



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

PASSION SUNDAY 2017

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 Please share it far and wide.

Look for opportunities to participate in the Congregational Gathering Preparatory phase that has already started. Ask a Presentation sister what it is all about.

This reflection is about the spirit of Alonso, a 17 year old youth who passed away in May, 2016. "Alonso's Dream" was a workshop held by Friends of Nano (Las amigas de Nana) in August to create awareness about the environment, the care of our Mother Earth, and the love and concern of animals. Alonso cared about all these issues, setting an example for all of us to follow.

Alonso era un alumno que todo profesor desea tener no solo por sus competencias sino tambien por ser un niño sumamente consciente, reflexivo y critico con el ambiente que lo rodeaba. Siempre cuestionaba lo que no le parecia y reforzaba cada una de las ideas en las que creia. Sin duda, un líder innato que lograba a traves de su carácter

y su sentido de humor, cautivar a sus pares. Lo que más llamaba la atención es que era un estudiante integral, por lo



cual era común verlo participar en diferentes actividades relacionadas tanto en las Ciencias como con las humanidades. Difícil olvidar su gran talento por el arte y la música, disciplinas que defendía con fervor, he ahí la explicación de tantos frutos y sus planes de convertirse en un gran tatuador.

translation

Alonso was the student that every teacher likes to have, not only because of his abilities but because he was extremely conscientious, reflective and critical of all that went on around him. He always questioned everything that did not seem right to him and could always justify the ideas he believed in. Without doubt, he was a born leader who captivated his peers through his character and sense of humour.

What was most notable was that he was an integrated student so that it was normal to see him participating in different activities related as much to science as to the humanities. It is difficult to forget his great talent for art and music which he followed with great fervour. This explains so many of his achievements and his plans to become a great tattoo artist.

Many teachers feel frustrated to see so many young people who are disorientated and uninterested in what is happening in the world they live in. Alonso did not follow the norm. It gave me hope to sit and share a few words with him which made me feel that I was not in the presence of a child but of a visionary who often seemed to have clearer ideas than I had. To have been his teacher, to have had the opportunity to have a student like him was a gift in my life.

Yolanda Hormazabal (Chile)

Como profesores muchas sentimos frustración de ver a tantos jóvenes desorientados, sin mayor conciencia del entorno y el mundo en el cual vivimos, Alonso escapaba a la regla. Si había algo esperanzador era sentarse e intercambiar un par de palabras con él, muchas veces sentí que no estaba frente a un niño sino frente a un visionario que incluso podría tener más claridad que yo.

El haber sido su profesora, el haber tenido una oportunidad de tener un alumno como él ha sido un regalo de la vida. Sé que nuestras vidas se cruzaron para entregarnos amor, dentro del aula, y quizás en otros espacios, se pueda proyectar sus ideales, sus sueños, su visión del mundo.

Yolanda Hormazabal (Chile)



A tiny glimpse of Associates in Australia

Nagle Education Alliance Australia Student Leadership Conference

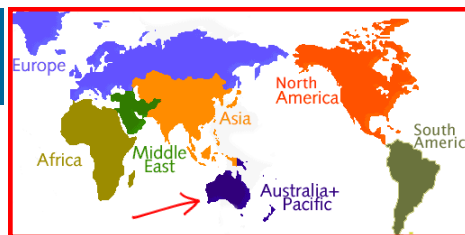
Today the dream of Nano is being born anew in our world with her lantern light of hope shining brightly in the lives and hearts of young people who are responding to the needs around them in the spirit of Nano.



Mrs Nevin Foster, Presentation Associate and Mary Bruggy, PBVM, Staff members of Trinity Catholic College Lismore NSW, accompanied five Year 10 students to the Conference in Melbourne. Around 100 students from Presentation Secondary Colleges across

Australia came together for three days to celebrate, dialogue, and listen and act on the theme, 'You're the Voice'. Participants were encouraged and enthused to take forward in their lives, Nano's message of justice, compassion, care of others and our world.

Mary Bruggy PBVM, Lismore



A display with 'Rural' stories of the land including a Quilt as part of a day on **Tomorrows Road: Pilgrims on a Listening Journey**. Participants reflection included **Embracing the land**.
Alison, Lockhart.

