



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.
National Board
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Office of the National Vice President
Marilyn Madigan

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Dear Sisters,

The 2020 National Convention was a historic event. I was proud to be a part of the Virtual Planning Committee. Thank you to all our Delegates for their participation and giving me the privilege to continue to serve on the National Board.

I look forward to serving as the National Vice President. Responsibilities of this Office include our Juniors, Degree Teams, our relationships with Trinity College and the University of Notre Dame, Joint Awards with the AOH and our prestigious St. Brigid of Ireland Humanitarian Award.

There is a positive outcome to this pandemic. We sought out ways to live our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Hosting our Division, State and National Meetings using ZOOM has opened new ways of uniting our Order. I hope to use ZOOM in meeting with the State Vice Presidents and getting to know our Junior Members. Our Juniors are our future. I look forward to working with the Junior Coordinators. Hopefully new Junior Divisions can be established.

One of our most cherished traditions is our Degree Ceremony. I am honored to work with all the Degree Teams to continue this tradition. As a Charter Member of the Ohio Degree Team, I know the commitment of the members of these Teams and appreciate all their efforts.

I have had the privilege of attending the Annual Hibernian Lecture at Notre Dame. This fall's Hibernian Lecture was to be held in Ireland but unfortunately plans needed to be changed. President Keane plans to hold the Interim Board Meeting the same weekend as the Hibernian Lecture in September 25, 2021. Please save this date. More details to follow. In addition to the Hibernian Lecture, our relationship with Notre Dame includes a Scholarship, Hibernian Research Award and the Keough Naughton Center for Irish Studies.

One of our first accomplishments was the establishment of the Trinity College Scholarship. Trinity College was the first Catholic Woman's College. The idea of establishing the Trinity Scholarship was Mary E. Halloran a Past State President from Detroit Michigan and the 1902 delegation approved this endeavor. This continues today as the Lillian A. Fay Scholarship. I will be reaching out to Trinity Washington University to be updated on this Scholarship and share the information with you.

I look forward to working with AOH Vice President Sean Pender with our Joint Awards; the Sean McBride Humanitarian Award and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Award. Two of our Sisters have received the John F. Kennedy Award: Lillian Fay and Siobhan Dennehy. We have many members that should be considered for both of these Awards along with our own prestigious St. Brigid of Ireland Humanitarian Award.

I am honored that President Keane has appointed me to Chair the Nuns of the Battlefield Centennial Committee. Our DC Sisters have been working with the National Park Service to maintain the Monument. In October, President Keane, Gail Dapolito, Ann Fisher and I met with the Park Service with our Proposal to erect a Wayside Marker to tell the story of the Monument and our involvement. The Park Service was receptive and now it is up to us to make this a reality. Our goal is to have the Wayside Marker dedicated to honor the Centennial of the Nuns of the Battlefield Original Dedication.

Please share this letter with your membership. I am honored to serve our membership, please feel free to email me at laohnationalvicepresident@gmail.com or call 216-470-3773

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
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