Chapter Commitment Monthly Focus
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.

Prayer

Prayer of the sisters and associates on behalf of the Environmental Working Committee

This year the environmental working group is focusing on promoting greater awareness and action around sustainable agriculture and its connection to providing environmental conditions for fostering a greater quality of life for women and children. Let us pray for women and children who suffer food insecurity resulting in poor health conditions and delayed development in young children.

*God of all creatures, inspire us to create a world where all have access to nutritious and sustainable food sources, and none live with scarcity or food insecurity.*

*Redeeming God, save us from systems that are oppressive and unjust. Inspire once again to be a part of a global response that partners with those of good will to make equitable the sharing of our world’s resources. Spirit of God, Sustainer, Make real our resilience and expand our imaginations, so that we might constantly find new ways to heed the call to end hunger— that all may flourish. Amen.*

(adapted from a prayer for World Food Day by Alydia Smith)

Awareness

Awareness of the sisters and associates on behalf of the Environmental Working Committee

- Food insecurity is the consistent lack of food to have a healthy life because of one’s economic situation.
- Research shows an association between food insecurity and delayed development in young children: risk of chronic illnesses like asthma and anemia and behavioral problems like hyperactivity, anxiety and aggression in school-age children.
- Despite all the resources available, food insecurity is a serious issue in our own nation—more than 1.3 million children suffer from food insecurity.

Action

Action of the sisters and associates on behalf of the Environmental Working Committee

- Be informed about food insecurity and ways to help at this website: [https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/food-insecurity](https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/food-insecurity)
- Volunteer: Find a local food pantry and contribute - goods, funds and time are all appreciated and make a difference in the lives of your neighbors facing hunger.
- Advocate for anti-hunger policy and legislation at the federal level. Learn about federal nutrition programs and how to lobby for their continuance and improvements by watching this short video: Become an Advocate to Help End Hunger at [https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/advocate](https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/advocate)
- Join the Chapter Environmental Working Group for the February 25 ZOOM meeting (ZOOM link) that will explore this issue and possible PBVM corporate action.