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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

At this time in the liturgical year, Christians everywhere celebrate Pentecost. This is the day when the Holy Spirit was gifted to the apostles, when the mission of Jesus was completed; this day heralded the beginning of a new covenant with the people of God. Pentecost also launched the large scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension to be with his father.

This "birthday" of the Church is a time when we also pause to reflect on what it was that our foundress Nano Nagle gave birth to because she, also, was a gift to the Church at a time of great need. The

Spirit of the risen Christ is very much evident in her life. She was a woman with a deep and enduring partnership with the Divine. This openness to



God working through her gave her the grace to hear the cry of those made poor. Her relationship with a loving God stretched beyond her own doorstep to those in the West Indies and her dream of "saving souls in any part of the globe" is still being fulfilled in our time.

When Nano walked the streets of Cork tending to those in need there were other courageous men and women doing the same. When these anonymous people died their ministry died with them. Could it be that what sets Nano apart and what she really gave birth to was working out a way for her ministry to continue and grow after her death?

🔥 What are we doing to attend to God daily, stand with the poorest, and live and create sustainable lives?

🔥 What fresh approach to God's message are we giving birth to in our time?

Mary-Ann Greaney

## Nano and our daily life

The core values (*above left*), or guiding principles, inform our work and our development as a movement.

Our logo, a triple spiral, is a visual reminder of what lies at the centre of our endeavours, inspired by Nano's way.

We endeavour to give practical expression to these core values in our own daily

lives through the following characteristics of her charism:

- **compassion** for those most in need
- **commitment** to our aims, persevering with our work
- **courage** in the face of setbacks and difficulties

- **confidence** in Divine providence
- **creativity** in exploring innovative solutions
- **in communion** with our fellow Friends of Nano and others

all underpinned by the practice of **contemplation**.

Nano and our Daily life and Core values have been taken from <http://www.presentationistersunion.org/friends/default.cfm?loadref=422>

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# Are we inclusive enough?

Nano modelled Catholic Social Teaching principles long before the Church started articulating them in a systematic way. We understand that we all have a right and a responsibility to participate in decisions that affect our lives.

Nano didn't work alone. She didn't wait until she had a grand plan but started small - networking with people who could offer help and guidance and dream with her. Together they made decisions that would affect their lives and the lives of others. Fr Francis Moylan was a huge support and they were later joined by the early sisters and others.

Those who came before us have shown the way we need to be with each other. With modern technology we can share dreams and stories and blaze a new trail. Most of us can dialogue between groups if we wish – distance is no problem.

One of the challenges is to make it possible for all to participate in this new way of being together. Some Friends of Nano do not have access to computers and others have unreliable power supplies. Not everyone speaks English. Some cultures prefer an oral style of communication. As a co-ordinating team we are struggling to address how we can best communicate with everyone. Without the input of all groups the whole group is impoverished.

Any ideas about how we may be inclusive of everyone are welcome. Perhaps there is someone who can translate some material into Spanish? If we believe it is important to involve everyone we will find a way. If you think you may be able to help please get in touch with one of us.

Mary-Ann Greaney



Nano Nagle by G.E. Mullan

## Profile: Nano Nagle

In the face of fear, she chose to be daring,  
In the face of anxiety, she chose to trust,  
In the face of impossibility, she chose to begin.

To universal misery she opposed ministry to persons,  
To ignorance, knowledge,  
To disillusionment, tenacity of purpose,  
And to multiple vexations, singleness of heart.

Faced with failure, she held fast to hope,  
Faced with death, she believed in a living future,  
And programme for that future she gave in one word,

LOVE.

