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Dear Sister Hibernians,

I graciously thank you for your support in my election as the Missions and Charities Officer at our 101st Biennial State Convention in Trevese, near Philadelphia. I am honored by the confidence you place in me as a newly elected state officer. I look forward to working with you during my two-year term and to personally meeting you in the near future, if I have not already done so. Please allow me to introduce myself to you

My name is Sister Kathleen, I reside in a Sister of Mercy residence in Shavertown, Pennsylvania which is in the Northeast part of our Commonwealth. I was born in New York City and marched in many a NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade with my family members and friends.

In 1963, I entered the Sisters of Mercy, a pontifical religious order founded in 1831 in Dublin, Ireland by Catherine McAuley. I attended Misericordia University, Dallas, PA achieving a BA in Mathematics; Indiana University of PA for a MA in the Counseling field; the University of Michigan for my PhD in Administration and studied to obtain a Board Certified National Catholic Chaplain Certificate. I have taught in grade and high schools; colleges and universities. I have held administrative, chaplain, spiritual direction and social work positions in Michigan, Connecticut, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ireland. I have visited and volunteered in missionary roles in Guyana, S.A., Mexico, C.A. and St. Lucia, an eastern Caribbean island nation.

As an active member of Division #3 (*Mary E. Dowd*) Lackawanna County I am involved in our LAOH meetings, state & national conventions, special division & county events and fund raising activities in Lackawanna & Luzerne Counties. I have been a Hibernian for twenty-one years and have served as our past State Chaplain of this noble Order. I currently am and have served as our Division Chaplain for eleven years and our Lackawanna County Chaplain for four terms. I currently volunteer at Mercy (Long-term & Personal Care) Center in Dallas, PA. I am in the process of familiarizing myself with the necessary detailed information for serving you as our State Missions and Charities Officer. I look forward to working with all M&C Officers and hope you contact me when you have a question or need clarification on our work. My thanks go out to Bobbie Kelly Liberace, Past State M&C Officer for quickly turning-over numerous documents.

My goal as Missions & Charities Officer is to be available to you so as to have all Division and County M&C Officers utilize the process for obtaining Mass cards and forwarding the forms and money to our **National Missions Officer**, Cathy Turck [laohnationalmissions@gmail.com](mailto:laohnationalmissions@gmail.com). Cathy's mailing address is: PO Box 170 Altamont, NY 12009. Please send a copy of your activity to me via my LAOH email address: [sisterkathleenpalaoh@gmail.com](mailto:sisterkathleenpalaoh@gmail.com) as soon as you have something so I will be able to have your preferred email, etc. and respond back to you. I enjoyed meeting many of you in-person at the Convention in Trevese and hope to meet many more of you during the next two years.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
*Sister Kathleen Mary Smith, RSM*  
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