



# 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

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE JULY 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.**

**We are close to choosing an umbrella name for ourselves. See a summary on page 4 and the three most popular requests on this page.**

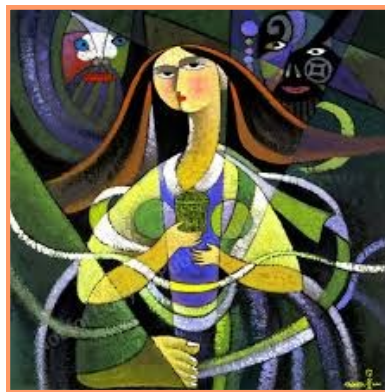
Mary Magdalene is one of the most important women mentioned in the New Testament. She was one of Jesus' closest followers and is thought by many to have been a woman of means who may have bankrolled his ministry. The Gospel tells us Mary of Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons. She stayed by Jesus at the foot of the cross, and after his death went to anoint his body for burial. All four Gospels agree that Mary was the first person to witness the Resurrection, and so she is called the 'apostle to the apostles'. She has often been confused with Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus) and also with the sinful woman in Luke 7 who washed Jesus' feet with her hair. Her feast day is July 22.

Like Mary Magdalene, what we need to encounter for ourselves is not only the healing that comes from being a follower of Christ - happy to stay on the road with him week by week and willing to stand at the cross of his suffering with others - but also to encounter the emptiness of those places and relationships where initially he

seems absent. We have to trust Jesus to reveal himself to us, not only in those places where we expect to find him,

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Mary Magdalene by He, Qi.  
from **Art in the Christian Tradition**

where perhaps we have given up looking for him. Mary Magdalene and Nano both trusted the Lord and followed him and him only. Both were called and loved by Jesus in all circumstances. They were full of love and compassion for others. Both had deep trust in Him and were faith disciples, called to be messengers of God. Both had a deep relationship with the Lord and were committed to him in good times and in their difficult times. They worked for the kingdom of the Lord and were a source of life to all with whom they came in contact. Mary Magdalene could be described as Nano was in the following lines:

*In the face of fear,  
she chose to be daring,  
In the face of anxiety,  
she chose to trust,  
In the face of impossibility,  
she chose to begin.*

Norris Nawab pbvm (Pakistan)



**Progress on the naming process**

**314** submitted their choice for a name that encompasses all levels of membership.

**193** people requested to be named **Friends of Nano**. The next most popular name was

**Lantern Bearers** with 25 requests then International Movement of Presentation Association Cojourners (**IMPAC**) 16 people.

# Associates living the dream in Newfoundland and Labrador

## A Retreat with a Difference!

The **East Coast Associate Relationship groups** gathered on April 29, 2017 at Virginia Water Retreat House to reflect on the theme, 'Nurturing the Call to live out Jesus' Dream of the Kin-dom and Nano's Dream'. After beginning with a guided meditation, we fully embraced a reflection on Jesus' Dream of the kin-dom using Sister Terry Abraham's 'A Paradigm Shift'. We were reminded and invited to re-create our story and invest in our New Story. 'The world has created a Global Economy. Now, we must globalize the concept of an open table of welcome to the weakest and the smallest. It is only then we usher in a new way of Being in Communion, where we walk One and become a Sacrament of Hope, beginning right where we are.'

To highlight Nano's dream, we were enriched by a special visit from 'Nano' who shared with us one of her letters to the sisters, helping us to reflect on how her dream is realized in all of us. The flow of energy was life-giving, nurturing and faith-filled deepening our Associate Relationship.

Joanne Hogan, St. John's



## Mary's Table

In collaboration with St. Vincent de Paul Society, our **Corner Brook associates** served 24 – 48 homeless with a hot meal on the 5 Fridays in March. China dishes and silverware were used and, once the meal was served, the volunteers sat and chatted with the guests. It was truly a Nano Nagle experience which will be repeated.

Kathleen Rex, pbvm



## Universal Union

**Presentation Associates of Port au Port, NL** have grown 'In Union' for 15 years. We have become Globally aware and are listening with our hearts. Each day we are challenged to be persons of Compassion and Love. The journey has enabled us to carry the flame of Nano's Charism in our little place in the Universe Story.

