



LAOH Florida State Board

Louise Sullivan, Florida State President

Worthy President and National Board,

The state of Florida would like to nominate Mary McNamee for the National Office of Missions & Charities.

Mary has been a faithful and ardent member of Florida State. She is on the Florida State Board having held the office of Treasurer and presently serves as our Vice-President.

As Florida State President many times it is necessary for me travel to visit our divisions. These divisions are spread out and we are a large state geographically. One person I can count on to take these sometimes 8-hour roundtrip drives is Mary. I consider myself lucky she lives about a mile away from me and is willing to join me. She understands the need to be present for all members of our state and is willing to put the time in. I consider myself lucky that I can mentor her as she really absorbs everything, then uses and improves on all she is learned. Mary has been a member of the Mother Teresa Indian River Division since its inception. She has served on the division board in many positions (treasurer, vice-president) currently in the position of President. Her devotion to our order is shown by all the different innovative ideas and functions she has introduced. Her idea of advertising our order within our local area has brought us many new members plus we are a well-recognized member of our local community. We are now hoping to do this statewide.

Her devotion does not end with the LAOH, it carries over to our local parishes and local groups. Within her parish of St Sebastian, Sebastian Florida you can find Mary volunteering weekly with the Parish Food Ministry where she helps prepare meals to be delivered to the needy. The parish Flea Market each month can count on Mary being there all day to help in any way needed. She is part of the group

which washes and presses the church linens. During Covid she had our division sponsor touch free food drives to help local food pantries restock their shelves. Our division held many drive through special meals for pickup. Mary had the idea of sponsoring a little league team locally which would attract younger members to join our division by having our name on their jerseys and a large banner placed along the field. We have held events to help local veteran groups.

The fact that we have ladies approaching us to join our division because of what we do within our community or because they've heard that all our division sisters are truly sisters speaks to her ability to be an asset to our National Board.

In Our Motto Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Louise Sullivan and the Florida State Board