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Newsletter of the International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission

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At the heart of our movement lies:

A partnership with the Divine

we attend to God each day and our actions are informed by that commitment.

A passion for the poorest

we stand with the poorest in society.

A covenant with creation

honouring all of creation, we live and promote sustainable lives.

A newsletter to connect everyone who feels drawn to Nano Nagle. A sharing of ideas and a deepening of understanding Nano and her impact on our lives - Locally and globally

A Message from the Congregational Leadership Team

As a Congregation we are committed to the development of the international Presentation Lay Movement for Mission. We express our gratitude to all who have participated in the growth and development of the Associates and Friends of Nano Movement over the years and we continue **to commit ourselves to invite people to carry the flame of Nano Nagle creatively into the future.** (CG2012)

In order to help us to do this we have appointed a Committee to co-ordinate this evolving Movement across the world -*Mary-Ann Greaney (New Zealand), Maria Owen (England) and*

Mildred Soldevilla PBVM (Philippines) and we wish them many blessings as they venture in this pilgrimage of animation.



And we pray...

May this pilgrimage be embedded in the sacred stories of the Universe, Jesus, Nano and many more on whose shoulders we stand!

May we strive to be people who hold the spark that

ignites the fire in self and others!

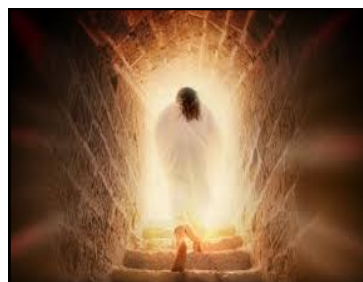
May Nano inspire us to be bearers of the lantern like her, to bring light among the various manifestations of darkness in our world today!

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we join with Associates and Friends of Nano around the world in celebrating the unfolding of this Movement.

Mary Deane, Julie Watson, Frances Murphy, Anne O'Leary, Fatima Rodrigo
Congregational Leadership Team



He is Risen



He **came** singing love ...
He **lived** singing love ...
He **died** singing love ...
He **rose** in silence ...
If the song is to continue
We must do the singing.

Presentation Charism & Spirituality Resources Website

Place the cursor over the site and click to take you to the website





<http://www.presentationistersunion.org/resources/default.cfm?loadref=327>




An open letter to all Presentation Sisters

Greetings from Mary-Ann Greaney (New Zealand), Maria Owen (England) and Mildred Soldevilla pbvm (Philippines). On 1 February 2015 the Congregational Leadership Team appointed us as the Co-ordinating Team of three to lead 'Friends of Nano, Associates and others: International Lay Movement for Mission' for the next two years. The appointment is one more step in the journey that sisters and lay people have been on for a number of years.

We are confident that we speak for many lay women and men around the world in thanking you for hearing the promptings of the Spirit and inviting us to share Nano's Charism. Thank you for responding to the requests for information, filling in questionnaires, attending meetings and writing reports – and all this while engaging in a variety of ministries. Thank you also for your part in keeping Nano's lamp burning and for recognising the spark that we carry within us too.

The task is a big one:

-  Review the development of this Movement to date
-  Support building the Movement at local and Unit level
-  Link with the Units to find ways to broaden and strengthen the Movement
-  Build the international network for this Movement

-  Clarify the different level of commitments and criteria around what constitutes different groups – Associates, Friends of Nano and others
-  Develop a proposal that enables the growth and sustainability of this Movement
-  Explore a name that will encompass all the levels of membership of this Movement. (Decision, CG 2012)

we can move forward with confidence knowing that Nano is already there ahead of us, beckoning us on.

This lay movement is not a response to the diminishing numbers of vocations to the religious life. Many lay people recognise they have been called and gifted with Nano's Charism. It is an expression of mission arising from Baptism. As we move into the future will you come with us, walk alongside us, and **together we can blaze a trail?**

We have spent time in prayer and reflection and know we need to communicate well. We intend sending out regular newsletters and will be grateful if you could help us get the good news to anyone you think may be interested – Associates, Friends of Nano and others. We don't want to miss anyone out.

