



Nano's Echo

Newsletter of the International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission

(A Spirit-led initiative of the International Congregation of Presentation Sisters (Union) which celebrates and promotes the charism of Nano Nagle in new and creative ways)

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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.

Nano's Echo is for everyone who may be interested in some of the content. Please share it far and wide.

Welcome to an expanded *Nano's Echo*. Do check out page three where you will be introduced to the **Nano Nagle Commission** and find out what they are all about.

A man sat reading near a lake. He noticed a beetle cling to a piece of wood. It seemed to have died. About three hours later, what he saw amazed him. The dead beetle's back cracked open and a beautiful dragonfly emerged. It hovered gracefully over the water, but the other beetles did not recognise it. The man picked up the hard shell left behind. It was like an empty tomb.

We can recognise the parallel between the water beetle and Jesus. Nailed to the Cross, he died, but he underwent an amazing transformation three days after his death when he rose again.

The body of Jesus that rose on Easter morn was totally different from the body of Jesus that was buried on Good Friday. It was a

glorified body. It was totally living and totally life giving.



Indian Nano Nagle Icon

We are all destined to share in the risen life of Jesus for all eternity with a transformed body like his own glorified body. Do

we believe in eternal life? Do we live our life of faith with the expectant hope that one day we will be there?

Besides the eternal life that is to come, there is another very joyful message that Easter Sunday proclaims. We do not have to die to share in the Risen life and the power of the Resurrection. We can do it right now!

Christ conquered all. **Nano** did too. **We** can also!



How did Nano experience resurrection after her many disappointments?



Do I trust and hope again, even after failure?



Do I share in the power of the Resurrection each time I wipe away the pain and tears of those around me?

Margaret Rosair (India)

We have a significant task ahead of us

The Congregational Leadership Team gave the International Presentation Lay Movement for mission (IPLMM) seven tasks. Task 7 is a big one:

Explore a name that will encompass all the levels of membership of this movement (Decision, CG 2012). The IPLMM team are starting the process of exploring a name by highlighting the idea of 'movement' (see page four).

What is a movement? How does a movement grow? There is a link to a



u-tube clip that we found helpful plus a few stories and thoughts to ponder.

Have you visited the new Nano Nagle Website yet? www.nanonagle.org



Spotlight on India

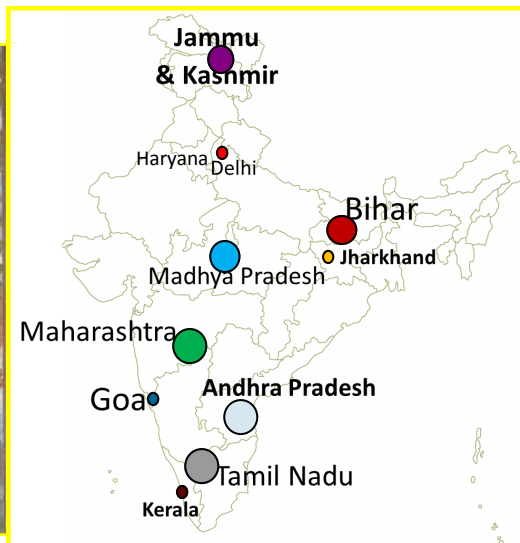
In February Margaret Rosair from Chennai, India, came to New Zealand as a member of the Nano Nagle Commission. When Friends of Nano gather in any corner of the world the conversation always turns to Presentation ministry and sharing stories of what is

happening in different places. Margaret had wonderful tales of a wide variety of ministries initiated and undertaken by Friends of Nano. Listen to Margaret as she shares some of them.

[Listen Here](#)

Margaret talks about who Friends of Nano are.

[Listen Here](#)



The International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission (IPLMM) team would love to hear what is happening where you are. We used a cell phone for the u-tube clips featured above. Short is best and under three minutes is excellent. A short report with a photo would be great as well. Send your video link or story and photos to any of the contacts on the back page.

