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MISSION *Statement*

We, the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, inspired by our foundress, Nano Nagle, 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 Earth.

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For Theresa Gaffney, associate minister, the Presentation Sisters have been an important part of her life since she was in high school. While her journey has taken several turns, she has always found a home with the congregation.



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Jubilee: Celebrating Their Light

Six sisters are celebrating their jubilee in 2024. Sisters Cecile Belliveau, Dorinne Lambert, Anna Raimon are marking 70 years as vowed members. Sisters Patricia Dowler and Linda LeBlanc are celebrating 60 years, and Sister Laura Urbano 50 years.



From left, Sisters Catherine Cleary, Laura Urbano, Mary Catherine Redmond and Dorothy Scesny.

Dear Presentation People,

On September 8, 2024, during a prayer ritual to commemorate and celebrate the arrival of Presentation Sisters in New York Harbor 150 years ago, we prayerfully read the history of 1874, in which Mother Joseph Hickey with nine pioneering sisters and two postulants endured weeks at sea on the Inman line steamer, The City of Paris. We were asked to place ourselves among the women and reflect on the following questions:

- What were the thoughts and prayers of these women the night before they left Ireland?
- What emotions took over their hearts?
- Did they dwell on Nano's words, "If I could be of service in saving souls in any part of the globe, I would willingly do all in my power?"

As we prayerfully reflected on these women's uncertainties, tenacity of spirit, zeal, commitment, courage and faithfulness, we were deeply moved.

Over the last century and a half, children were gifted with the "advantages of a Catholic education" as our mission in Manhattan was expanded to Staten Island and Massachusetts. Education was the main ministry of the sisters until the Second Vatican Council when religious congregations were called to return to their founders' and foundresses' intentions. The sisters went to the margins to care for the poor through health care, social outreach/services, pastoral ministry and faith formation. Grounded in her family motto, "not words, but deeds," Nano Nagle expressed one of her last wishes to the sisters: "Spend yourselves for the poor."

The Associate Minister Program, in which lay men and women joined the sisters in their mission, was initiated on Presentation Day 1984.

Today, our founding mission continues through our sisters, associate ministers, staff and you, our partners in mission, who carry the light of the lantern to those most in need. The landscape of religious life is changing. Every 300-500 years there are epochs of transformational change that occurs in the history of religious life. As did our foundress before us, we again stand at that point in our history. We stand at the root of our faith in our being and our doing. We celebrate who we have been and, excitedly, say YES to who we are becoming as we live the Gospel values of hope, justice, freedom, human dignity, and care for Earth.

With gratitude and your support, we continue to be, "women of courage, faithful to the mission."

Sisters Mary Catherine Redmond, Catherine Cleary, Dorothy Scesny and Laura Urbano, Leadership Team

Mary Catherine Redmond Catherine Cleary Dorothy Scesny Laura Urbano

Shining a Light

*Hospice Ministry
Brings Hope*

Below, Sister Maria Lopez prepares to give a talk to help educate the community about hospice care.

Right, Sister Ann Daly, at left, with her hospice team and one of the patients she accompanies in hospice care.



“It’s a very delicate and precious time to be invited into somebody’s home and into their life,” Sister Ann Daly, chaplain with Hospice of Orange and Sullivan, explains about hospice ministry. “It’s a real privilege and an honor, because it teaches us. They teach us a lot about life.”

This is echoed by Sister Maria Lopez, chaplain at Hudson Vally Hospice. “I am humbled by the appreciation I experience from patients and families of all religious convictions that a Catholic sister is part of their life at this time,” she shares. “I believe my ministry is one way in which God reminds those in my care that they are loved unconditionally by a kind, compassionate, forgiving and welcoming God who has loved them each day of their lives and now rejoices in welcoming them home.”

According to the Hospice of Orange and Sullivan website, “Hospice is about approaching life with hope, spending time and focusing energy on life’s most important issues and the people we love.” As chaplains for hospice ministry, Ann and Maria provide spiritual care and support to patients and their families.

