

Erin's Echo

Maryland State Board
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.

President's Message

In Loving Memory

How do we close the book on the life of a sister, who gave so much to our organization and still had so much more to give? Chapters filled with so many empty pages, a life cut short. These are just a few items Cyrile was working on.

-Spring Planting-

Cyrile loved gardening and had just begun the process of cultivating seeds for her annual spring planting. I can just visualize little containers of seeds evenly broadcasted across the windowsill waiting to take root. Zinnias, Gerber Daisies and Vincas were her favorite.

-Beagles-

"Sometimes, the smallest things take up the most space in your heart." – Winnie the Pooh

And that is how Cyrile felt about beagles. Maybe it was the way their ears flopped or the way they looked at you with those begging eyes. Cyrile was a pushover for that sort of thing and had planned to adopt soon. I would like to believe when she arrived in heaven Taffy, Daisy and Bluey greeted her with tails wagging.

-The Living Spirit-

As State Appointed Spirituality Chair, Cyrile guided us along the path of being one with God and the Universe- Introducing us to Laudato Sí, spiritual teachings and at her last retreat, *Mary Undoer of Knots*. Mornings following the retreat our conversations began "How are those knots working out?" -then breaking out in laughter. Sometimes it was not how many knots one has, but the journey of untying them.

As we end this chapter of Cyrile's life I know it would bring her so much joy to know she made a difference, inspired us to be kind, to live daily with the spirit and pick up where she left off.

In Loving Memory,

-Kathy Norris-Maryland LAOH State President



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Calendar

August

Aug. 21: Our Lady of Knock Mass, 1:30 PM, St. Isaac Jogues Church, Baltimore, flyer

Aug. 28: "St. Joseph Father and Saint", 1:30-3, St. John the Evangelist, Hydes, flyer

September

Sept. 10: State Board Meeting, 10 AM

October

Oct. 16: Samheim: Irish Fall Festival, 2-6 PM, Rosedale Gardens, flyer

November

Nov. 11-13: Maryland Irish Festival, MD State Fairgrounds/Cow Palace Building

Nov. 19: "Winter Wonderland" Tea, Anne Arundel County, Div. 1, St. John Neumann Church, \$40

Cultural Corner

HOMESICKNESS by Colin Barrett
THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS by Sebastian Barry

GOERING'S GOLD by Richard Rawe

DEATH AT TURLOUGH MUSEUM by Martha Geaney, Star O'Brian series 3, August book club selection



-Joanna Cox

-LAOH Website

Go to www.marylandlaho.org for events, flyers and forms. There are links to items of interest in the local Irish Community as well as information on the national scene. can also find us on <http://www.facebook.com/marylandlaho>



Gatherings

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God."



In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.

O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.

From the National Catholic Register



Our Lady of Zarvanitysia

-Sharon Sullivan-

Baltimore City, Division 1

Happy Summer from the ladies of the Venerable Catherine McAuley Division of Baltimore City!

Recently, we sent gift cards to Marian House to be used as program incentives on behalf of women recovering from trauma and addiction.

We meet the 4th Thursday of each month, 7pm, at Squire's restaurant. We invite you to join us in helping women in need

in the City of Baltimore and celebrating our Irish history and culture.

-Dorothy Reed, Reporter

Baltimore County, Division 4

Greetings Sisters,

Summertime is finally here- time for vacations, cookouts and outdoor fun, time to resume what we have been missing. We had a meeting in June. It was really nice seeing everyone in person and feeling that things are getting closer to normal. We decided to have our annual baby shower after the 1st of the year and for now work on other things.

We are very excited to share a presentation on the life of Saint Joseph, Father and Saint on August 28, 2022. It will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 13305 Long Green Pike, Hydes, MD from 1:30-3:00pm. Please see enclosed flier. The cost is \$10.00 for adults. Children and young adults who are in school are free. Please send payment to Ms. Patricia A. Zaccari, 14100 Blenheim Rd N., Phoenix, Md 21131. Payment will also be accepted at the door. The profits will be shared with St. John Church and Division 4. All Division 4 profits will be sent to our charities.

Chances for our 2022 gift card fund raiser are currently available. They are \$2 a piece or 3 for \$5. You can reach Pat by email vangoghatphoenix@aol.com or 14100 Blenheim Rd, N. Phoenix, Md 21131.

Please remember our sisters in need of prayers. Be safe and may God bless you. May God bless us all.

-Mary Helene Miller, Reporter-

Harford County, Division 2

March brought us the St. Patrick's celebrations in the form of Irish dinners, luncheons, and parties. The main event was seeing our Vice President, Thelma Graziano, as the Deputy Parade Marshal riding in an antique truck with a royal wave to the crowd.

In April our division worked on planning for the May crowning. We decided to make the St. John's 10th Ward Christmas party at and for St. Elizabeth School our division's Christmas party, along with a donation to the school.

May was our mass and crowning of Mary. Father Ron was our celebrant with an uplifting message. Attendees were generous in bringing donations for our charities. Little Avery did a wonderful job of crowning the Blessed Mother.