PBVM Family in Lima (from an outsider)

Several years ago Sisi, Martha, Meche, and Julia from Lima, Peru, registered themselves as a business *Huarmy Huaytari* translated as Women Blossoming. They create original handcrafts and sell them overseas. They have been doing this on an informal basis for a number of years and, until now, been dependent on two Presentation Sisters to make it happen for them. Becoming independent and registered is a remarkable achievement and the fulfillment of a long held dream.



Some of the PBVM Family in Lima

Until recently the women have had other priorities. Over the past two decades they have struggled to gain legal title of their home and land - though it does not prevent them being moved on if the government wants the land for another purpose. They now have electricity, fresh water and sanitation. Earning a living is a challenge with many people seeking work with few jobs available and no social welfare. Medical treatment and medicines are not subsidized and out of reach for people on small incomes.

Sisi, Martha, Meche, Julia and many of their neighbours have overcome all these challenges and more. We have much to learn from those in developing countries about living simply - having more does not equate to happiness. We consume far more than our fair share of the worlds resources and seem to be constantly wanting more. A growing number of people in

the developed world are increasingly aware that we are living in an unsustainable way and unless we turn things around we are on a fast track to extinction.

Sisi, Martha, Meche, and Julia credit the Presentation Sisters with their many achievements including their success as international business women. The

Sisters moved in twenty years ago as neighbours and the relationship has been mutually life giving.

People are the same everywhere. We all strive to live well and in harmony with each other. We want the best for our children and to be able to educate, feed, clothe and house them. We all want productive work with fair wages and safe working conditions. We want to participate in decisions that affect our lives. Living in harmony with creation ensures our own survival and the survival of all life with whom we share the planet.

I am grateful to the Presentation Family in Lima for exposing me to your world and showing me what it is to be resilient. You are an inspiration to me and others. I am reminded of the saying, **'If you are coming to help us you are wasting your time. If you are coming because you know your liberation is bound up with ours, then let us work together'** (indigenous elder).

Mary-Ann Greaney (New Zealand)

Nano Nagle Commission



The Nano Nagle Commission's role is:

To facilitate creative ways of making Nano known, loved, and proclaimed as a woman for our time now in collaboration with our Sisters, Friends of Nano, Associates, Co-workers and students.

We have a special focus on promoting awareness of and animating activities for the celebration of Nano's 300th birthday in 2018.

We have recently completed an 11 day meeting in Mosgiel New Zealand during which we had a wonderful connection with the International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission Team.

We can assure you that Nano is alive and well in this part of the world!!! We hope that you followed our proceedings on Facebook:

[Check Facebook here](#)



Kia Ora

I am Veronica Casey and I am a Presentation Sister in New Zealand. For the past eight years I have been involved in Prison Ministry and often lean on Nano and her experiences of being involved in this area. In 2015 I was invited by CLT to be the Coordinator of the Nano Nagle Commission. I was humbled to be considered for this role.

We have recently completed an 11 day meeting in New Zealand and for part of it we shared with the IPLMM Commission which was a very enriching experience. I feel truly honoured and privileged to be in this role and each day I wonder again where the 'yes' is leading.

Nameste!

I am Margaret Rosair, from Chennai, South India. I am a mother, and grandmother. I have worked with the Presentation Sisters, as a teacher, in St. Joseph Anglo – Indian Secondary School, Perambur, Chennai. Here, I was formed in the Presentation Charism. But, I caught the spark of Nano Nagle, at the International Gathering for the Friends of Nano, 2011 in Ballygriffin, Ireland. I am currently working on a project with Cambridge University for the corporation school teachers in Chennai. Alongside this, I carry the flame of Nano wherever I am led!



Greetings everyone!

My name is Anne Lyons.

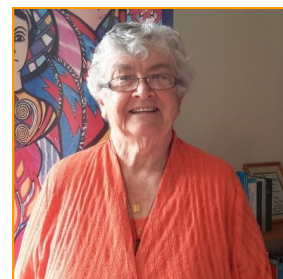
I was born in Thurles, Co. Tipperary, Ireland. I am a member of the North East Province of the Union of the Presentation Sisters. I have served the Congregation in the ministry of Teaching, School administration, Spirituality and in promoting an awareness of Nano Nagle, both in Ireland, Alabama (USA) and in Pakistan. Her life and vision is a source of deep inspiration to me. In 2015, the Congregational Leadership Team invited me to be a member of the International Nano Nagle Commission. With some trepidation but also hope, I said 'yes'!