The Presentation Sisters first arrived in Australia in 1866

Some Capricorn Coast recent 'happenings'



Capricorn Coast (on the East Coast) Associates currently has thirty-two members, six of whom joined in 2016, and at every meeting we sometimes have several guests interested to learn more about the Presentation charism. We gather regularly and our prayer and formation is the highlight of our meetings. We also enjoy socializing, good food, and friendship. This is always a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Presentation charism in our lives and share with others. We are fortunate that a visiting Presentation Sister often attends our meetings. Every October one of our Associates hosts a BBQ on the beach – fellowship is an important component of our group. In November a small group of us does Christmas baking with St Ursula's College students, which are given to the elderly residents of a local retirement village. This is a great chance for outreach to the young women of the College, and we were also able to connect with the girls last year when we were invited to talk with many of them for their 'Women of Faith' workshop. We have several fundraising efforts throughout the year, including the sale of Peruvian goods, raffling a Christmas caked baked by Sr Andrea,

and sponsoring families at Christmas through St Vincent de Paul and donating a food hamper. This year and next will see several large events being held at St Ursula's College as it celebrates 100 years of Catholic education on the Capricorn Coast since the opening of the primary school by the Presentation Sisters in 1917. A combined Mass will be held on the grounds in July and the Associates are looking forward to hosting a dinner.

Erin Hutchinson, Capricorn Coast



Fellowship is an important part of every gathering

Wagga
Wagga

Thirty four Associates. The prayer wheel helps to keep us connected via email or telephone. Inspired by Nano, associates are involved in KAIROS Outside, Erin Earth, pastoral care for family and the elderly. Recent reflections include praying for our country, the people who inspire us, victims of domestic violence, youth work, awareness of mental health and depression. Like Nano, working with people on the margins. Carmel Walsh, Wagga Wagga

Nano Nagle Commission

It is hard to believe that it was just over a year ago that the Nano Nagle Commission and the International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission team met here in Dunedin for what was truly a time of awakening and stoking Nano's passion among all those whom we met and interacted with. So much has happened in the time since the gathering and now 2018 which seemed so far away is coming ever closer. And what a big year it will be, especially with the celebration of 300 years since Nano's birth. I wonder how many of us will still be remembered and talked about in 300 years' time!

How exciting for us all to be journeying together with Nano at this time and promoting Nano and uniting in our vision. We can all contribute to the success of the celebrations next year by making Nano known in our communities and work places and anywhere else we have the opportunity to do so. What a powerful story of hope to be shared and an example of what one person can do to change the world.

Do you know of any favours that have been granted through devotion to Nano or of any possible miracles? If so please let us know so they can be followed through. You may contact us on nanonaglecommission@pbvm.org

Letter writing campaign is still on

Have you written yours?
The pupils of St Peter
Chanel School in Green

Island New Zealand all wrote and they went to the Post Office to buy the stamps and personally posted the letters to Pope Francis. It was a very serious occasion. Click on the photo of the children posting the letter and read what two girls wrote. Isn't it amazing that this woman who started out in Cork all that time ago is so well known and loved in a little school 19,332 Kilometres away!



Please send letters directly to Pope Francis at:

His Holiness Pope Francis
Apostolic Palace
VATICAN CITY, 00120
ITALY



Many others have also written about how coming to know Nano has changed their lives in so many positive ways. A man who has spent more than 20 years in prison and remains there has come to know her and she has inspired him to donate one of his carvings to raise money for children to give them opportunities that he never had in the hope that they won't end up like him.

Some people say they don't know what to write. Just write as you would to anyone when you are trying to convince them of something. Share your own experiences of coming to know Nano and what she means in your life; your devotion to her and any favours big or small that she may have granted you.

There are some excellent suggestions to help you put together a letter to Pope Francis. Click on the Friends of Nano emblem to take you to the Advent 2016 *Nano's Echo* and go to page 3.



Take down your lantern from its niche
and go out!

You may not rest in firelight certainties,
Secure from drifting fog of doubt and fear.

You may not build yourself confining walls

And say: 'Thus far, and thus,
and thus far shall I walk,

And these things shall I do, and nothing more.'

Go out! For needs calls loudly in the winding lanes

And you must seek Christ there.