Germaine White



## Charism In-Deed

Nano's Charism is alive in Gander, NL. Associates and Presentation Sisters sponsored a concert called 'The Joy in Giving - Kids for Kids'. Gander school children and young adults performed to raise funds for Gander Academy Breakfast Program and Gander Refugee Outreach Organization for new Syrian citizens. The Sisters and Associates have previously partnered the local town by sponsoring a concert raising funds for refugees in Syria. As Nano said, 'Not Words but Deeds'.

Stella Galway

Thank you for the Retreat with a difference! The invitation to speak with 'Nano' made her words become so real, listening to her and seeing her sayings around the walls. How similar are the women in her 1775 community and the group today in 2017 - all wonderful people! This retreat nurtured my call. Nano is alive today! Her dream, Jesus' dream, lives on in each of us.

Bernadette Doherty, pbvm



# Nano Nagle Commission

## Seeds of Hope

What a time of uncertainty that we live in: political unrest and upheavals across the world, devastating storms, famine, discrimination and exclusion, barbaric acts of terrorism, church scandals ----- how easy it would be to become despondent by focussing on these negative happenings.

But next year is the Tercentenary of Nano's birth and we and the world has much to celebrate: Nano's is a legacy of HOPE and perhaps that is the message we need to focus on and celebrate as we share Nano's story through her life and ours. Nano's enduring message of hope was that she was confident her works would continue after she was gone: and so they have!

For a moment let us think of the signs of hope all around us: the sunrise after a storm, spring bursting through winter, snow-capped mountains against a clear blue sky, the sound of children's laughter and they go on! And the human acts of kindness and courage, the miracle stories from the children in India that they have written to Pope Francis about, the law student who has taken the Government to court for its inadequate action on climate change, the acts of bravery and kindness shown to people in the midst of the London and Manchester terrorist attacks.

Imagine if that was the focus of our media instead of the sensationalist and negative stories. We can begin to change that: it is said we have 17 seconds after an experience to decide our reaction. Why is it that the negative reactions and emotions are so easily and readily accessible?

We look at the life of Nano and she felt over-powered by the desperate situation that faced her: but rather than become despondent she listened with the ears of her heart and she courageously set about trying to relieve that despair. Her story lives on. There are many ways that Nano is alive today and has the same story of hope for our world that she had for the children in Cork so many years ago. You may like to view the following links to see some current Presentation ministries.



Try this link to discover what is happening today at Nano Nagle Place in Cork



This link will take you to two minutes of time well spent exploring the Lantern Project at Nano Nagle Place



More wonderful PBVM ministry in Newfoundland. Give yourself seven minutes to view

As said previously next year we will be celebrating Nano and all she is and has been and her enduring message to the world which is carried on through us and through all who will come after us. Last week at a local school one of the sisters was arriving to take the children for meditation. She was spotted arriving and the children raced excitedly into the classroom and announced to the teacher that Nano Nagle had come today

Let us pick up that excitement and take up that challenge and live with the hope that she did and carry her desire for a better world. What will we do with our 17 seconds?

Imagine the despair that Mary Magdalene experienced after that harrowing journey with Jesus to Calvary and seeing the stone over his tomb: but it was not to last: her despair turned to joy when she heard her name spoken in the garden.



# Towards our 'Umbrella' name...



In the process of exploring a name that encompasses all levels of membership, we have collected and published your suggestions.

In April 2017 we contacted the Co-ordinator and Link Sister for each Unit and asked that you meet together to discuss and choose from the list published, names that describe **who we are as an international movement**.

'I am a .....' or 'I belong to the .....



**The quest is for a name to communicate who we are.**

Some Units sent only one name.....

Other Units encouraged their individual Groups to send us their 'chosen' name....

Certain Units gathered responses from their Groups and submitted them.

**INDIA:** Friends of Nano - this name has been used in India since 2006

**PAKISTAN:** Nano's Flame & Friends of Nano - We are Nano's flame bringing others so that they will experience Nano's love and compassion in their lives especially to the poor and needy.

**PHILIPPINES:** Lantern Bearers & The Lanterns

We carry Nano's Light to others in need of our Presence; Time; Resources; Compassion and Prayers

**IRELAND:** Nano's Web & Friends of Nano & People of the Lantern & Nano's Global Family & Voices of Nano - one reason given:

we feel like friends after being part of the group.

It is welcoming and flexible and may encourage a wider membership.

**AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND:** Friends of Nano - The various

names were carefully 'looked up' in a dictionary before the decision was made.