We are moving into uncharted territory but we can move forward with confidence knowing that Nano is already there ahead of us, beckoning us on.

Mary-Ann, Maria, and Mildred

By degrees with the assistance of God we may do a great deal. — Nano Nagle

Thanks to the outgoing Co-ordinating Team

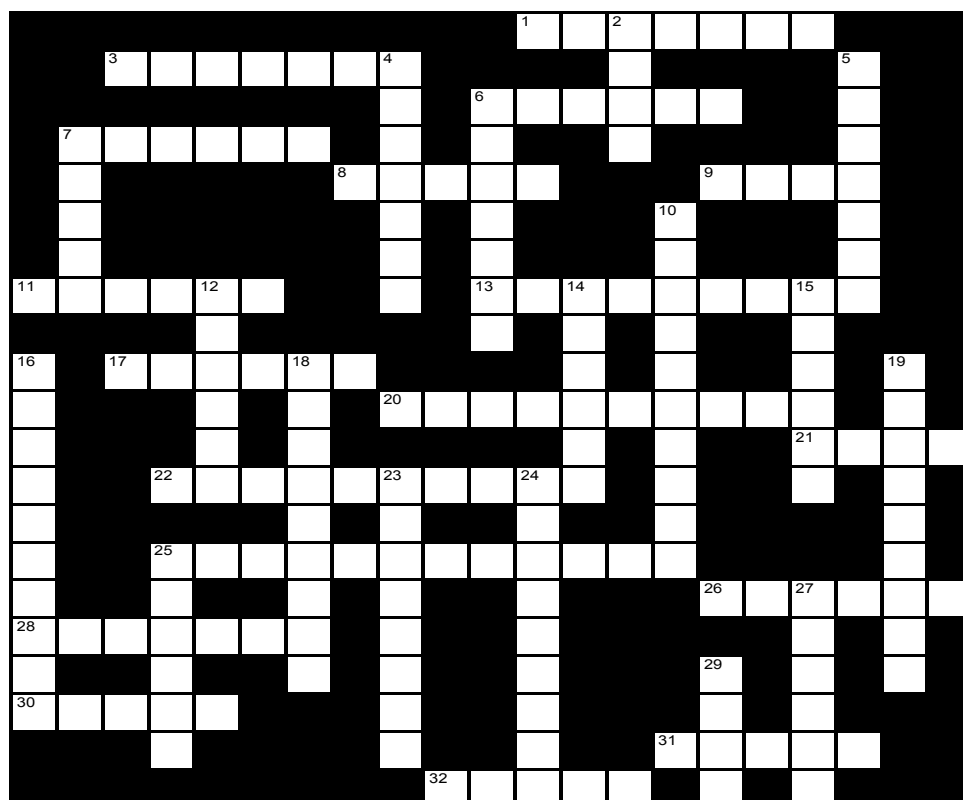
Following the 2011 Friends of Nano gathering in Ireland the first International Co-ordinating Team was set up. Heartfelt thanks go to Les Cleeve (Eng), Margaret Farrell (Ire), Helen Hyland pbvm (Ire) Alice Jones (USA), Noel Keating (Ire) and Helen Pinto (India). Your generosity and commitment in putting together the guidelines, values and resources has

helped invigorate the movement and made it so much easier to spread the Good News.

Thanks also for gathering information from groups the world over about what is happening in their corner of the world and the things they would like in the future. No information gathered will be lost.

The new team has spent time studying and reflecting on material collected over a number of years. The most frequent request is for better communication. [This newsletter is a response to your requests](#) and is just a first step. The newsletter will be sent out quarterly. Keep telling us what you want—we are listening.

A Nano Nagle Brain Teaser



Have a go at the crossword puzzle. You may like to try it either in a group or on your own. If you want the solution e-mail m.greaney@wn.catholic.org.nz and it will be sent to you.