June will be our last meeting until August. In August we will be planning our Rosary Night for October. We will assist the board with the state fundraiser. We will be having a Christmas tea basket raffle to assist our members to attend and support the Christmas party at St. Elizabeth School.



It is with a saddened heart that Sister Bobbi Rose Tilley passed away on May 30, 2022. Bobbi's family was very pleased with our division performing the LAOH ritual. Bobbi was devoted to her family and her strong belief in volunteering to her community.

She was the Founder and Continuous President of the Greater Fallston Women's Club and participated in many other service organizations.

-Gleela Kolakowski-Reporter

Cecil County, Division 1

Vice President Anne Fazio led our first annual "Diaper Drive" to benefit both Heritage and Cecil Pregnancy Centers. A few of the supporting members along with Jennifer Goslin from the Cecil County Pregnancy Center are in the publicity photo from page 10 of the DIALOG (Wilmington) on June 17, 2022.

Supporting mothers, babies in Cecil County



The Ladies Ancient O of Hibernians Cecil County (Md.) Division collected a total of 4,300 diapers during the Lent season to be donated to the Cecil County and Heritage Pregnancy Centers. The diapers were donated by the members of Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherds parishes.

Courtesy

More than a year ago, Bette Greene had an idea to honor our patron saint by creating some sort of shrine in one of our churches. Pat Widmayer helped to complete this special



project. We will have a Mass to present the plaque.

Joan Dinsmore and Mary Anne Loftus Smith have kept us busy as we have read and discussed *Death on Clare Island*, by Martha Geaney, and *"Snow in August"* by Pete Hamill. We are reading *"Galway Bay"* by Mary Pat Kelly.

Rose Holley donated a beautiful snowflake pattern lap quilt that we will raffle the as part of our Boscov's fundraiser. Karen Bower is expertly promoting the Columban Fathers Mass cards. Beth Greiner continues involving us in supporting soldiers by sending cards for holidays. She passed out cards for the sisters to sign.

We plan to acknowledge all participants of the LAOH history writing contest and give cash awards for 1st and 2nd place winners in both age groups. We decided on \$35 for second place and \$70 for first place entries.

After our May meeting, we had our 6th Annual Cecil Pregnancy Center Baby Shower.

In Our Motto,

-Christine Hild, President-

Harford County, Division 1

On June 12th, we celebrated Rev. Joseph Simmons' retirement



from parish duties at Holy Spirit Church with a surprise lunch at Entoria's Restaurant. At age 86, he is the oldest working priest in the Diocese. Father has been our division chaplain since our inception in 1986 and he served for many years as State Chaplain. We presented him with a framed collage of photos taken

over the years and we hope he enjoys the memories they represent. Several of us attended the parish party for him at Columbus Gardens and we were thrilled that he proudly displayed our gift for all to see.

Our Spirits of Ireland raffle winner was drawn at the luncheon. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Kelly Parks! Many thanks to all who supported our fundraiser.

We are grieving the recent passing of our sister, Cyrile, and offer our deepest sympathy to her family and all who knew and loved her. She will be greatly missed.



Division meetings resume on September 11th.
Happy Summer!

*"If you have a garden and a library,
you have everything you need"*
(Marcus Cicero)

- Kathy Lay, President-

Howard County, Division 1

During this quarter, we co-sponsored a very successful "Mother's Day Baby Shower" with Baltimore City Division 1 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Columbia. For two weekends in May, members were present at both the Wilde Lake and Oakland Mills Interfaith Centers to thank parishioners for their generosity and to answer questions about LAOH. The Columbia Pregnancy Center was delighted with a monetary gift of \$726 in addition to countless numbers of diapers, baby wipes, 4 shipping boxes of infants' and toddlers' clothes, formula, toys, books, pacifiers, bottles, baby care items, a stroller, portable bassinet, port-a-crib, and other items. We needed 2 SUV's and 2 cars to transport it! Our co-sponsored baby shower provided enough items to restock the shelves of Annie's Boutique depleted from increased use during the pandemic.



In June, at least one member assisted with serving parishioners at the Coffee Café held after all Sunday Masses at St. John the Evangelist, Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. We also held our summer luncheon with Deacon Paul at my home. In July, we will be represented at the National Convention in Pittsburgh and throughout the summer we will be busy collecting items and folding book pages for use at the children's crafts area at the Maryland Irish Festival in November.

-Sharon Strobel, President-

Baltimore County, Division 14

Our LAOH Division Chaplain, Rev. James Casciotti, S.J. has been re-assigned from his position as pastor of St. Ignatius in Baltimore. He has been transferred to New York City to a regional position for the Society of Jesus for the Northeast. His last Mass at St. Ignatius will be on July 31st. He has also served as our State Chaplain for the past several years. We will miss him.

The Sarah E. Murphy Educational Assistance Scholarship for 2022 has been awarded to the grandson of Ann McDonnell, a longtime member of Division 14. She has been inactive for a few years due to illness. Colin Patrick Clevenger will use the scholarship to attend Loyola High School. We wish him congratulations and success in his educational endeavors.

