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Dear Sisters,

I'm writing to introduce myself to you as your new Catholic Action Officer. I am looking forward to working with you over the next two years.

My name is Mary Durkee but many of you know me as Sissy, I answer to both names. I am a member of Division 3 Watervliet (Albany County) and currently Division President. In June I was also elected Albany County Vice President. As a member of the Capital District Trinity Degree Team I serve as the team's Treasurer and music coordinator. At the State level I have served as the State Fundraiser appointee and on the Credential committee at the 2017 State Convention.

I have been an Early Childhood Educator for the past 30 years and coming from a family with seven children you could say I was born into that profession. You could also say I was born to be a member of the LAOH with my both of my parents now being Past State Presidents for the LAOH and the AOH. I am a member of St. Joseph's Parish in Troy.

As we all start to come out of this pandemic, I feel that my first responsibility as your Catholic Action Officer is to encourage you all to consider getting back into our churches. Many of us have been fortunate to be able to attend weekly mass virtually but now is the time for us to come back together. Secondly I want to encourage you to fundraise for Project St. Patrick (to aid young seminarians in their studies) and SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious).

I look forward to working with all of you over the next two years and if I can help you in any way please feel free to contact me.

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