I now work with three other members of the Nano Nagle Commission to continue to promote an awareness of Nano Nagle, in particular as we move towards the Tercentenary of her birth and also to invite people to continue to carry the flame of her great legacy into the future. It is an honour and a privilege to be part of this great enterprise.



Hello everyone,

My name is Betty-Rae Lee and I am a Presentation Sister from the Newfoundland and Labrador Province of the Union of the Presentation Sisters. I am presently ministering in Dominica, West Indies. I am pleased to serve on the Nano Nagle Commission, and to share Nano's Charism 'in any corner of Globe' in the response to the needs of Earth and those made poor.



We will share with you some of our ideas and how you can be involved in the celebrations in coming issues of *Nano's Echo*!!! Watch this space! In the meantime we would love to know how you see a vibrant devotion to Nano happening where you are or any suggestions you may have for promoting that devotion. We would also love to receive suggestions of any resources you find helpful in making Nano known or for prayer, retreats or school resources. You can send them to nanonaglecommission@gmail.com.

Exploring the idea of Movement

****IPLMM = International Lay Movement for Mission**

Movement is the act of changing physical location or position, or of having this changed: e.g. "a slight movement of the upper body"

So what is **A Movement**? A group of people working together to advance their shared ideas—like being a **Friend of Nano**



[Click here for a fun video that helps explain what a movement is!](#)

For a transcript of the clip click the option just below the video .

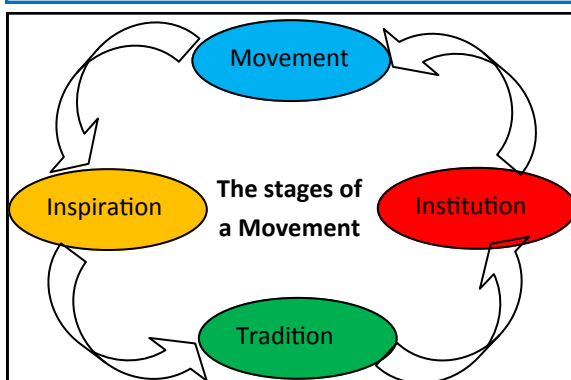
Fr Jerry Rosario SJ , known as the 'Barefoot Priest', works in South India with the Dalits (also known as 'The Untouchables'). In 2011 he was on the Facilitating Team for the Friends of Nano International Gathering held in Ballygriffin, Cork.

With his help the participants explored the concept of **Movement** and we will be sharing more of these ideas in future editions of Nano's Echo. Each pair of participants was asked to bring a symbol that represented how the spirit and charism of Nano lives on today across the globe:

The symbol from India was a bamboo flute - hollow and empty until the breath of the Spirit activates the reed hidden within, transforming it from hollowness to wholeness, from emptiness to fullness of life.

The Kiwi bird - from New Zealand - lays an egg three times its own weight: encouraging us to never allow our ambitions, as a Movement, to be restricted by our size!

If we have faith in God's providence, as Nano did, we will achieve so much more than we can imagine.....



Nano allowed life to speak to her and worked out a way to make her schools sustainable. This evolved during her life time. She must have wondered what would happen to her schools, the children, and the poor.....If she had waited for the 'big plan' perhaps it would never have happened. The need of the people made her brave.



Parolitas Outreach Project

with the Indigenous Peoples in Padiacuay,

Padiacuay is a rural countryside at the foot Mount Canlaon (the highest peak of the Visayas, Central Philippines).

