



*Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.*  
*National Board*  
*Established 1894*

*Office of National Secretary*  
*Cathy Turck*

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Dear Sisters,

As I begin to serve in my new Office on the LAOH National Board it seems a little strange to be writing a letter of introduction to you, but here goes. First, let me say how much of an honor and a privilege it is to be able to serve as your LAOH National Secretary for the next two years and work with National President Mary Ann Lubinsky and all the members of the National Board. I especially look forward to working with all of you, the members, as we continue to evolve and make progress as an organization.

Over the past two years our presence in the Community, both here in our Country and in Ireland, has been elevated to a level not seen in many decades. We are sitting at tables, having discussions, and making a difference in the world in a very positive way. We aren't storming into the United States President's office and demanding that the Nuns of the Battlefield monument is taking too long to be created, as Ellen Ryan Jolly did decades ago, but we were at the White House at the St. Patrick's Day Catholic Breakfast and Luncheon with President Biden.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. is becoming more well known and much of this would not have been possible without the dedication of Immediate Past President Marilyn Madigan and the continued dedication of our membership. We are the largest Women's Irish Catholic organization in this country. It is crucial that we continue to grow and expand our membership, within our struggling Divisions as well as in States that do not have a LAOH presence. My challenge to you is to bring one friend into your Division in 2024 and mentor her for an entire year. If every member brings in one new member, we will double in size. Imagine what 20,000 strong willed, faithful, Irish women could accomplish together?

Please feel free to contact me in my new email if you have any questions or concerns.  
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Again, I look forward to working with all of you and hope you are doing well.

God Bless you all.

Cathy Turck