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Dear Sisters,

First, I would like to thank you for electing me as your National Missions and Charities Officer. I am humbled by your faith in me, and I will work hard to honor it.

I grew up in a large Irish Catholic Family on Long Island, and my parents instilled in us the importance of mission work. They had close friends in the Maryknoll Missions, who were like family to us. We loved when we received a letter from Father Moe or Father Jim giving us updates on the work they were doing in Guatemala, Korea, or Japan. It was even better when they would come to visit and tell us in person.

When I joined the LAOH and attended my first Florida State Meeting I met Sister Corona from the Columban Sisters. After speaking with her I realized being a member of the LAOH was what I was meant to be doing. To see her again at the 2024 National Convention and meet Father Brannagan of the Columban Fathers solidified my commitment to the LAOH.

My goal during this term is to increase awareness of their work and the positive impact they are making. A motion was made at the convention and seconded to honor the Columban Sisters 100th year anniversary by having each division across the country increase their normal donation by an additional \$100.00. If you need assistance in coming up with ideas on how to raise this money, I am happy to help you. Our next convention will be held in the great state of Nebraska, the U.S. home base of the Columban Fathers. This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit and honor them for all they have accomplished. In addition to supporting the Columban Fathers and Sisters I look forward to continuing the growth of the Appeals for Aid Fund.

Again, I thank you for your faith in me. Please reach out with any questions, thoughts, concerns. I will work hard to get back to you right away. Even if I don't have an answer right away, I will get one for you.

I look forward to working with you all to help make the LAOH an even greater organization than it already is.

Yours In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Mary McNamee