Although this is good farming land, the community lives far from town making it difficult to access markets. There is no store and no electricity supply. When the children manage the long and difficult journey to school, they often arrive with nothing for their lunch. (Education is a fundamental human right and essential for the exercise of all other human rights. It promotes individual freedom and empowerment and yields important development benefits. Yet millions of children and adults remain deprived of educational opportunities, many as a result of poverty. UNESCO)

17 Parolitas, 2 volunteers and 2 Presentation Sisters decided to do something for these people. They travelled to the community and organised a simple Christmas Party. Playing games and sharing food they got to spend time listening to people's stories. The children also received gifts.

On their return the stories of the people and their experiences, remained with the Parolitas. They have plans to continue working with the indigenous people.

Among other ideas being considered are:

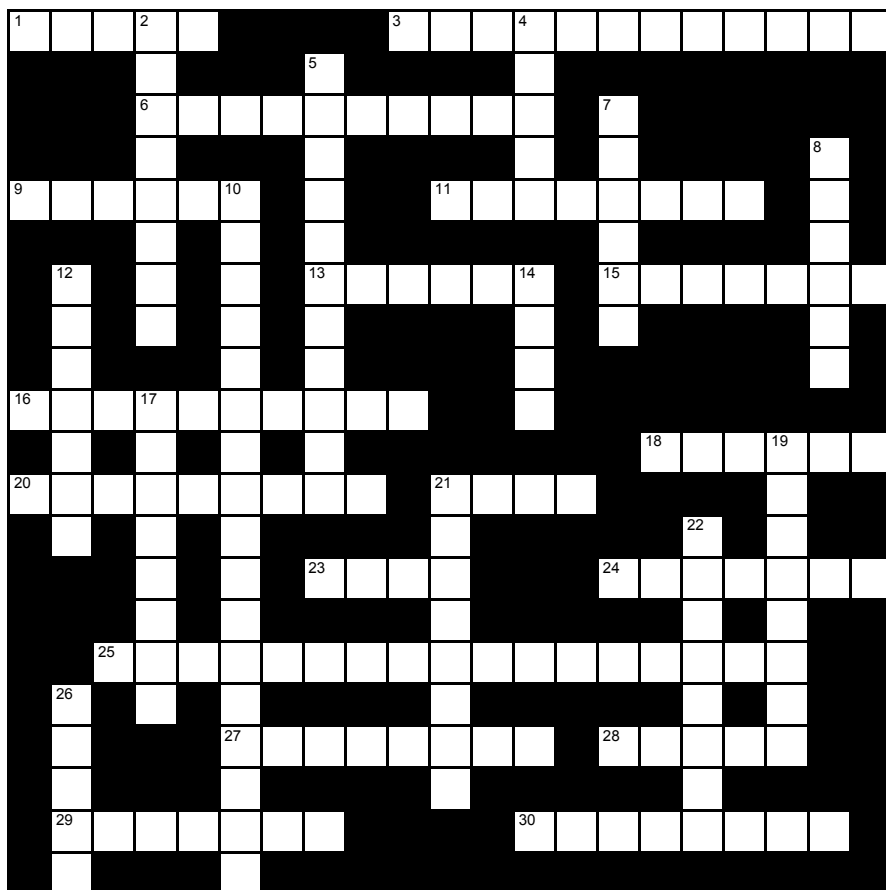
- ☒ installation of wooden trails on the mountains
- ☒ provision of solar energy
- ☒ school related supplies for the children
- ☒ helping the mothers to earn a livelihood

The Parolitas are Friends of Nano - they are following her example of reaching the poorest of people and providing for their basic needs. Education is a basic right. The Parolitas belong to a Movement for change

We are part of the Nano Movement!

**I wonder if Nano knew
what she had started?**

Significant PBVM Places



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.



Thanks to Maria Owen, England, for creating this crossword. It was inspired by Maria's research looking at

Task 1: Review the development the movement to date. You will see the results of this work in July.

Looking for help with the clues?

