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Dear Madam President, Board Members and LAOH Sisters,

Thank you for affording me the privilege to serve as the appointed Chaplain to the Pennsylvania State Board of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, for the 2023-25 term. I am ready to offer my service in a spirit of compassion and respect for diversity of thought and prayer styles.

Last month I completed a two-year term as your PA State Missions and Charities officer. I currently serve as Lackawanna County's Mission and Charities officer, Lackawanna Division 3's Chaplain and a member of the National Catholic Social Justice Education Committee.

As an Irish-American Catholic organization of believers, we know that our faith and its practice are identified today by the quality of our Friendships, Unity & Christian Charity. Let us resolve to strengthen our commitment to seek God and see God in all people, things, and actions.

Let's embrace our underlying unity and strive to companion each other in both good and tough times. Let us truly draw strength from each other. For it is God's loving companionship in the other that unites us and draws us together to witness to "the spaciousness of God's abundant love in the world" as we perform our outreach activities and Christian charity.

In gratitude for the faith we have inherited, may this Blessing, written in a Celtic style, ground us in hope as we forge a future course that respect individual liberties and the common good.

May your **past** be a pleasant memory,  
Your **future** filled with delight and mystery,  
Your **now** a glorious moment,  
That fills your life with deep contentment.

If you have any issues or questions, please do not hesitate to connect with me: 570 690-5012 phone, text, or email.

Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,

*Sister Kathleen Smith, RSM*

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