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Missouri State Vice President
6411 Brookfield Drive, Unit 105
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March 10, 2024

Marilyn Madigan
LAOH National President
4375 West 182
Cleveland, Ohio 44315

Dear Madame President:

The Missouri State Board is proud to endorse Sandy Merrell for the office of the office of National Missions and Charities, or higher. Sandy has been a member of the JFK #3 Division in St. Louis, Missouri since 2004; she received her degree in 2010. Sandy was elevated to a leadership role quickly once she joined the division; she served as Vice-President. She was elected President of the division within a year or two, serving multiple terms. Sandy has also served as the division Treasurer. Sandy was awarded the Young Hibernian of the Year Award in 2008 for the work she did on behalf of the Hibernians. Her role as a leader continued by serving on the Missouri State Board. Sandy is currently the Missouri State President, Freedom for All Ireland appointee, and the Catholic Social Justice appointee. Previously, she held the Missouri State Catholic Action office and the office of State Vice President. Sandy was appointed to the Catholic Social Justice Education Committee after the 2020 National Convention. Her area of focus on this committee is Racism and the Catholic Church. Sandy also serves on the National FFAI Committee and was appointed to head the committee for LAOH's new Countess Markievicz award.

Sandy is the great-granddaughter of Irish immigrants who believed in public service. Her great-grandfather was a policeman for the city of St. Louis, her father served on the Parks and Recreation Board for the city of Maplewood, and her brother was a firefighter/fire chief for a suburb in St. Louis County. Sandy has continued this tradition of public service by becoming a public-school teacher. Sandy is a National Board-Certified Social Studies Teacher for the Rockwood School District. She is an active volunteer at the high school where she teaches; she is the Faculty Sponsor for Best Buddies which is a club that promotes friendship among students and special needs students, because everyone deserves a friend. This club is joyful. Also, Sandy is the Faculty Sponsor for Model United Nations, which is great fun, too. Sandy is

an AP Reader for the College Board which means she is part of a team of teachers and college professors who score national history exams.

Sandy volunteers for Moms Demand Action; more specifically, she tables for the Be SMART campaign which advocates for gun safety and responsible behavior around guns. Sandy is a member of the St. Louis Track Club.

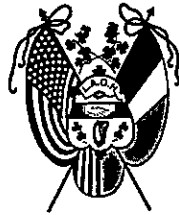
The Missouri Board feels Sandy Merrell will be a good addition to the National Board and we believe she is ready for this next step.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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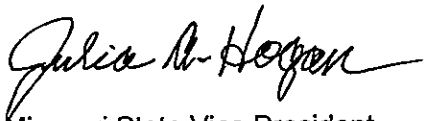
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