

"Partnering ... Presentation People All ... attentive to God's unfolding Dream ..."

(Also shared as part of our [PBVM Union website](#) **WHERE WE ARE** map page for NL, Canada)

Together, as Presentation People, rooted in contemplation and following in the footsteps of Nano, we continue to advocate for the change of unjust systems, especially those of which we are a part. Sometimes our focus is on effecting change and sometimes it is more simply offering support any way we can in response to ongoing and emerging needs, with special attentiveness to care of the Earth and those made poor, in Communion with all of life.



The Associate Prison Puzzle Project further below is yet another story of our Associates initiating exactly that latter kind of outreach to those within our prison system who are surely among those made poor and kept poor.



*Associate Commitment Ceremony
in our Motherhouse Chapel*

Collaboration through partnering is a deep-seated value for us globally and as Presentation Sisters of Newfoundland & Labrador. One key expression of this partnering is our NL Presentation Associate Relationship.

In their day-to-day lives wherever life finds them, our Associates witness to the spirit of hospitality, compassion, simplicity and the spirituality of being in communion with all of life, so integral to who we are as Presentation.

Since the September 2017 IPA Assembly in Sydney, Australia, there has been a global movement towards recognizing ourselves in the broader and more fluid context of ***Presentation People***, which includes all of us, Sisters, Associates, and Collaborators. In fact, anyone who lives Nano's spirit is a Presentation person. It holds wonderful possibilities for us to deepen our connections and to participate in initiatives flowing from the charism and mission of our congregation and encompasses a broadening range of commitment and involvement.

Come meet some of our NL "Presentation People"

- Sisters, Associates and Collaborators, and in fact, anyone who lives Nano's spirit -
and en-JOY a virtual sharing in their special Associate Projects
in Eastern, Western and Central NL
just prior to Covid impacting our ability to gather safely ...



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Associates at a 2016 Provincial Gathering



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East Coast NL Associate Relationship Gathering 2019



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Central NL Area Associates and Sisters celebrates Nano's 300th in 2018



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West Coast NL Area hosts an Associate Retreat Day in 2018

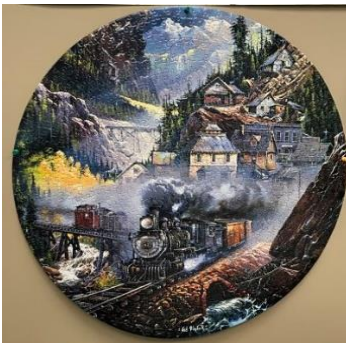


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*NL Provincial Associate Relationship Conference 2018,
including Sisters of Mercy, Presentation Sisters and Redemptorist Associates*

Associates Amazing Prison Outreach Ministry – Games and Puzzles Project #2

“If I could be of service ... I would gladly do all in my power ...”



*One puzzle ... proudly finished
mounted and hung up to enjoy!!*

Pre-COVID a group of our East Coast Associates were looking to undertake a Justice Project. One of our Associates who worked in Corrections at our local Penitentiary at the time suggested a “Games and Puzzles Project” for the inmates. It started small and became a wonderful success. Our Associates now felt new understanding of and sympathy with people who are “locked in”. We shared their joy and delight! One inmate was so proud of his achievement that he waxed his finished puzzle, mounted it and hung it up for all to see ... pictured here on his wall! Mission accomplished indeed!

In December 2021 the nudge came for another Justice Project. The inmates again became the focus, given their especially hard time “doing time” during COVID, many without family or other outside supports. In phase one, nearly \$1000.00 in donations was raised, providing “Canteen Credits” for the most needy at the Prison for simple things like personal care products, snacks, and greeting cards to connect with loved ones. Simple yet profound joys!

In the January lull after Christmas it was decided to revive the “Games and Puzzles Project” as a fresh venture, culminating in an amazing collection of over 400 gently-used items. We are grateful to the pastor who encouraged participation in the initiative of our Associates and we were touched by the wholehearted response of the parishioners. Such generosity provided more than enough for all three Correction Centres throughout Newfoundland & Labrador, as well as six other local social programs aimed at supporting women and youth in crisis.

Come meet our “Christmas elves” and share our joy and excitement ...



Wow! Looks like a corner of Santa's Workshop!



Some of Santa's Elves



More "Elves" - bagging puzzles and game pieces to secure them...



Still the elves come

To quote one of our “elves” in the midst of what felt so very much like Santa’s Workshop, “How awesome that we could put these into the hands of so many ... it makes my heart smile!”



Associates Fundraising ~ School Breakfast Program ~ Refugees Outreach

In Central NL our Associates and Sisters happily partnered with the wider community in support of a local School Breakfast Program, helping assure a healthy start to the children’s day for optimum learning outcomes. A second venture, a local concert, was also organized in support of their local Refugees Outreach Program. Both ventures were a huge success, attentive indeed to new and emerging needs.



Supporting Gander Academy School Breakfast Program



Refugees Outreach Committee – Not words but deeds



Concert Night for Refugees Outreach Program



Raffle Draw a Bonus for Concert Goers



*Sisters and Associates celebrate the amazing success
of the Concert night for the Refugees Outreach Program*

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Nano Play for the 300th Anniversary of Nano's Birth

Our Stephenville/Port au Port Area Associates wrote and presented their "Nano" stage play for the whole area Community in 2019. The script was written by Associate, Germaine White, inspired by our 300th Anniversary of Nano's Birth.

