



# Nano's Echo

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Newsletter of the International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission

THE TRANSFIGURATION 2015

**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 song my children sang when they were young has the chorus, "Surprise, Surprise, God is a surprise!" We can see God's hand at work in surprising places and people..... Recall the story of the man begging Nano's brother to get Nano to take his child into her school. Her secret was discovered when Joseph, as she described in a letter, 'came to his wife and me, laughing at the conceit of a man who thought I was in the situation of a school mistress. Then I owned up that I had set up a school.'

Life is full of surprises..... We need only to open ourselves to the possibility of the unexpected. The routine of life can dull our sense of awe.

Jesus' friends thought they knew what to expect from him. Were they in for a surprise!

**The Transfiguration** of the Lord can sound magical. Jesus goes up a mountain and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The Prophets Moses & Elijah appear and talk to him. And then it is all over and Jesus tells his disciples to say nothing.

Miss Nagle who had been driven in a carriage to the ball in Paris hid her light well.

Hold on to the absurdity of the incident. Why did it happen? Surely so that we could understand that Jesus is at once one of the prophets and that he is God, and lives

for all eternity in a blaze of dazzling and unapproachable light. The true miracle of the Transfiguration is surely the fact that for the rest of the time Jesus hid his glory so well.

We all know the story of the old beggar woman sitting in the corner of the shop in Cork, waiting for the owner to return to give her money for her schools. Miss Nagle who had been driven in a carriage to the ball in Paris hid her light well.



What was a significant experience of awe?



What stopped you and caught your attention?

Maria Owen (England)

## Our Mission



Our mission is to do justice in the way of Jesus, in union with the Presentation Congregation worldwide.

We do so in the context of family life or as single men and women,

committed to continuing the mission of Christ in today's world, after the example of Nano Nagle. We do so by building local communities, local cells committed to act for justice.

Our Mission has been taken from the Friends of Nano guidelines

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# Naming the Newsletter

Those of us who are parents know the great care taken when choosing a name for our children. Names are not only important but contain meaning. Many children are named after family members who came before them taking a pride in family tradition - acknowledging where the child has come from.

Large numbers of you e-mailed suggestions for the newsletter name and voted on the one you thought was important - that held meaning - that said something about where we have come from. **Nano's Echo** was the overwhelming favourite and some of you wrote to say why.

The following reflection was sent by **Ronel Hilado Sapu-An** from the Philippines and sums up what others said.

An echo is a reflection of sound waves. It is the voice that carries the authentic sound of the original source.

**Nano's echo** also spreads and lingers that way. Her echo calls us to respond to the calling to extend a helping hand, to share love to our brothers and sisters especially to those looking for refuge and healing; to care for all God's creation and to be an instrument to continue her mission.

**Nano's echo** reminds us that we have the mission to comfort for the world is crying. Her echo spreads to the four corners of the earth, connects and lingers to our hearts thus, we respond to her call.

## 'And the Lord added to their number' Acts 2:47

**Kathy Hogan** (Fargo, USA) sent this photo from a recent gathering. She reports, 'We had 51 Associates, 21 Sisters and 2 guests participate in our annual gathering. The youngest was our Junior Friend of Nano, Greg Ortmeier who is 17, and the oldest is Sister Petronilla who is in her mid 90's. It was a day full of joy, quiet reflection and great sharing of faith. We had associates receiving their 10, 15 and 25 year recognitions.'



Five new Associates make their commitment after a year of formation. Cindy Maritato, Tammy Campbell, Diane Hill, Mary Margaret Nelson, and Julie Wagner.



*It is His work and has not been affected by human means. —Nano Nagle*

## Laudato Si (Praised Be)

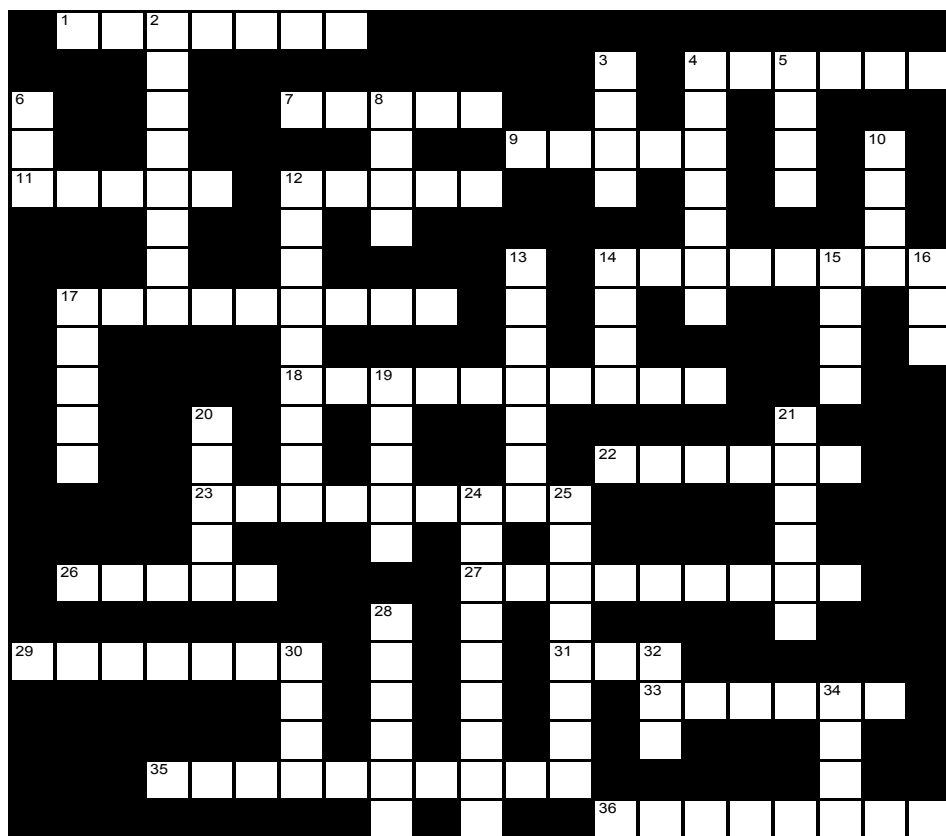
One of our Core Values is a **Covenant with the Divine**. A wonderful resource has been produced by Fr. Thomas Reese SJ who is a senior analyst for *National Catholic Reporter*. All the hard work is done! You may like to gather a group of people together and use it as a study guide.

