Chapter Commitment Statement

In the Spirit of our Foundress Nano Nagle, Presentation Sisters and Associates commit ourselves to address the needs of women and children, especially as they are impacted by economic, environmental and racial inequity.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Loving God, You call us by name; we are precious in your sight.

As we enter into this Season of Giving, we raise up all those who are homeless, hungry and hurt, especially women and children.

Give us compassionate hearts to honor the stories of those who are made poor, to recognize their God-given dignity, and to treat them with respect, as equals, members of one family.

Bless the hands, black, brown, and white, who harvested the food we so bountifully share. Bless the families of every race and ethnicity who prepare Thanksgiving baskets and the families who this year will receive them.

Make us aware of any sense of entitlement that may dwell in our hearts as we attend to those whose life circumstances may be very different from our own. Show us ways to confront our own biases, so that together we may be instruments of your healing and hope.

Bless civil authorities and faith communities with wisdom, insight, courage and conviction to attend to the needs of these, your children, and to address the root causes of their poverty, hunger, and hurt.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.
What is Food Insecurity?
RJW Barnabas Health, Oct. 2021

Thanksgiving and Food Insecurity
This Thanksgiving, when Americans traditionally gather with friends and family to celebrate the bounty of food, there are still many in this country struggling to feed themselves, according to the U.S.D.A., almost 15 percent of families in the U.S. with kids suffer from what’s known as food insecurity.

As the pandemic continues and prices rise, watch this broadcast from PBS News:
Rising grocery prices put pressure on millions of Americans already facing food insecurity

Newburgh Urban Farm and Food Initiative (NUFFI)
Sustainable agriculture to feed many in Newburgh area
The need for fresh, local produce is more important than ever. The Newburgh Urban Farm and Food Initiative (NUFFI) is an active network of local residents and community organizations committed to food security, access, and justice in the City of Newburgh.
NUFFI is a multi-pronged initiative with three central focuses: providing fresh, local produce to the Newburgh community; educating and employing Newburgh residents; and supporting the development of community gardens.
Learn more about the important work they do and their mission to end food insecurity: NUFFI

Adopting Orange County Families
Join with the sisters and associates in New York who will partner with the New Members Committee project of adopting two Orange County families for the holidays. Together with Associate Mary Kate and the Big Brothers Big Sisters nonprofit she leads, two families will be adopted to receive food at Thanksgiving.

These are the items still needed to complete a Thanksgiving dinner.
large canned pumpkin
bags of mini marshmallows
bags of apples (two needed)

tea
coffee
dinner rolls
ready crust pie crusts (four needed)
evaporated milk (four cans)
eggs - two dozen

These items can be dropped off at the administration center by Friday November 18.

Local Parish Partnering
Join the associates and sisters in Leominster, Fitchburg, Clinton and Worcester, Massachusetts, as they partner with their local parishes’ food donation projects at Thanksgiving.