

A Message From The President:

For the first time in over 100 years MD LAOH is faced with a pandemic that has made us re-examine how we operate as an organization.

As our LAOH sisters before us, we became beacons of light reaching out into our communities to serve those in need. We nursed the ill, fed the needy, made masks to protect ourselves and reached out to our home bound sisters with words of encouragement.

We comforted each other in weekly rosary prayer services, attended live streamed masses, and when our dear LAOH sisters passed, we mourned from a distance.

The world, as we knew it changed and from our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, MD LAOH grew. Not in numbers but in strength.

We have many challenges ahead of us, but we also have many opportunities. It is through our Catholic Faith we will persevere.

Our parades, festivals and division events will have a new look, through the magic of the internet our LAOH Sisters will learn different ways to raise funds for the non-profit organizations we support.

March 17th does not define us. It is from the shores of Ireland's coast our ancestors traveled for a better life. We are story tellers, teachers of social injustices; we are poets and artists, it is through our Catholic Actions we deliver the message of compassion and it is our Patron St. Brigid of Ireland, who defines us.

Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland said, "I was elected by the Women of Ireland, who instead of rocking the cradle, rocked the system".

As sisters of the MD LAOH, May the spirit of Mary Robinson shine in all of us.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian
Charity,

Kathleen Norris,
MD LOAH, State President