[Try Here](#)

[And Here](#)

Across

1. Irish Sisters arrived here in 1982 from New Zealand. (5)
3. A voyage of uncertainty led to this destination in 1829. (3,9)
6. First place in England to have a PBVM presence. (10)
9. In February 1960 four Irish Sisters arrived on this Island. (6)
11. A new Country that only came into being in 1993. (8)
13. In 1894 the mission expanded to... (6)
15. Four pioneering Sisters set sail for India in 1841, from where did they come? (7)
16. In 1895 the PBVM story began in this place. (10)
18. A foundation in England established in 1898. (6)
20. This Province in Ireland was established in January 2015. (5,4)
21. A Latin American country with a PBVM presence. (4)
23. The county and town where it all began. (4)
24. Where in Ireland did the Sisters first travel to England? (7)
25. Convent established in Cork in 1799. (5,12)
27. A joint mission came here in 1999 from the Philippines, Pakistan and India. (8)
28. The place where the PBVM family first 'landed' in New Zealand. (5)
29. The third foundation in England (1927). (7)
30. In 1949 this African Country was introduced to Nano's Charism. (8)

Down

2. A County in South West Ireland that shares its name with a humorous poem. (8)
4. In 2013 this PBVM family in North Dakota fused with the Union to become part of the United States Province. (5)
5. In 1981 the lantern was brought to the island of Cebu one of the central islands in this country. (11)
7. Nano enjoyed a social life in this country. (6)
8. A foundation in Ontario, Canada. (6)
10. The first PBVM Convent (1775). (5,12)
12. The PBVM family has two missions in this Latin American Country. (7)
14. Nano travelled to this Roman City in 1770 to visit her brothers David and Joseph. (4)
17. *Land of the Long White Cloud* where the PBVM family first arrived in 1951. (8)
19. The first PBVM convent and school in the Southern Hemisphere in 1866 was in ... (8)
21. This new Country came into being in 1947 but the PBVM lamp was already burning brightly. (8)
22. A Caribbean location linked with Newfoundland, Canada. (8)
26. This place has links with the PBVM Associates from England. (5)

The **Congregational Gathering 2012** calls us to continue to invite people to **carry the flame of Nano Nagle creatively into the future**

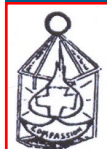
The **Congregational Gathering 2012** calls us to live sustainably, and to use our resources creatively for **the promotion of justice, peace and the integrity of creation**



Australia



England



India



SW Ireland



New Zealand



Philippines



USA

About emblems

In the left hand column are all the Associate /Friend of Nano emblems that the IPLMM team have been able to find. If yours is not shown we would love you to send a photo to any of the e-mail addresses at the bottom of the page. **As time goes by we may like to consider one emblem.**



Most Presentation Sisters wear the emblem (as shown) and are easy to identify regardless of where in the world they live. The Australian Society of Presentation Sisters have a different one but easily recognised in every State.

What is in a name?

At the recent meeting in New Zealand of the IPLMM and the Nano Nagle Commission it was wonderful for Sisters and Friends of Nano to share ideas from so many different countries. Margaret Rosair, who has already features in video clips on

page two is passionate about being called a **Friend of Nano.**

[Find out why here](#)

What do you like to be called? It would be good to hear from you about your 'name' and **what it means to you.** Have a think about it!

Christ is risen: The world below lies desolate

Christ is risen: The Spirits of evil are fallen

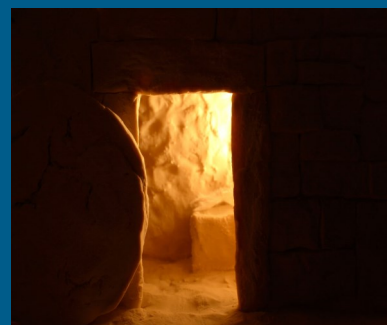
Christ is risen: The angels of God are rejoicing

Christ is risen: The tombs of the dead are empty

Christ is risen indeed from the dead,

The first of the sleepers, Glory and power are His forever.

St Hippolytus (AD 190-236)



IPA Direction Statement



As Presentation people impelled by the radical gospel of Jesus and on fire with the spirit of Nano, we consciously choose to be drawn more deeply into the mystery of God, the mystery of Oneness and the reality of people and Earth made poor. Energised by this evolving consciousness we engage in expansive partnerships that move us to personal and systemic transformation.



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