“The whole idea is to help that person live as fully as possible every day,” Ann says.

Ann became involved in hospice ministry after beginning her ministry life as an educator. She had always felt called to nursing. When she decided to move into health care, she decided to begin at a nursing home where she had previously brought students for bingo nights. She had considered taking nursing classes while working, but God had other plans for her. After having begun as a nurse's assistant, the nurses with whom she worked saw the great value of her experience as an educator.

While the state of New York was looking at certifying 14 of the 47 groups in the state for hospice care, the organization where Ann would soon work was not chosen. However, they proactively decided they should become certified under the department of education. In 1982, Ann was hired and went through the hospice training program, calling it the "the best experience I ever had."

Beginning as the director of hospice planning and educational foundation, Ann had the opportunity to speak to various groups about hospice. It took until 1988 for the program to be certified as a hospice facility.

Maria also began in education ministry, coupled with ministry as a social worker and time spent working in parish ministry. She was completing her service as the coordinator for the International Presentation Association and discerning her next ministry when she received a call from the spiritual care director at Hudson Valley Hospice.

"I drove past the hospice office in Kingston each day and imagined myself volunteering there someday," she shares. She says the offer of a position as chaplain was "providential" as God was calling her to this new ministry.

Maria explains, "I am privileged to enter people's lives at a most critical time. I have had patients from 3 months of age to 106 years old. Each is unique and precious."

Both sisters say that the roots of their hospice ministry can be traced all the way back to Nano Nagle in the 1700s. "Nano Nagle has always been an inspiration to me," Maria says. "I am happy to tell people our foundress was a hospice chaplain!"

Sister Ann explains that Nano went out to the poor, those who were sick and hungry as well as those who were hungering for spiritual needs. Hospice ministry is an extension of that work.

Beyond the needs of the patient, the family and caregivers are also served by the compassion of a hospice chaplain and the whole hospice team, which includes nurses, aides and social workers, among others. "The family is the unit of care," Ann says. "If somebody in the family is having a hard time, they also need the support of a social worker. It's the whole family that we serve."

There is a misunderstanding that hospice ministry is only about death. Both sisters find a great deal of hope in what they do. Maria says, "I find great hope in the goodness I see in the patients and families I accompany. I find hope in the extraordinary commitment and compassion I see in my co-workers. I also find hope in the awakening of society today to the need for spiritual care."

Ann says those with whom she works want to be heard and to listen; they want to know what is going on around them and know they are still alive and have worth. "I make people feel heard and talk to them," she explains. "I don't ever go in to take away hope. I have learned over the years to take one day at a time. Nobody can really know how someone feels. We let them know we know it isn't easy for them, and we want to try to make it as comfortable as it can be."

As chaplains, Maria says the care extends beyond the life of the patient. They also provide celebrations of life and funerals for families. "We believe every life is worth celebrating and, when financial or other concerns would prevent a family from having a beautiful, dignified service for their loved ones, we offer that service."

In addition to direct service to patients and their families, hospice also offers a great deal of education in the community. In addition, residential facilities like the one with which Ann works have begun to provide temporary respite care so, for example, the patient can stay at the residence to allow family to travel out of state or for them to attend a family wedding.

Ann concludes, "We are on a journey our whole lives. We aren't going to be here forever. Hospice is a place where you can go and receive comfort and support. In this ministry I am doing the work of my community in giving compassionate care to those in need. I have decided not to retire until my body tells me I must. I can still make people laugh and let them have a good day. I think that is the best thing I could ever do."

Illuminating the Mission

Association as a Way of Living God's Call

Born and raised in Manhattan, Presentation Associate Theresa Gaffney grew up in a family that valued Catholic education. While her siblings had chosen another Catholic school, Theresa, wanting to “do her own thing,” applied to St. Michael’s Academy.

“I always felt close to St. Michael,” she explains. “Maybe because he’s the patron saint of police officers and my father was a police officer for a time.”

