

Report of the National Secretary Cathy Turck

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have served you on the National Board for 8 years and especially the past two years as the National Secretary. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and I would like to thank you for all your support and trust in me as your National Secretary. The past two years have been very busy, and I have done my best to respond to all of your emails in a timely manner.

I have completed the duties of National Secretary by keeping all the minutes of the National Board meetings, completing membership reports, processing the ballots for Life Membership, preparing for and completing the minutes of the Interim Board meeting, preparing Charters for our new Divisions, and preparing all that is necessary for this National Convention.

The results of the 2025 reports indicate that we have:

Total States: 27

Total Divisions: 184

Total Membership: 9534

Total Taxable: 9366

Total membership broken down by State:

California- 86

Colorado- 75

Connecticut -269

District of Columbia- 20

Delaware- 92

Florida - 134

Georgia - 62

Illinois - 140

Indiana - 125

Kentucky - 78

Louisiana - 30

Maryland - 245

Massachusetts - 936

Michigan - 283

Missouri - 130

Montana - 204

Nebraska - 41

New Hampshire - 27

New Jersey - 384

New York - 3625

North Carolina - 64

Ohio - 504

Pennsylvania - 1490

Rhode Island - 261

South Carolina - 24

Texas - 24

Virginia - 90

There are two States with a County Board Structure: New York and Pennsylvania.

Since the Interim Board meeting, we have added a new division in North Carolina, Guilford County and one in South Carolina, Columbia County.

I would like to remind all States that there is a procedure for starting a new division and an application must **first** be filed with the National Secretary. All forms and information are on the website. As conventions are held, or there is a change in officers, there is a form for a new officer roster available on the website. This form needs to be completed as soon as possible in

order to update the rosters for the National Officers. Please provide the new information in the format that is on the form so it can easily be transferred to the master list.

For the 2026 National Convention we have a total of 839 possible delegates, including the National Board Officers and Appointees. Twenty-three (23) states will be attending the 2026 National Convention, with 221 delegates, and 82 alternates, for a total of 303 voting members. We will have four (4) states with a total of five (5) observers. Four (4) states will **not** be in attendance for the 2026 National Convention: Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan and New Hampshire.

I have learned a great deal by serving as your National Secretary and I would like to thank every member out there who is serving as the Secretary or Financial Secretary in your little piece of the world, in this great organization. Membership is the key to sustaining and growing our Order for future generations of Irish Catholic women. Be proud of who you are, talk about the great things you do for the causes important to you in your communities, and carry yourself in a manner that interests other women in joining the LAOH.

Go raibh maith agaibh!!

Your sister, Cathy