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Greetings from Brooklyn

My name is Sister Virginia Lake and I have been a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, New York for many years. For most of those years, I taught math or held administrative roles in our schools in the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre dioceses, including 48 years at Bishop Kearney High School. I met wonderful children and their parents, and it was a Kearney girl who introduced me to the LAOH.

I was privileged to have been asked by Madam President Regina Begley to serve as her chaplain and am slowly learning what that entails.

These past years have been a blessing, working with the women in my county and being a part of the work they are doing to embrace our Catholic faith and spread God’s love to all those they meet.

Congratulations to JoAnn Gundersen and Father Reid for representing us in the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade and to all the other members who represented us at their local parades.

During this year, I have tried to remember to pray for all of you and your families. So, I made a donation to the Sisters of St. Joseph Honorary Fund in your names, and sent notice of that to Madam President. You will be remembered every day in their prayers and masses this year and I will renew that annually.

I also thought about the many times I say the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father at our meetings and don’t really pay attention to what I am saying. So now, I am trying to pay attention, remembering all the people who have asked me to pray for them at the beginning prayers and all our deceased friends at the closing. I hope you will join me with this, when you go back to your divisions.

Enjoy the convention.

God bless.