Your pilgrim heart

Shall urge you still one pace beyond,
And love shall be your lantern flame.

Sr Raphael Consedine pbvm, (Australia)

Click on the
image to join the
*Venerable Nano
Nagle - Bestow
Sainthood*
Face Book page.



Finding our 'umbrella' name

Over the past year we have been exploring a name that encompasses all levels of membership. We are looking for **a name that describes who we are as an international movement**. *You won't be required to give up your current name* but **over time** the new 'umbrella' name **may be added** to the name you currently use or replace it if that is what your group wants to do.

Gracias Bahut Shukria Salamat
Go raibh maith agat Thank you
for your participation



Your name suggestions

Expanding Waves of Nano

Flames of Nano

Friends of Nano

Friends of Nano in Pakistan

Global Ripples of Nano

Igniting Nano's Flame

International Movement of

Presentation Association

Cojourners (IMPAC)

Keeping Nano's Light Aflame

Lantern Beams

Lantern Bearers

Lantern Rays

Liseli ... Light

Lilato ... Love

Mirroring Nano

Nano A-beaming

Nano A-glow

Nano Awakening

Nano's Circle of Lights

Nano's Comrades

Nano's Family

Nano's Flame

Nano's Folks

Nano's Followers

Nano's Global Family

Nano's Legacy

Nano Lives on

Nano Marches on

Nano's Messengers

Nano's Partners

Nano's Rays

Nano's Sisterhood

Nano Lives on

Nano Marches on

Nano's Society

Nano's Spirit Aglow

Nano Today

Nano's Volunteers

Nano's Web

Presentation Lay Movement

Presenters of Nano

Presenting Nano

Promoters of Nano

Reflecting Nano

Re-memembering Nano

Ripples of Nano

Sishemo ... Mercy

Spreading the Message of Nano

Streams of Nano

The Lanterns

The Voice of Nano

Tumelo ... Faith

Universal Nano

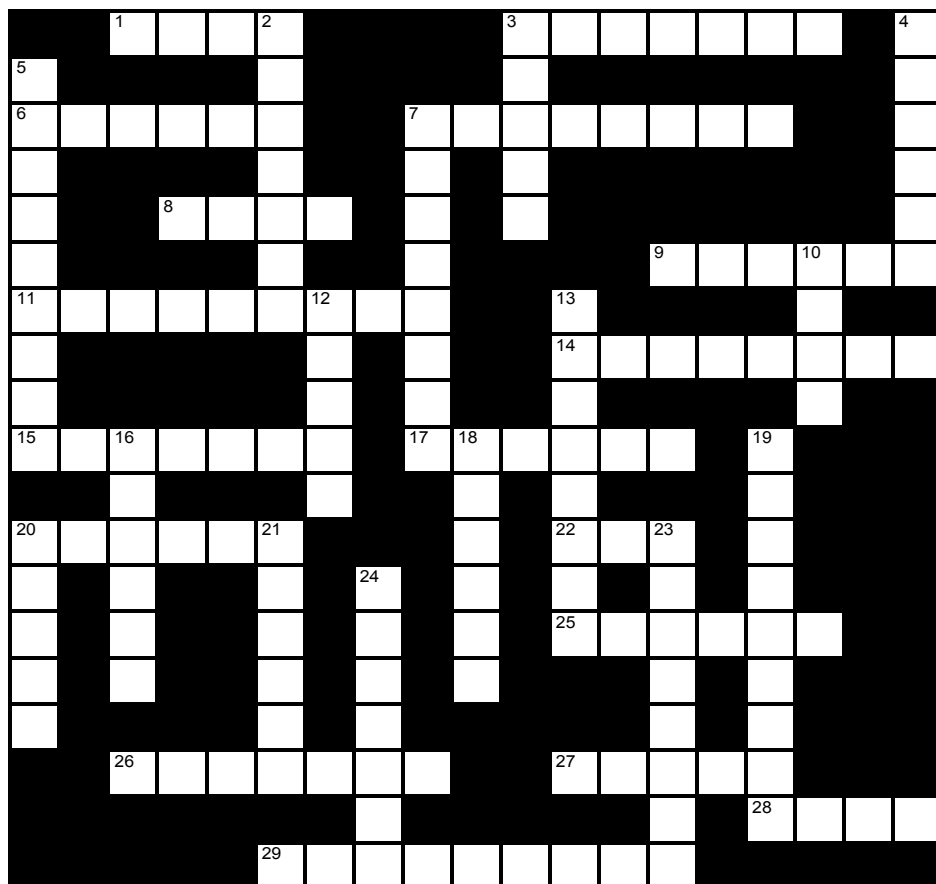
Voices of Nano

What next?

