



International Presentation Association (IPA)

2012 IPA "Directions for Mission" Statement:

“As Presentation people impelled by the radical gospel of Jesus and on fire with the spirit of Nano, we consciously choose to be drawn more deeply into the mystery of God, the mystery of Oneness and the reality of people and Earth made poor.

Energized by this evolving consciousness we engage in expansive partnerships that move us to personal and systemic transformation.”

A spark of universal energy ignited the compassionate heart of an Irish woman, Nano Nagle of Cork, Ireland in 1775 and moved her to begin the Presentation Congregation in response to the cries of the oppressed people of her country. That same spark, by God’s grace, now flickers and flares in the hearts of thousands of Presentation women religious and Associates in 22 countries.

In 1988 Presentation Sisters from the Union of Presentation Sisters, the Conference of Presentation Sisters of North America and the Australian Society of Presentation Sisters came together as an International Presentation Association to better focus our global presence and action in response to the cries of Earth and of those who have been made poor. This networking both fosters unity and enables greater collaboration for the sake of mission.

The mission of IPA is "to channel our resources so that we can speak and act in partnership with others for global justice." Central to the carrying out of this mission is our nurturing of a contemplative stance.

Global Presence

**Hearts broken open to the world’s pain
Hearts afire for justice and compassion
Hearts free for service, joyful in welcome, steadfast to endure**

**to receive life and to share life
learning to be sister with each one
especially with the poorest, with the least.**

(from One Heart for Mission, Raphael Consedine, pbvm)