To all Presentation People

Nano Nagle – her story then – our story now, is the result of discussions our Port au Port Associates (Western NL) had about what we could do to make Venerable Nano known. When the Tercentenary year of her birth calendar arrived, I started writing all the information pertaining to our Province and as a result, my commitment as an Associate was made even greater. After checking into a few possibilities to have the Story told, Wanda Cook, Manager of the Arts and Culture Center Stephenville, Newfoundland and Labrador, offered to work with me to produce "the story."

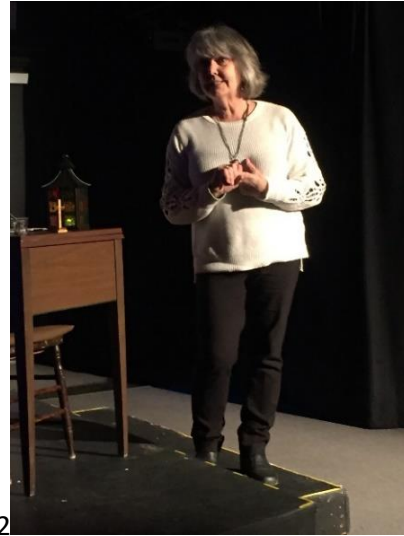
Our Associates all agreed to be part of it and with Sister Regina Quigley and Sister Ruth O'Reilly behind us, this is the result!! I know that Nano was and is with me. We will be looking at other ways to carry Nano's lantern into the future.

Our Venue was nearly full and we were shown great appreciation for our endeavours. The Associates told Nano's story and Our story. It was great to have a PowerPoint presentation with Bride Doyle speaking about each photo, including one of the four pioneers who arrived in St. John's Newfoundland in 1833. A series of nine drawings by Sister Marilyn Doyle were also shown. These hopefully will be made into a colouring book which children in Religious Education classes could use and learn about the amazing woman that Nano is. Our presentation ended on a great note when Nano entered and wrote a letter of encouragement to the Sisters and Friends of Nano.

~Submitted by Germaine White, Associate, May 2019



Eagerly awaiting the opening: "Let the Play begin!"



Welcome by Artistic Director,
Arts and Culture Centre



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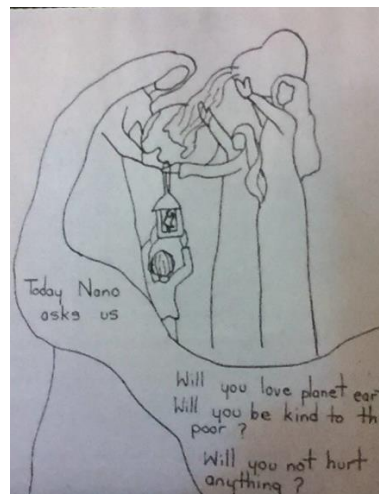
and unfolds ...



and Nano sends us forth anew



NL Tartan map ... Lantern beams on our shores



Nano Colouring Book In the making...



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Time to meet and greet afterwards ...



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Nano and her daughters 200 years later ...



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Nano ... welcoming and being welcomed ...



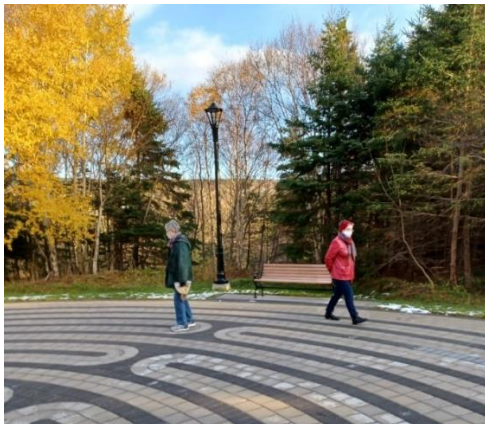
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Yes, it was lovely ... so happy to share our story!

Bowring Park Labyrinth Walk

“ ... live contemplatively ... walk lightly on the Earth ... witness prophetically ... ” CG2018

In a spirit of Being in Communion with our world leaders and all those around the world praying as one for the COP26 Climate Change talks happening in Glasgow, Scotland in November 2021, our Associates extended an open invitation to drop by, holding our Earth and all of life dear.



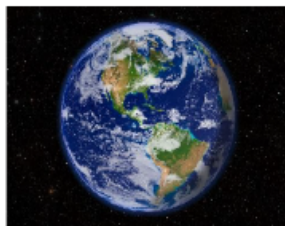
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Walking One with our Earth



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Holding space at the Centre for Cop26 - partnering in solidarity with our world



Prayer During COP 26

God, you uphold us always.

Free us from ignorance about your gifts of Creation

so we can relate to earth's rhythms with humility.

Inspire us to welcome the truth when scientists speak of climate change and death of species, rejecting false pathways designed to confuse.

Strengthen our resolve to respect life in all its forms, choosing 'to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently' as called for by

Pope Francis and faith leaders on pilgrimage to COP26, listening to the cries of the earth, the poor, and future generations. Help us to urge our politicians to take urgent action in negotiating sustainable living.

Ground all our thoughts in your revealing Scriptures and the wisdom of holy women and men who have gone before us to help grow a new creation promised in your Cosmic Son.

Give us a discerning spirit to work with the ecological and the human, the political and the economic realities of this world, and instil in us a spirit of respect, compassion and friendship able to imagine pathways of harmony.

Amen.

(Rev. Dr Charles Rue)