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Dear Sisters,

I am truly honored to serve as your Freedom for All Ireland Officer for the 2017-2019 term and am excited to be working with our State President Rae DiSpaldo. We have a new, enthusiastic State Board which I am sure, together with all of you, will accomplish great things.

I have been a member of Trinity, Division 4 in Delaware County since 1998 and have served in most Division offices. Most recently, as Division president for the four years ending in January 2017 and this is now my third term as your State FFAI officer. I am also active in other Irish organizations and am quite passionate about Freedom for All Ireland.

One of the primary duties of this office is to forward information and encourage participation in the National FFAI Appeal. The Appeal, which has changed in scope over the years, is now focused on providing aid to organizations primarily in the North of Ireland that encourage cross community cooperation, economic development, social change, cross border collaboration, Irish history and language education, nationalist infrastructure maintenance and construction efforts, and Irish unification initiatives based on peace and justice for all throughout all of Ireland. The approved groups are all worthy of our support and rely heavily on FFAI donations. And this is the only money the AOH and LAOH donate to Ireland.

This year's campaign will be kicking off shortly and I will be forwarding information in the next few weeks. I hope you will encourage your members to contribute. We are really hoping that every division in the State will participate in some way.

I sincerely look forward to working with each one of you and am confident that our combined efforts will make a difference. Please do not hesitate to contact me. While I try to keep you updated on what is happening, there are often things I of which I am not aware. Any and all input will be most welcome and appreciated.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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