



Prayer, community and service often intertwine at gatherings. Here Associates Rose Norton and Pauline Aliskevicz, right, learn more about Care-net, an agency that helps pregnant women, at an associate/sister gathering in Massachusetts. Collaborating with organizations that have similar missions allows the Presentation mission to spread even further.

### Join us!

#### Come and Be Prayer

On the first Thursday of each month, Presentation people get together for an hour of prayer, reflection and sharing via Zoom. You can find these events on our Facebook page and website, or contact us for more information. All are welcome!

#### Service Projects

Presentation sisters and associates engage in regular service projects throughout the year. Projects include the food pantry, congregational garden, Habitat for Humanity, Haitian Outreach Project and many more. Use the contact information on the back of this brochure to find out how you can serve with us.



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# Presentation PEOPLE

sisters &  
associates  
together  
in mission



Not words, but deeds

## Mission Statement

Inspired by our foundress, Nano Nagle, we commit ourselves to the Gospel values of hope, justice, freedom and human dignity. In union with one another, we pledge ourselves to act for and with the poor and oppressed of our world and to care for the Earth.



Nano Nagle was a compassionate and forward-thinking woman who worked among the poor and marginalized in 18th Century Ireland, providing education, food and medical support. On Christmas Eve, 1775, she founded a religious order of sisters who became known as the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Nano Nagle performed some of her ministry at night, traveling along the dark lanes of Cork, carrying a lantern to light her way. This is how she came to be known as "The Lady with the Lantern."

The lantern remains a symbol of how Presentation people follow her light today through our work in education and advocacy in over 20 countries. The image above, commissioned by the Union of Presentation Sisters, illustrates Nano's lantern light expanding and shining throughout the world.



As followers of Christ, each of us is called to live out a vocation. This vocation might be to single life, married life or vowed life. We are also called to share the light of Christ in the world.

Both Presentation sisters and Presentation associates respond to the call from God to serve as Presentation people, living the mission of the congregation through daily interactions, prayer and service to those in need. While associates live as single or married men and women, Presentation sisters are women who profess vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, allowing them to serve God in a unique way.

Vowed or associate, we respond to God’s call in our own unique way. As Presentation sisters or associates, we are missioned, or sent out to carry forth the mission of the congregation, a process ritualized each year when we renew our commitments to serve God’s people.



Sister Dale McDonald advocates for Catholic education at the national level, ensuring access for all youth.



In addition to serving on the leadership team, Sister Laura Urbano uses her gifts to provide religious education for young people in Newburgh, New York.

*Presentation people respond to Nano’s call to love, to serve, to spend ourselves for the poor.*

## Presentation Associates

A Presentation associate is a Christian woman or man, 18 years or older, who shares in the mission, charism and spirituality of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As companions in prayer and service, associates gather regularly for prayer, mutual support, spiritual growth and fostering the mission of the congregation. Each associate, through living the mission of the congregation, shares his or her light with the world, broadening and deepening the Presentation presence to those in need.

Associate Donaldo Batiste brings the mission of the congregation to his ministry with young people in New Orleans, Louisiana.



## Presentation Sisters

A vowed Presentation sister is prayerful, dedicated and open to the needs of the day. A sister can engage in ministry as diverse as the gifts she brings to her community. Through prayerful discernment, a Presentation sister follows her call to vowed life and lives with the support of her community and ministers with the guidance of God and the mission of the congregation. A sister professes vows that enable her to have a singular focus to shine the light of Nano and Christ in our world today.

We are Presentation people: vowed religious, associate ministers and partners in mission.

We are:

- people of prayer,
- people who share community,
- people for justice, and
- people in mission.

Together we maximize our gifts and talents through the distinct ways in which we live out our vocation and in the varied ministries in which we engage. Holding the mission of the congregation at the center of all we do, we are united through the shared vision and charism of our foundress, Nano Nagle.



We live out Presentation spirituality in our daily lives through:

- Care, compassion, concern, simplicity, joy, hospitality
- Faithfulness, trust, prayerfulness,
- Friendship, companionship, family spirit, sharing, togetherness
- Tolerance, acceptance, forgiveness, understanding, empathy
- Fidelity, determination, strength, courage
- Sensitive to the needs of the marginalized, especially women and children