Once she began her time at St. Michael’s, however, Theresa was drawn to the school in a new way, because of the sisters. “It was just one good Presentation sister after another,” she says. “I have such fond, fun memories of my time there. From Sister Gloria Perez, dean of students, greeting us as we walked in to all of the wonderful teachers.”

One of the first sisters to make a meaningful impact on Theresa was Sister Evelyn Kelly, who taught religion.

She taught the students about Nano Nagle and the congregation. “I really grew to have a fondness for this foundress that I would not have otherwise known,” Theresa explains.

Over the years, Theresa had the opportunity to visit the sisters at Mt. St. Joseph for retreats and during spirit days. She found it a special privilege to get to meet the sisters where they lived.

During her senior year, Theresa met Sister Eleanor Joyce. Eleanor taught religion for the younger grades, but it was through the sacred space she made into a student chapel that Theresa found a home. “I used to make my friends come to Mass with me on Tuesday mornings. They didn’t want to get up early, but they did,” she says.

Eleanor has remained a friend these many years and has been a spiritual guide throughout Theresa’s life.

Theresa, left, attends the opening celebration for the 150th anniversary celebration.

At a recent event Theresa offers her time and talents to help with technical needs.

Theresa participates in a recent service experience with Habitat for Humanity.



Theresa, third from left, shares her experiences with other associate ministers at the annual congregational gathering.



Theresa, third from left, enjoying a Presentation picnic with Sisters Norma Carney and Eleanor Joyce, along with other associate ministers and friends. The sisters extend hospitality and a “sense of belonging” to associate ministers and other partners, as well as to those they serve.

“My path has never been a straight path and I have learned and grown from the turns in life,” she shares. “Throughout my life Eleanor has remained connected, often sending me letters. I have every letter she has ever written me.”

Theresa was a prayer associate during her high school years and still has prayer cards given to her during that time. She took the next step and became an associate minister in 1999. During that time associates would meet regularly, and Sister Esther Byrne used to share beautiful spiritual rituals with the group.

While Theresa felt called to vowed life, after a profound retreat experience she eventually chose to enter another community. Her time with this community was short, but she remained committed to her faith and eventually found her way back to the Presentation Sisters.

Sister Mary Catherine Redmond was instrumental in reconnecting Theresa to communal prayer and other sisters invited her to visit and take part in retreat experiences. At the same time, she found information about other Presentation congregations on social media and began to follow their pages to stay updated on the mission across the United States.

After attending a congregational picnic in 2018, she joined a *Come and Be* online prayer experience in 2021 and, that September, was invited to a gathering at Mt. St. Joseph. After this she asked to be re-instated as an associate minister and has never looked back. She currently participates in online prayers and in-person events, as well as service experiences, taking every

opportunity to partner with the congregation. She also has helped with the garden project at Mount St. Joseph, often volunteering to plant, weed and do other garden tasks alongside the sisters.

“I value the sense of belonging as an associate minister,” Theresa shares. “I value the sense of doing things together that make it possible to do better and greater things than I can do on my own.”

She goes on to say, “I find hope in knowing that I am on a journey with these women and it’s an active journey. I put my head on the pillow each night and I wake up in the morning knowing I am answering that personal call that I have. Even on the worst days there’s a reason to continue the journey.”

Theresa also finds joy with the sisters. “A Presentation sister told me that sisters have three bones: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone! This joy and fun is an important piece as well.”

With an eye to the future, Theresa hopes her role and commitment with the congregation continues to grow. “Who I am as a Presentation person is central to my future,” she states. “The sisters are the best friends that you could ever have. They are known for hospitality and continue to welcome the people of God (in so many ways).”

“If you are attracted to a life of servant leadership, this is the group for you!” Theresa says. “Associates are a growing group of people who are a reflection of the sisters, a reflection of their heart and charism. Come join us on this sacred journey!”



The music ministry shares their gifts during Mass.

Sharing the Light

Celebrating 150 Years of Mission



Sister Clare Roche greets guests before the 150th opening Mass.

We will have a 150th anniversary celebration in Massachusetts in November and photos from this event will be shared on social media, Facebook and in our spring newsletter.



