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Dear Sisters,

August 10, 2026

My name is Sister Lisa Breslin, and I am a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, former Pennsylvania State Chaplain, and member of Division 87 in Port Richmond, Philadelphia. It is with deep gratitude, humility, and faith that I introduce myself as the National Deputy Chaplain. I accept this appointment with a servant's heart and a sincere commitment to supporting the mission of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians while advancing the Church's call to justice, peace, and the protection of human dignity.

The motto of our Order—Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity—beautifully reflects the values that guide our lives as Catholic women. Friendship reminds us that we are called to accompany one another in faith and mutual support. Unity challenges us to work together as one body in Christ, embracing our shared Irish Catholic heritage while welcoming opportunities to serve others. Christian Charity calls us to love as Christ loves, putting our faith into action through compassion, generosity, and service to those most in need.

As National Deputy Chaplain and appointee for Social Justice, I hope to help you deepen your understanding and practice of social justice, the foundation of which is Catholic Social Teaching. We have been promoting social justice since our founding in 1894. Social Justice is not new. It is Jesus' Way. It is about being in right relationship with each other, our earth, and our dear neighbors. Every time, you second a motion to give a donation; every time you volunteer at a function; every time you support an LAOH sister, you are living out Jesus' teaching to love and be in right relationship. The Church reminds us that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and possesses inherent dignity. Our faith calls us to stand with the poor and vulnerable, defend the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, promote the common good, care for God's creation, uphold the dignity of work, and seek peace through justice and reconciliation. Our faith and our Irish heritage call us to this.

I ask for your prayers, openness, and collaboration as I begin this ministry. I entrust this ministry to the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to the patronage of Saint Brigid and Saint Patrick, and the intercession of all the Irish saints who inspire us to live lives of holiness and service. May God bless you and your families, and may God continue to bless the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in all our good works.

Yours in Christ,

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