



## **Society of Presentation Sisters in Australia and Papua New Guinea**

**(Drawing upon excerpts from the Society Web Site)**

**“As the Presentation face of God’s mission, our mission is about seeking out, uncovering, building on, and celebrating God’s presence.”**

**The Society of the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) is a federation of six autonomous Presentation Congregations in Australia and a group of Melanesian and Australian Presentation Sisters in Papua New Guinea. The six Congregations in Australia include Tasmania, Victoria, Wagga Wagga, Lismore, Western Australia, and Queensland.**

**In 1946 the six Congregations decided to form a Society which allowed for collaboration on common Constitutions, more sharing between Leaders in regular meetings, and common actions, the most far-reaching being a Mission in Ningil, Papua New Guinea in 1968.**

**As Presentation Sisters we are called to encounter God in the heart of the world and to continue the mission of Jesus in the spirit of our Foundress. Like Nano, we are called to keep our hearts open to the voices of those who are poor and oppressed, voices which challenge us to conversion and action both personally and communally.**

**Our contemporary experience of being Presentation in Australia is shaped by an ongoing commitment to the Presentation tradition as well as by new understandings of how that tradition finds expression in social, religious, cultural and ecological contexts.**

**At this time also we are experiencing a new cosmic consciousness, drawing us into deeper awareness of the elegance, complexity and mystery of our communion with the whole of life on our planet, within an ever evolving and expanding universe. The urgency of this reality compels us to develop a new expression of being in relationship with God, with one another and with the sacredness of the whole of creation within the one earth community.**