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/425f1a9b301/6436b6da-cf50-4437-b98b-eea3ba3b9986.pdf>



# Nano's final days.

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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  
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and it will be sent to you.



## Across

1. Nano's limbs were so feeble she was obliged to use a .. stick. (7)
4. Nano requested to be buried with the poor in the .. cemetery. (6)
7. Nano still walked when the .. of her feet were very inflamed. (5)
9. Nano's .. had been inflamed for a long time. (5)
11. At Nano's deathbed there were .. professed sisters and three novices. (5)
12. Nano received the Last Sacraments .. hours before she died. (5)
14. Nano .. for her sisters and the Ursuline's in her will. (8)
17. On April 21 Nano suffered a haemorrhage at a friend's house where she had .. (9)
18. The month she died Nano told her sisters that she never .. being so strong. (10)
22. Nano was .. on 30 April, four days after her death. (6)
23. Nano repeatedly .. colds during her final winter. (9)
26. Nano's sister in law, Mrs David .. died in Bath in the same year as Nano. (5)
27. Nano passed eleven hours on Holy Thursday night before the Blessed .. (9)
29. Sister Angela .. succeeded Nano as leader. (7)
31. Nano did not tell the doctor she was .. when he visited one of the sisters. (3)
33. As Nano died her community implored her benediction and last .. (6)
35. When Nano was ill she never once .. (10)
36. Sister Elizabeth Bourke died before Nano and was buried in an .. grave. (8)

## Down

2. Nano was attended in her last moments by Fr .. Callanan. (8)
3. The Ursuline's interred .. in their cemetery. (4)
4. Nano read the .. three times at different schools the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week. (7)
5. The doctor ordered Nano to be blistered and .. (4)
6. On a very .. day Nano went as usual to all her schools. (3)
8. At her death Nano bade her sisters to .. one another. (4)
10. Some protestant's in Cork predicted Nano's name would resist the all-destructive hand of .. (4)
12. Nano appeared to lose all sense of bodily pain or .. (9)
13. Nano .. her sisters to call a doctor to attend her. (7)
14. The doctors hoped that God would spare her longer for the .. and distressed. (4)
15. Nano .. on Monday 26 April 1784. (4)
16. On the .. Nano died the *Hibernian Chronicle* noted her passing. (3)
17. Nano fasted every Wednesday and Friday on .. and water. (5)
19. Nano sent .. to three of her favourite children to pray for her recovery. (5)
20. Nano made her .. will the day before she died. (5)
21. Her little community assembled about her .. from her how to die. (6)
24. On her deathbed Nano appointed Fr Laurence Callanan executor of her last will and .. (9)
25. Nano's strength visibly .. the last twelve months of her life. (8)
28. Bishop .. said that Nano died in the odour of sanctity. (6)
30. Nano was seen to .. frequently in the streets to get a little strength. (4)
32. All but the final nine years of Nano's life were as a .. woman. (3)
34. News of the death of Nano got around the city of .. very quickly. (4)

Looking for answers?

They may all be found in the *Positio Book 1*  
Pages 408 - 426 at a convent near you.





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*How often have we  
seen her passing with  
steady composure  
through the rigours of  
every season to tend her  
little flock? How often  
have we seen her, after a  
well spent day, returning  
through the darkness of  
the night, dripping with  
rain, mingled in the  
bustling crowd, moving  
thoughtfully along by the  
faint glimmering of a  
wretched lantern,  
withholding from herself  
in this manner the  
necessaries of life to  
administer the comforts  
of it to others.*

Bishop William  
Coppinger, 1794



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*'What we would like to do is change the world  
to make it a little simpler for people  
to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do  
and we can change the world.  
We can throw our pebble in the pond  
and be confident that its ever widening circle  
will reach around the world.'*

Dorothy Day 1897—1980

Co-founder of Catholic Worker Movement



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