Sister Patricia Anastasio, center, with guests.



Some of our associate ministers from New Orleans joined us for the celebration. From left: Tomie Magee, Gertrude Ivory, Beverley Castillo and Donaldo Batiste.



Joining the celebration in New York are, standing, Sisters Linda LeBlanc, Pat Dowler and Irene Goguen; seated, Sisters Anne Massell, Kathleen Harrington and Elaine Hadzima.



Sister Dale McDonald offers a reading at the 150th anniversary Mass.



Sisters Mary Catherine Redmond, Mary Eileen Troy and Dorothy Scesny, along with Associate Tomie Magee, process out of the chapel during the sacred journey ritual.

Sharing the Light

Celebrating 150 Years of Mission



Kelly Rauschenbach and Diana Accardi, staff members in New York, enjoy the celebration.



Sister Barbara King, left, and Sister Ruth Abrams, center, with Associate Sandra Rodríguez at the celebration.



Sisters Gloria Perez, Chris Liegey, Dorothy Scesny and Carla Lorenz prepare to greet guests at the opening Liturgy.

Jubilee

Celebrating



Cecile (Mary Columba) Belliveau

Sister Cecile was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, one of ten children, and graduated from St. Bernard's High School. Soon afterwards, she entered the Sisters of the Presentation

Sister spent her early years in ministry in elementary schools in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

In the early 1970s, Cecile decided to go to hairdressing school, graduating in 1975. From then on, she was the sisters' hairdresser par excellence. Sister also worked part-time as a pastoral associate in St. Leo's Parish in Leominster.

In 2019, as Cecile's health began to fail, she moved to St. Mary's Health Care Center in Worcester, Massachusetts, to be near one of her sisters. After her sister's death, she moved to St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham, Massachusetts, where several of her Presentation sisters were living and where she now resides.



Dorinne (Mary Frederic) Lambert

Sister Dorinne grew up in Rhode Island and met the Sisters of the Presentation at Holy Trinity School. She felt called to join the order and was blessed by the guidance of Sister Eileen Kenny.

Sister ministered in education for most of her life and loved every one of her nearly 50 years in education. "The grade I liked most was pre-K," she says. "I would tell a new teacher to always be kind and listen to the child."

Sister has many wonderful memories of education ministry. She shares, "I was teaching, but I was also learning from the children. I learned a lot; they really educate you in their own way."

With a smile, Dorinne shares that she enjoys telling jokes because she loves to see people laugh. Her spirit shines through in the twinkle in her eye when she tells a joke, knowing that the best part of the experience is spreading joy and love to those around her.



Anna (Mary Arthur) Raimon

Sister Anna learned at a young age, through the example of her mother, that she should trust in God, who is always faithful. Educated by the Presentation Sisters in grades one through 12, she put that faith into practice when she heeded the call to be a sister.

Sister has spent the past 70 years living the call to the Presentation mission, first as a teacher in Massachusetts for over 20 years and then through a variety of ministry experiences. Anna was called to congregational ministry as both treasurer and personnel director before beginning ministry as a missionary in Ghana, West Africa.

Her experience in Ghana helped her to prepare for ministry at Lantern Light Collaborative Ministry in New Orleans; she served there until retirement in 2014.

Anna continues to be a light to those around her. "Your daily presence to others and who you are in the world are important," she says. "Listening to people and showing compassion are a part of who you are."

Read more about each of these sisters and see more photos on our website: www.sistersofthepresentation.org/jubilee

Jubilee



Patricia (Mary Kevin) Dowler

Sister Patricia grew up as an only child in Stanford, Connecticut, and was taught by sisters throughout primary and secondary school. Even as she was exposed to various religious orders, Sister realized there was a special joy and peace about the Presentation sisters.

She began her ministry in education. Still, there was something within pulling her toward health care. After becoming a registered nurse, she worked at Burbank Hospital for 17 years.

Taking another leap of faith, Sister asked if she could begin training in massage therapy. After becoming a licensed massage therapist, Sister served as clinical supervisor/director and taught hands-on massage techniques. She later took on the role of director of education, spending 21 years at Bancroft School of Massage Therapy.