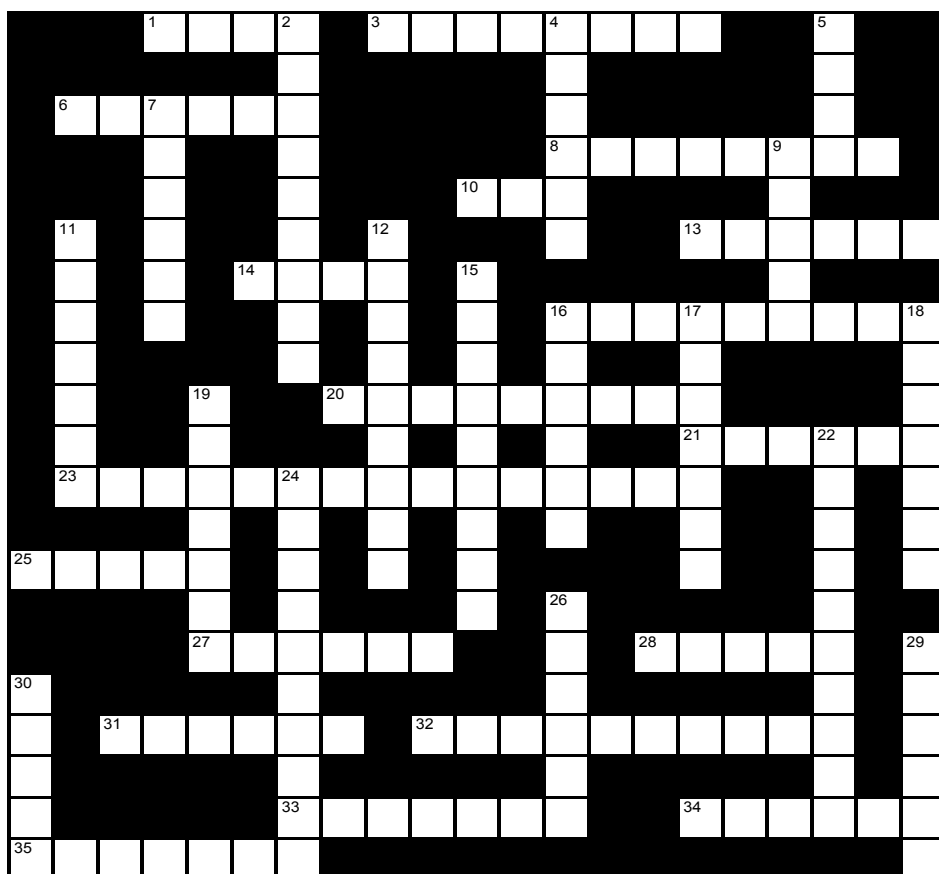
Raphael Consedine pbvm

*'There never was so much good done since St. Patrick's time'* Angela Collins pbvm 1786

It was as a lay woman that Nano Nagle developed her vision and passion for the poorest of society and a desire for a more compassionate world. As a lay person, she found that wonderful balance between action and contemplation that became a hallmark of the congregation she later founded.



# Imagine Nano was writing to you!



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](mailto:m.greaney@wn.catholic.org.nz) and it will be sent to you.

*'She is truly the mother of Irish Catholic education'*  
Rev T Burke OP 1877

The crossword is a selection of quotes from Nano's letters and gives a wonderful insight into Nano's spirituality.

## Across

1. I did not intend to take on .. (4)
3. The best works meet with the .. crosses. (8)
6. I explain the catechism as well as I can in one .. or other every day. (6)
8. It has pleased the .. to make me succeed. (8)
10. The Almighty is .. sufficient. (3)
13. When I began my schools my own immediate .. knew nothing of it. (6)
14. I have two schools for boys and .. for girls. (4)
16. There is no greater .. in the world than to be in union. (9)
20. I think myself very .. (9)
21. I am .. you all will be tired of me I may live to be so old. (6)
23. I met so many .. (15)
25. By degrees I took in the children not to make a .. about it in the beginning. (5)
27. I sent my maid to get a good mistress and to take in .. poor girls. (6)
28. I prepare a set for .. confession twice a year. (5)
31. We must expect to have something to .. as this world is not to be our paradise. (6)
32. I had little reason when first I thought of this .. to expect the success it has already met with. (10)
33. We will show the world that nothing makes us go out only where .. obliges us. (7)
34. I am confident that the great God will .. you to what is most to His glory. (6)
35. We must be of such .. to the kingdom. (7)

## Down

2. I should run a risk of .. if I did not follow the inspiration. (9)
4. It pleased the divine will to give me severe .. in this foundation. (6)
5. We don't know what is .. for us and so ought to be resigned to the divine will. (4)
7. I began in a poor .. manner. (6)
9. It is His work and has not been affected by .. means. (5)
11. Be assured you may .. anything in my power. (7)
12. My schools are .. to be of service to a great many parts of the world. (9)
15. Every disappointment we have had the Almighty has been pleased to make it turn to our .. (9)
16. I often think my schools will never bring me to .. as I only take delight and pleasure in them. (6)
17. It has .. God to order things otherwise. (7)
18. I am .. boys to the West Indies. (7)
19. The Almighty makes use of the .. means to bring about His work. (7)
22. By degrees and with the .. of God we may do a great deal. (10)
24. Divine .. does everything for the best. (10)
26. I accept the disappointments I have met with as a decree of the divine .. (6)
29. I always reflect on myself how many ..I have. (6)
30. If I could be of service in saving .. in any part of the globe I would willingly do all in my power. (5)



# Looking for resources?

## Want to find out what is going on?

### Two wonderful websites

Check out these links for an Aladdin's cave of wonderful Presentation treasure - just go in and help yourself! Lots of information, resources, news about what other Presentation people are doing and much more.

<http://www.presentationistersunion.org/>

<http://internationalpresentationassociation.org/>



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*'Every action of this great woman was to be productive a hundredfold'*

Clare Callaghan  
pbvm (c1802)

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### Have your say in naming this newsletter

Many suggestions have been received for naming the newsletter. Make your choice from the list and e-mail it through to one of the contacts below.

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| Lantern Flame     | Nano's Lantern | Nano's Message   |
| Lantern Beams     | Pres Release   | Living Lanterns  |
| One Pace Beyond   | Pres News      | Lantern Lighters |
| Nano's Echo       | Pres Press     | Lamp Lighters    |
| Presentation Echo | The Acorn      |                  |



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*'Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.'*

Margaret Mead  
(cultural anthropologist  
1901-1978 )