



December 2018

# Presentation Associate Newsletter

Newfoundland & Labrador



*Bright shone the star.  
Its glory rose in our hearts.  
What could we do but follow  
forsaking the known road  
for a path to mystery  
travelling beyond the dawn.*

*Raphael*



## Message Sister Betty Rae Lee



Dear Friends of Nano,

As the Tercentenary Celebrations of the Birth of Nano near an end, we remember the amazing journey of this special year highlighted by moments of pilgrimage where we celebrated our Celtic and congregational roots and walked in the footsteps of Nano, Catherine and Edmund. Buoyed by the inspiration of these graced people

we move towards celebrating the birth of Jesus, the itinerant preacher from Nazareth, and we notice similarities in the passion and care of Jesus and Nano for those kept poor.

As we honor the births in of Nano and Jesus in Ballygriffin and Bethlehem, we treasure our own special places of birth and the beginning of each one of our graced lives. Scottish author, William Barclay once wrote, "There are two great days in a person's life, the day you were born and the day you discover why." To keep discovering the why calls on the best of our pilgrim hearts.

*Christmas Blessings!*

## Parish Celebration of the 300th Anniversary of Nano Nagle's Birth



While the rain poured and the winds howled outside the Cathedral in Corner Brook, NL, on Nov. 3rd, 2018, Associate, Eileen Coombs held high the Lantern Flame in the Processional to the Altar, accompanied by the combined choirs singing in harmony "Something Which is Known". The celebrant, Bishop Peter Hundt,, spoke eloquently of Nano Nagle, challenging the Parish congregation to be lights for each other as Nano was for her people and her followers.

Included in the Mass program was a copy of three of Miriam Martin's hymns, a summary of Nano's life, and an overview of the congregation found on the Presentation Website. A Social followed, funded by the Knights of Columbus.

*Submitted by: Sister Kay Rex*

## Living the Dream of Nano Nagle



The Presentation Sisters and Associates are happy to have reached their goal of \$1000 for the Salvation Army Food Bank by knitting and selling Santa Claus hats. The cheque was presented Monday, Nov 19, 2018 to Major Donna

Hayward and Community Ministries Coordinator, Wanda Loader.

Photo left right: Sister Lorraine Pittman, Major Donna Hayward, Sister Margaret Mary Gosse, Wanda loader, John Barron and Barbara Barron. Missing from the photo, Stella and Riv Galway. *Submitted by: Barbara Barron - Gander Associate*

## Associates Taking Lead Role

In September 2018, the five Associates in Avondale took ownership of their group. They chose Barbara Murphy as their coordinator. This is the first group on the Island where there is no Sister present. The group took the initiative also to find a place for their gatherings. Conception Bay North Retreat House will be the home of our Associates to meet. Pauline Lake- Divine and Sister Ruth O'Reilly are journeying with the Associates to ease them into their new situation. The Associates wish to thank Sisters Patricia King and Betty Quinlan for their love and support over the years.

*Left to Right: Rita Keating, Barbara Murphy & Angela Duke.*



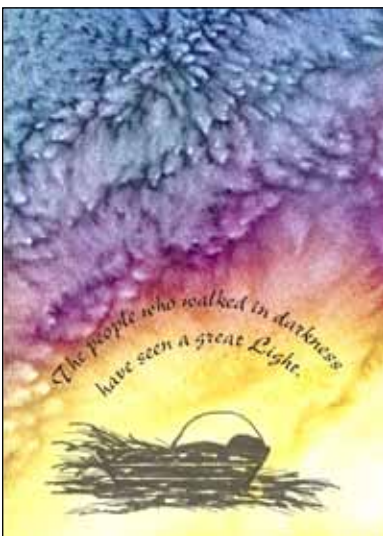
## Welcome



*Left to Right: Sister Ruth O'Reilly, Rita Keating, Barbara Murphy, Angela Duke, and Sister Annamary Andrews.*

Welcome again, Annamary and thanks for your presence and sharing at our meeting with our new persons and the Associates in Avondale. You gave us an experience of being a global community and your sharing spoke to our Oneness. Blessings on you and your ministry in Dominica.