Pat also served as director of associate ministers for over 25 years.

She shares, "I have had such wonderful companions on this journey. I have never regretted a moment of my years as a Presentation sister."



Linda (Mary Joseph) LeBlanc

Sister Linda lived in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, for most of her life. She felt God calling her to religious life while still in elementary school.

Sister served as a teacher for a few years and helped in the sisters' infirmary during the summers. She loved this experience and began the program to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

"I felt that is what God wanted me to do," she says. "It was such a privilege to take care of our sisters."

Sister had served in a hospital during these years and worked there full-time after serving in the infirmary.

Linda and her sister, Pauline, along with other sisters and associates, began Nano's Nook, a ministry at St. Joseph's Parish, Fitchburg. As time went on they added school supplies and Christmas projects, and Linda took blood pressures.

She was asked to return to caring for the sisters as healthcare coordinator in Massachusetts. "It is important that all the sisters realize that they are still a part of the community and still have something to give," Sister shares.



Laura Urbano

Sister Laura grew up in Queens, New York. When she began studying the scriptures and reading the Gospel of St. Matthew, she was called by Matthew's conversion experience. "Matthew's faith in leaving behind everything to follow Jesus really took hold of me," she explains.

Sister always wanted to be a teacher and served in elementary, middle and high school.

Laura then began ministry in Bolivia in 1991, serving alongside the Dubuque Presentation Sisters. She was asked to help run the new youth ministry house in Tarija, Bolivia, and, later, the retreat center there.

Sister helped form youth groups in public high schools. Elected to represent the region at the national level, after a year she was asked to lead the newly formed national institute of formation.

In 2014 Sister returned to the U.S. She spent time in youth ministry and teaching religious education and continues to volunteer her time in these areas in Newburgh, New York, even as she was elected to the leadership team in 2021.

Sharing the Light

Day of Service Spans Three States

In October Presentation people across three states came together to serve in the name of the congregation, spreading the mission to address environmental, economic and racial inequity, especially as it related to women and children.

In New York, they joined Habitat for Humanity to get a home ready for a family in need. In Massachusetts, they spent time winterizing the garden that has provided produce for those in need in the area. In Louisiana, they volunteered at the Hispanic Heritage Fest at the University of Holy Cross.

Each of these experiences allowed Presentation people to serve in the name of the congregation. At the culmination of the service experience participants prayed together and reflected on the experience of serving in a way that honors the mission of the congregation.

If you are interested in learning how to join us, visit our website for future events:
www.sistersofthepresentation.org/events-1.



Left, associates in New Orleans help at the Hispanic Heritage Fest at the University of Holy Cross.

Lower left, Sister Anna Raimon and Associate Mary Jane Person help to winterize the Dorothy Stang, SSND, Memorial Garden at Notre Dame du Lac in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Below, associates, sisters and staff joined Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh, New York, to prepare a home for a family in need.



Friend-raising Gala

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For more information about sponsorship, contact Maryann Gisler at mgisler@sistersofthepresentation.org or 845.564.0513.

In honor of our 150th anniversary, we are holding a friend-raising gala on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at VIP Country Club, 600 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, New York.



This event will feature stories from our past ministry and information about how we continue to live the mission today. There will be a buffet brunch and silent auction, in addition to the chance to catch up with Presentation sisters you know and love.

If you are a former student of the Presentation Sisters, have worked beside them in their ministries, have benefitted from their efforts to serve those in need or have been a part of the Presentation history in any way, we hope you will consider this opportunity to celebrate 150 years with us! Maybe your class would like to be an event sponsor or purchase a table at the gala. Perhaps your organization would like to thank the congregation for their commitment to addressing the needs of women and children, especially as they are impacted by economic, environmental and racial inequity. If so, please contact Maryann Gisler at mgisler@sistersofthepresentation.org or 845.564.0513 to see how your group can connect and support this celebration of being “on our journey: women of service, faithful to the mission.”

