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2021 Annual Appeal

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2. Sr. Kathryn Geisel leads the music ministry in practice before Mass.

3. We welcome Marle Robinson, Donna Foley and Kenitha Williams to our PBVM family in New Orleans, L.A. What blessings they are to our PBVM family. We are grateful to Donaldo Batiste, a longtime PBVM Associate, for journeying with them, preparing, and praying with them.

4. Sr. Elaine Hadzima is the receptionist for St. Raymond Elementary School in Bronx, NY. She has many favorite memories, including the joy when she experiences with the wonder and awe of the young children as they learn in an atmosphere of peace about the Catholic faith, their appreciation of the differences in one another, and learning about the beauty of the world in which they live.

5. On Tuesday, March 13th, our Associates invited all the Sisters in New England to join them for prayer, a brief meeting, refreshments, and time to share in the celebration of Catholic Sisters Week. Karen Leger, an Associate, led us all in prayer in the chapel. After a meeting with updates and plans for future ventures, Associates provided refreshments, and with about 40 Associates and all the Sisters, it was an uplifting, energizing meeting.
In Chapter 10 of Luke’s gospel, a lawyer asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus replies by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan. We are all familiar with this story, how a Samaritan, on a 16-mile journey from Jerusalem to Jericho, stopped to care for a man who had been beaten, robbed and left for dead on the side of the road. This injured man had been ignored by two previous passersby. Jesus concludes the story by asking, “Which of these three was a neighbor to the injured man?” The lawyer replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus then said, “Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:25-37).

As I read your names in this annual report, it is clear that YOU have shown mercy and accepted the challenge of Jesus to, “Go and do likewise.” Your generous contributions to the Sisters of the Presentation and your prayers reveal your care not only for us, but for all those we try to serve. Since March 2019, peoples of the world – including each one of us – have struggled to stay healthy while not abandoning our mission to show mercy to others. Following in the footsteps of our foundress, Nano Nagle, our sisters - especially during the pandemic – have continued to: reach out to family and friends via telephone and Zoom; educate and bring the faith to children and their families; contribute and serve in local food pantries; serve the sick, elderly, and dying; assist unwed mothers; participate in social justice actions, and more. *Every step we take in Nano’s footsteps, you take with us, as we could not accomplish these works without your ongoing support.*

As we begin this 2021 “Kindle the Flame,” appeal, we humbly ask that you help us keep our mission alive by your contributions. Like the Good Samaritan, you inspire us to continue our commitment to the neediest of God’s people. We thank you for your generous support. We assure you that our Sisters pray for you, your loved ones, and all your intentions every day.

Gratefully,

Sr. Patricia Anastasio, President
2020 Memorial Gifts

Giving gifts in the memory of the recently deceased is a beautiful way to honor them, and it fills us with gratitude. In 2020, the following memorial gifts were made:

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The memories of your loved ones inspire us to carry out our work of finding those who need love and assistance. They are remembered daily in our prayers.

2020 Honor Gifts

Giving gifts in the honor of special people in your life is a wonderful way to recognize them, and it fills us with gratitude. In 2020, the following honor gifts were made:

Sr. Hannah Marie Cox  
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Sr. Noreen Perelli  
Sr. Marie Sullivan  
Sr. Virginia Wilkinson

Remembering the Sisters in Your Will

You can support the Sisters of the Presentation now or in perpetuity by including them in your will. We know your family’s needs come first, but once those are set, you can make sure your legacy lives on in works of charity by making a bequest to us. The donation can benefit specific ministries of the Sisters, or you can direct us to use it to support the congregation’s greatest needs at various times.

Please contact the Office of Mission Advancement for additional information at 845-567-0204.

Statue of St. Joseph in New Windsor, NY
A Note of Gratitude to Our Partners in Mission

The Sisters of the Presentation strive to place themselves in the path of those needing our love and compassion, through the examples of Jesus and our foundress, Nano Nagle. Your support plays an essential role in this endeavor. We are so grateful for your generous response to our appeals and events throughout the year. We couldn’t serve the poorest and most oppressed without your partnership. Please be assured of our prayers and know that we lift you up and your intentions daily at Mass.

We thank God for your role in our ministries.

Here are the names of supporters who gave $50 or more through the Office of Mission Advancement during the 2020 calendar year. We can’t list every donor, but please know how much we appreciate every single gift. We pray for all who have contributed in any way, big or small—including those who opted not to be named. If we’ve accidentally listed your name incorrectly or omitted it, we apologize.

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Pictured are Srs. Pat Morrison and Christine Liegey during a Jubilee celebration.
Sr. Dorothy Scesny, justice promoter, gathered in Fitchburg, MA, joining a protest following the death of Mr. George Floyd. She felt the charism of Venerable Nano Nagle’s motto “not word but deeds” and how much this meant to her during this peaceful protest.

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Fiscal Year – September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021

When you give to the Presentation Sisters, you can rest assured that we use our resources ethically. Here is an account of our stewardship from the last fiscal year. It includes all our expenses and sources of income, including your generous gifts, which fill us with gratitude. We strive to be transparent and welcome your questions.

Our 2021 “Kindle the Flame” appeal is a great way for you to help us keep Nano Nagle’s spark alive—and be in union with those who most need our help.

The “Kindle the Flame” annual fund supports sisters who serve the poor without compensation and ensures we can take care of retired and infirm sisters, educate our members, and keep up our facilities in New Windsor, New York, and Leominster, Massachusetts.

Your gift to the 2021 annual appeal will be listed in our annual report under its unique giving level. If you’d like to learn more, please contact the Office of Mission Advancement at 845-567-0204.

Please prayerfully consider pledging your assistance for the 2021 “Kindle the Flame” Annual Appeal. With your partnership, we can meet our goal of $125,000—and be in union with even more of God’s people!

We’re grateful that you’ve joined us in placing ourselves in the path of those who need assistance, especially the poor and the oppressed.