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Dear Religious, County and Division Presidents, County and Division Irish Historian Officers, National Catholic Action Officer, PA State Board and Pennsylvania LAOH Sisters:

It was a pleasure to serve as your Catholic Action Officer from 2021 to 2023. Your kindness and generosity for Project Saint Patrick and SOAR makes me so proud to be an LAOH member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Concluding my term with our Supply Drive for A Women's Help Center in Johnstown was incredible! They did not anticipate just how large your hearts were and I know it has brought smiles to the women, their children, and the employees of the shelter. I can confidently say that they felt the love from the Hibernians!

I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to serve as your State Irish Historian for the 2023-2025 term. I know I have impressive shoes to fill as Carole did a terrific job last term, and we had the Level 2 (High School) First Place winner for the National Irish History Contest from Pennsylvania!

I would like to assist you in identifying, networking, advertising, and promoting the LAOH Irish History Contest in your local churches, Catholic Schools, and libraries. I would like to go one step further in assisting you by helping you contact your school district's school boards and requesting that it is also shared in the public schools. It all starts with making a list of contacts, and I would be more than happy to jump on a Zoom call or a phone call with you.

The topic for the 2023-2024 National Irish History Contest is to Identify Women who became involved in the Irish Independence Movement and/or To Free the North from British Colonialism. The Deadline for receiving student submissions is November 15, 2023. Please remember the students can submit a written paper, a PowerPoint presentation, or a website!

A maximum of seven (7) Student submissions each per Level 1 and 2 may be submitted from the Division Level to the County Board, if applicable, no later than December 15, 2023. If there is no County Board, student submissions are to be submitted to the State Board no later than December 15, 2023. Submissions are due from the County Board to the State Board no later than January 15, 2024, and a maximum of seven (7) submissions may be forwarded from the County to the State.

Please know that I am here to help in any way I can. You can always email, text, and/or call (email and text are the best way to reach me!)

In Our Motto,
Brianna M. Curran