Tickets will be on sale soon and are \$100 per person. You can also sponsor a sister for \$100 or take advantage of one of our many sponsorship opportunities to support the mission of the congregation and the care of aging members.

SHINING OUR LIGHT



Above, Sister Mary Catherine Redmond, center, joined Dubuque's Dave McDermott, justice promoter, at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, D.C., in October. They are pictured here with students and staff from Presentation High School, San Jose, California. The high school was started and is sponsored by the San Francisco Presentation congregation.

Below, the Presentation Sisters were honored to receive the Rita Hofbauer grant from SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious) recently. Pictured below at the SOAR! banquet are Sister Kathleen Treanor, Sister Martha Otterstedt, Maryann Gisler, Sister Mary Catherine Redmond, Sister Laura Urbano and Christine Cunniffe.



*In
Loving
Memory*



*Sister Laura
(Mary Inez) Folmer*

July 4, 1930, to June 12, 2024

Sister Laura (Mary Inez) Folmer was born in Brookhaven, N.Y., and joined the Sisters of the Presentation on September 8, 1949. She served in education ministry in schools in New York and New Jersey. Before retiring, she served the congregation as the Mt. St. Joseph assistant coordinator and congregational archivist.

Laura cherished a quiet, prayerful atmosphere as much as she enjoyed a classroom of fourth or fifth graders. She was known for her kindness and was especially devoted to both the Sacred Heart and Saint Anthony.

A special memory held by many of her students was when Laura, at dismissal on Friday, would shake hands with each student and say, "Have a good weekend, and I'll see you at Mass on Sunday."

Sharing the Light

Stories Bring Memories and Enliven the Mission



Sister Hannah writes ...

It was on a beautiful day, August 26, 2024, that a former student of 70 years ago visited me. At age 82 he greeted me with tears streaming down his face. I was both shocked and perplexed at his greeting. Then, after an hour or more of conversation, I had tears streaming down my face as he left.

My former student, Ed Strazini, told me how I gave foundation to his life, his education and his success. I must admit that I was quietly gushing with pride until I heard his complete feeling of gratitude.

Ed said that the love and kindness he received during his two years can never be equaled. The dormitory sisters, Sisters Mary Paschal and Mary Pius, were so kind. The whole atmosphere of the Mount was loving.

He also spoke of his joy of playing in the band and of his experience in catching frogs at the edge of the lake. It took him a long time to pull the leeches off his arms.

Ed recalled how there was a heavenly atmosphere in going to chapel. Sisters wearing white veils sang Gregorian chants that made him feel God's presence. In a direct or indirect way each sister helped create an atmosphere of love, kindness, peace and joy.

Ed's conversation recalled for me the story of snowflakes. Each flake falls as an individual one but then sticks to all the others to create a beautiful picture. Each of our sisters is an individual, but all were united directly or indirectly in affecting the life of a young boy.

At left, Sister Hannah Cox shares memories with guests at the 150th celebration in New York. Below the photo Sister recounts a meaningful interaction with a former student. These memories are dear to our sisters and we invite you to share yours!

As we celebrate 150 years of service to those in need, we look forward to hearing from those the sisters have served through their various ministries. As you think back on your interaction with the Presentation sisters, how did the sisters impact your journey? If you have a positive memory or story, we would love for you to share it with the sisters!

We would like to receive either a written testimonial or to have you join us on Zoom for a quick video conversation, which we will record. If you are submitting a written testimonial, please include a photo.

We plan to feature these memories on our social media, website, and through a booklet and video we will create to share in 2025 at the end of our celebration year.

If you are able to help us share these special memories with the Presentation sisters, please fill out this online form at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBVM150Memories> or contact Lisa Olson, director of communications, at pbvmcomm@gmail.com.





ON OUR JOURNEY

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This image is a celebration of the journey of our past, our present and our future and was created from a compilation of sketches done by deceased Sisters Mary O'Neill, Marcella Sullivan and anonymous artists. It depicts some of the locations and ministries that have an important place in our history.