1. Where possible gather together with other members of the International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission.
2. From the names above cross out any that do not encompass all membership.
3. Create a shortlist of the names that best describe who we are as an international movement.
4. Using the process sent to your Unit Co-ordinator and Link Sister discern one name and explain why it could be adopted as an international umbrella name.
5. Send your suggestion and explanation to Mary-Ann, Maria, or Mildred (contact details on back page).



Understanding Contemplative Dialogue



Contemplative Dialogue (CD) has been chosen as the process to be used in the lead up to the 2018 Congregational Gathering. We are all invited to participate. The crossword will help us come to an understanding of how Contemplative Dialogue works and you may discover how you may use it within your own groups and parish life.

Find the answers by clicking on the image



If you would like the solution simply e-mail m.greaney@wn.catholic.org.nz and it will be sent to you.

Across

1. CD is founded in ... listening. (4)
3. We share ... using economy of words. (7)
6. CD allows for something new to ... (6)
7. We listen without ... what we are going to say. (8)
8. We make a space for those who have a different point of ... (4)
9. We are ... to a deeper presence when we are in conversation. (6)
11. CD helps think about questions that are ... to us. (9)
14. We address ... in the circle – not just one person. (8)
15. We let our thoughts emerge from the ... in-between. (7)
17. We say what ... matters. (6)
20. CD allows a higher kind of ... to emerge when we are in relationship together. (6)
22. We create a WE space where our focus is ... on the I. (3)
25. CD helps when we want to come to a ... direction forward. (6)
26. If you hear similarities between what you and another person thinks, ... that. (7)
27. We listen for new possibilities to ... (5)

28. The pace is ... so there will be times of silence. (4)
 29. Contemplative Dialogue is the process to be used in the lead up to the 2018 Congregational ... (9)
- ## Down
2. We are reverently ... to each other. (7)
 3. In CD we listen and ... on one another's thoughts. (5)
 4. Our words are ... vehicles of the Word. (6)
 5. CD helps when we want to discern significant ... (9)
 7. CD is a way of being ... (8)
 10. We ... at the person speaking. (4)
 12. Before and ... someone has spoken we return to inner silence. (5)
 13. We need the capacity to transcend "me," my thoughts and ... to become WE. (8)
 16. We intentionally ... for something new to emerge. (6)
 18. In CD no one is an ... (6)
 19. We offer ... wholeheartedly to creating communion. (9)
 20. In the silence we try to receive the impact of another's ... (5)
 21. We share what is arising in the present ... (6)
 23. In CD no one is ... dominating, or persuading. (8)
 24. We listen ... judgement. (7)

The 2018 Congregational Gathering has for its theme, **Nano Aflame! Stoking our Passion ... Becoming Fire ... Radiating Love!** Now, all who carry the flame of Nano that blazes with God's love are invited to continue the journey of taking a further pace beyond. (from the preparatory phase booklet)

How is the Presentation world structured?

There are three main groups, all of them have Friends of Nano or Associates. We are global citizens and have global responsibilities.



The Conference of Presentation Sisters established 1953

Canada, Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, USA



The Society of Presentation Sisters established 1958

Tasmania, Victoria, Wagga Wagga, Lismore, Western Australia, Queensland, Papua New Guinea.



The Union of Presentation Sisters established 1975

Antigua, Cambodia, Canada (Newfoundland and Labrador), Chile, Dominica, Ecuador, England, India, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Slovakia, Thailand, USA, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Presentations the world over are united as the International Presentation Association (IPA)



International Presentation Association established 1988

Formed by the Union of Presentation Sisters, the Conference of Presentation Sisters and the Society of Presentation Sisters, as a collaborative organisation. The purpose of IPA is to channel resources so that we can speak and act in partnership with others for global justice.

Click on any of the emblems to take you to their website
for more information and resources.



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