*Ruth for Pauline and all our associates.*



## Business with a Difference



The Wise 50 Over 50 Award is presented to 50 courageous Canadian Entrepreneurs who began business after the age of 50 and are giving back to our communities through these businesses. Sharon Evans and Carmelita Morgan (Associates from Deer Lake) are recipients of this award. Congratulations Carmelita and Sharon.

## Christmas Greetings

As we remember Nano in a special way this year, we are invited to take our place in her Dream by becoming Light in the darkness of fear, ignorance and despair, Hope in the face of overpowering injustice and oppression. May our lives become a luminous presence inviting others to carry the light of Jesus forward. May we be people of light bringing peace and love to all the world. *Have a happy and blessed Christmas!*

*Pauline Lake-Divine, Bride Doyle, Stella Galway and Sister Ruth*





## *Celebrating the Tercentenary: Time to Retreat and Reflect on How to Share Nano's Legacy*



Sisters & Associates from Central NL attend Retreat



Sisters & Associates from Western NL attend Retreat



Sisters & Associates from Eastern NL attend Retreat

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Retreat facilitated by Anne Walsh,  
Redemptorist Associate

Christ our Light, Shine in our Hearts, Shine Through the Darkness. This in my own opinion, was the theme of our Retreats and the Charism of Nano Nagle. Reflecting on who was the first Light for us, to whom we have been Light, and what are the Dark alleyways in our midst, my post retreat thoughts are as follows: We never know what effect the smallest word, the littlest kindness or the smile we give to others bring into their lives or what conversion may take place and most times we don't need to know. Maybe the dark alleyways are the persons we meet who seem bright and cheerful, those in depression, a family in crisis, a teenager addicted to drugs, heavy financial debt or numerous other burdens. We can't see their darkness but if we nurture the Light of Christ in ourselves, that light will shine in the darkness and no matter how dark, the darkness will always seek the light, no matter how small.

*Submitted by, Barbara Murphy, Avondale Associate*

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*Newfoundland and Labrador Unit Ireland Pilgrimage*

The Unit Province of Presentation Sisters of Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) began their celebrations of this historic event at the Motherhouse in St. John's, Christmas Eve 2017 with a Prayer to unveil a special banner designed by three of the sisters. This banner depicts what a present day Nano would be like and how she would be in the modern world. A Calendar of Nano's life and Presentation history in NL, with a prayer booklet called Praying Our Journey, were received by all the Sisters and Associates.



In August 2018, a two week Pilgrimage to Ireland to visit historic sites depicting Nano's life, took place. The Sisters and Associates who attended, remarked that it was a journey of celebrating Nano's legacy, as well as a personal journey of renewal and commitment to her Charism.

Seana Lee, Associate from St. John's, NL reflected on her experience of the NL Ireland Pilgrimage, August 11th - 24th, 2018.

*"The exceptional organizational skills exhibited by the Presentation Team allowed us to ponder and internalize each phase of the grace-filled, life-giving journey. As we traveled the magnificent countryside and experienced the wonderful hospitality of the Irish Sisters, our hearts were full... we walked in Nano's steps, to where she ... worshipped and ministered. To be privileged to read her letters and to realize the impact she had in the growth of Presentation, touched me to the core and sparked a renewal of faith and energy. The Pilgrimage didn't end when we arrived back in St. John's, NL. The exhilarating energy of the group, the lasting memories and our deeper consciousness of the Divine will nudge us to take down our lanterns and fan the flame of our God given gifts to further Nano's charism wherever the Spirit leads us."*



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Retreats were held across the island focusing on Nano's Charism and emphasizing how to make her better known. The Sisters and Associates are presently reflecting ways to share the good news of her partnership with the Divine, and her covenant with Creation lived out in her passion for the poor.