Across

1. Nano animated and ... people to be self-sufficient. (7)
3. Nano received a sound Catholic education from her ... (7)
6. When Uncle ... died he left Nano with a healthy sum of money. (6)
7. When Nano was about ... she was sent to the continent to be educated. (6)
8. Nano founded the ... Ursulines and the Presentations. (5)
9. Nano opened her first cabin school in ... Lane. (4)
11. Nano challenged and held out against ... and civil authority to achieve her ends. (6)
13. When Nano and her ... moved into their convent they moved in the early hours of the morning. (9)
17. Nano was very close to her ... Ann. (6)
20. Nano called her foundation *The Society of ... Instruction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*. (10)
21. Nano's sister Ann used a roll of ... to help a poor family (4)
22. Nano spent time ... on the incident when she saw the poor waiting for the Church to open on her way home from a ball in Paris. (10)
25. Nano was accused of running a seminary of ... (12)
26. A great supporter of Nano was Fr Moylan who became ... of Kerry. (6)
28. Nano wrote a series of letters to ... Fitzsimons. (7)
30. Nano was the eldest of ... children. (5)
31. The whole of Nano's life was lived in the shadow of a series of ... Laws. (5)
32. In Nano's time the ... school master was Mr O'Halloran (5)

Down

2. Nano opened a home for ... women. (4)
4. Nano ... her schools in secret. (7)
5. Education provided the means to enable the poor to break the cycle of ... (7)
6. Nano was passionate about ... (7)
7. It was against the law for Catholics to ... or attend school (5)
10. Nano's Presentation Sisters were the first native Irish ... for 1000 years. (10)
12. In Nano's time Monanimy ... was a ruin. (6)
14. Nano didn't allow disappointments and setbacks to prevent her ... forward. (6)
15. ... Mulally was a friend of Nano's who had a school for poor children in Dublin. (6)
16. Nano started her Presentation foundation with three ... (10)
18. Nano realized the Ursulines would not fulfil her dream because they observed ... (9)
19. Nano only spent the last nine years as a ... (9)
23. Nano trained catechists to evangelise ... in the West Indies. (8)
24. Nano ... with people who could offer help and guidance (9)
25. Evenings were spent visiting unsanitary, overcrowded hovels of the sick and dying, before spending time in ... (6)
27. As a young woman Nano loved the ... life in Paris. (6)
29. When Nano's father ... she returned from Paris to Ireland. (4)

The Almighty makes use of the weakest means to bring about His works.—Nano Nagle

Introducing the Co-Ordinating Team



*'If I could be of
service in saving
souls in any
part of the
globe I would
willingly do all
in my power'
Nano Nagle*



Mary-Ann Greaney from New Zealand



I am married and the mother of three sons and three daughters. I first met Nano in the 1980's and we have been firm friends ever since. I minister full time in the Archdiocese of Wellington and like to relax in my organic flower and vegetable garden with my grandchildren. It is wonderful to be part of this new adventure.

Mildred Soldevilla pbvm from the Philippines



I have known Nano since I started teaching at Binalagan Catholic College in 1990. After five years I became a member of the Lay Associates Movement in Negros before I joined the sisters in 1999. I minister in secondary and tertiary education and am a member of the administration team. I am the Link Sister to the Associates.

Maria Owen from England



I encountered the spirit of Nano through a small Irish Sister. After learning Nano's story and her response to God's call, I became an Associate. I am a Mother (of grown-up children) and Grandmother who delights in the freedom of living alone. In taking on this challenge, with trepidation and humility, I offer myself as a lay woman.

Our link with the Congregational Leadership Team

Fatima Rodrigo pbvm



I am a Presentation Sister for the past 44 years and I come from India. Prior to joining the Congregational Leadership Team, I was the International Presentation Association Non-Governmental Organisation representative at the United Nations. I feel humbled and privileged to belong to this global Presentation family founded by Nano Nagle.

Feedback and suggestions are welcome. We are easy to contact via e-mail

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