At our June meeting, we had a visit from our State Vice President, Sharon Strobel. We discussed with her how we can encourage more women to join the LAOH. As we all know, it has been difficult for our current members to attend the meetings and have our usual activities because of "you know what." I don't like to keep blaming the virus for everything. The challenge in the upcoming months is to continue our support to the State Board activities. Our Division is planning to attend Our Lady of Knock Mass on August 21st and help at the Fall Fundraiser and the Irish Festival and the Festival of Trees.

-Eileen Edwards, President-

Worcester County, Division 1

Hopefully everyone has been enjoying the summer. It hardly seems possible that it is almost half over. Make sure you rest up and prepare for the fall season which sounds like it will be a busy time for all MD LAOH sisters.

On Tuesday, August 23, 2022, the 9:00 AM mass at St. Luke's in Ocean City will be in honor of Our Lady of Knock. Anyone who is in the Ocean City area at that time is welcome to join our division for this mass. We wear our black and whites and sashes for this special mass. After mass we will go to breakfast at Dirty Harry's in Fenwick Island, DE.

As the summer proceeds, our division is busy getting ready for our Card Party which we are having after a 2-year hiatus due to covid. Our Card Party will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at St. Andrew's Hall, Ocean City. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased by calling Maureen O'Brien at (302)988-1498. There will be a delicious luncheon, a 50/50 raffle, several baskets of cheer and lots of baskets filled with wonderful gifts from local merchants.

Just a few days later will be the state fund raiser. The SAMHEIM theme sounds like lots of fun for all, a great Irish Fall Festival on Sunday, October 16, 2022- hope to see lots of you there.

-Mary Rosenhagen, President-

Anne Arundel County, Division 1

During the past quarter Anne Arundel County, Division 1 continued to hold meetings through June. Our division sisters always look forward to our June meeting format which is a dinner party that was hosted yet again by Helen Seerey at her sons' beautiful homes on the Severn River. We were so excited when our sisters from Carroll County, Division 1 reached out with interest and attended. Also Helen's friend and potential member joined us. It was a wonderful evening and we had phenomenal weather. Donations were collected at the meeting for Missions and Charities.

Discussions at our meetings this quarter have focused on our 2022 IN-PERSON tea fundraiser. Ladies, please mark your calendars for November 19 so you can join us at this fundraiser and social event. We are excited to also be reaching out to some potential new members.

Thank you to all the ladies from Maryland who attended and made the 2022 national convention an outstanding experience. Congratulations to Dee McCarthy on obtaining her degrees! Please have a happy and healthy summer 2022 and we look forward to seeing you at the Our Lady of Knock Mass, August 21st.

Respectfully,

-Jane Bannon, President-



Carroll County visits Anne Arundel County for our June Severn River meeting

Carroll County, Division 1

As I write this Report I am at the National Convention in Pittsburgh. It is exciting to be able to see our sister Hibernians from across this great country. Four members of our Division are attending the Convention.

In May we had our monthly meeting where we discussed our Division Fundraiser of a Patriotic Basket. We had a wagon and cooler that were filled with picnic basket supplies, blankets, snacks gift cards and a whole lot of goodies. We also voted on giving donations to the following charities- St Bartholomew's Church for the use of the hall, Aisling House, Oblate Sisters, Pregnancy Center in Westminster, Project St Patrick, SOAR and Sisters Academy.

In June we had our annual Division Retreat at Aisling House and luncheon. We also collected 22 backpacks at our retreat and the Division filled them with personal items,

journals, sketch books and pencils and some activity toys. These backpacks were given to the Department of Social Services for Carroll County. They are for foster children so that they have their own personal property to take with them wherever they go.



June also said good bye to Fr. Roach as he retired from being the Pastor of St. Bartholomew. We will miss him but look forward to working with our new Pastor, Fr. Colin who also has a wee bit of Irish in him. Enjoy your Summer!

Respectfully Submitted ,

-Mary Beth Connolly, Secretary

Baltimore County, Division 1

Michele Franz and I attended the National Convention in Pittsburgh. We had so much fun reuniting with our LAOH sisters and AOH brothers from all over the country. The newly elected national board will be working as hard as ever to keep our mission of Friendship, Unity and Charity our top priority.

We're looking forward to seeing our state sisters at Our Lady of Knock mass in August.

The Samheim festival in October will be a great time and we can't wait to see all the costumes and hope it will be a profitable fundraiser for our charities. We are working on our fundraiser and hope it's a success.

May the Irish spirit be always with you and in your heart.

-Maureen Shettle, President-

Let Us Pray

Let us remember in prayer our Sisters who are sick and suffering, especially those in nursing homes and hospitals, as well as our deceased sisters, that they may rest in God's eternal embrace.



In Memoriam

Cyrile Sincock, Harford County, Division 1
Bobbi Rose Tilley, Harford County, Division 2