockville, MD. My paternal grandmother was from County Mayo and my grandfather was third generation from Limerick. I am retired from the US Food and Drug Administration where I was an administrator for the scientific advisory committees.

Helping to launch this new committee is an exciting and challenging endeavor. The mission of the committee is to inform ourselves and our sister Hibernians on political and social justice issues related to our Catholic values and Irish heritage through research, outreach and communication with other Hibernians, social justice groups and Irish-American groups.

The committee will also seek to educate state and federal officials, through written correspondence, emails and phone calls and visits, of LAOH positions on issues related to our Catholic values and Irish Heritage. The overarching goal of the Committee is to help give our organization a greater presence and to create interest from younger women in the LAOH.

It is a privilege to serve on the committee and help President Keane move our wonderful Order forward.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Gail Dapolito

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