**ENGLAND:** Friends of Nano & Lantern Bearers & Voice of Nano & Presentation Lay Movement & Nano's Society

Nano relied on her friends for help and now, we hope, relies on us

It sounds like we're part of a group with Nano at the head

**USA:** IMPAC (International Movement of Presentation Association Cojourners)

We sought an easily pronounceable AND meaningful acronym. We'd heard the term 'cojourner' used somewhere & feel we are on a journey with the sisters.

'IMPAC' is close to 'impact' - which the movement certainly has!

& Nano's Global Family - 'family' is a universal

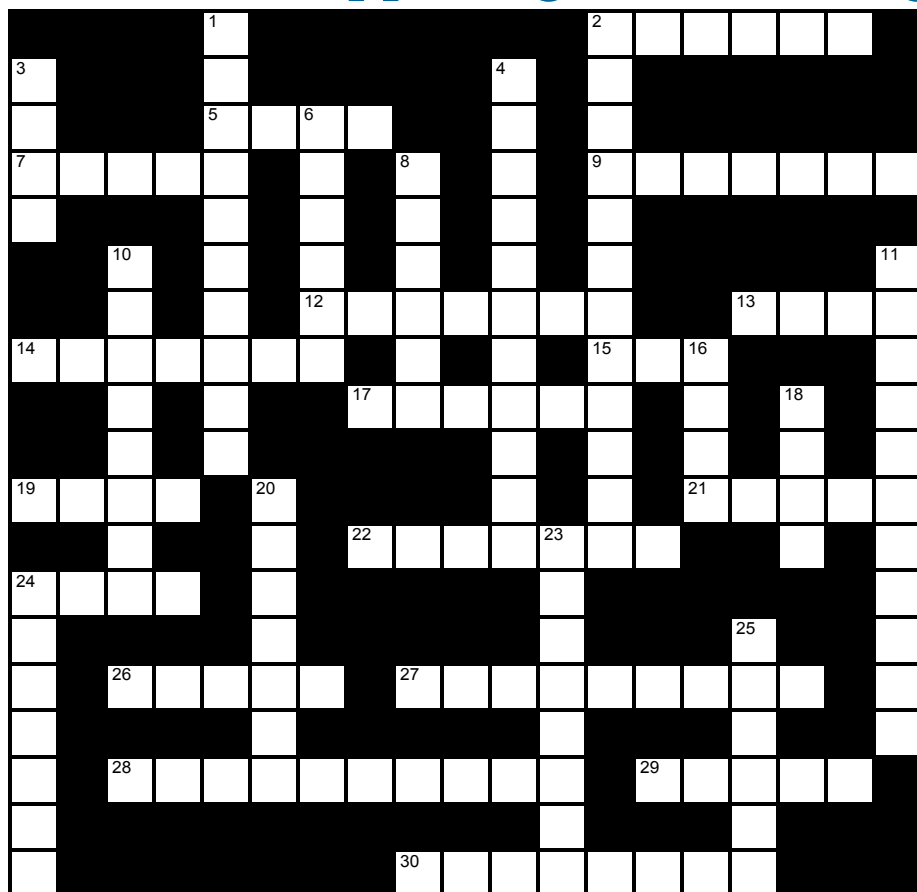
concept all cultures can relate to and they expressed 'family' as the feeling they experience at our gatherings.

& Presentation Lay Movement - connects us to the Presentation Sisters and the charism and describes that we are Lay people but part of a broader Presentation movement .

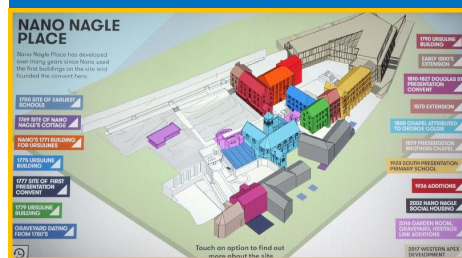
Members of the Indian International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission are overwhelmingly in support of our umbrella name being **Friends of Nano**. They have been using it for eleven years now and are very clear on why the name **Friends of Nano** resonates strongly with them. Margaret Rosair speaks on behalf of many in the following video recorded in 2016. Click on the image for the 2 minute clip.



# Happenings at Nano Nagle Place



The site of Nano's first convent in Cork has been redeveloped as an exciting hub of Presentation heritage and educational opportunities. **Nano Nagle Place** includes a variety of charities, peaceful gardens for reflection, café and much more. The answers to the crossword may be found in the links on page three.



Click the map to take you to NN Place

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

## Across

2. The new complex aims to bring ... together. (6)
5. The Lantern Project has a men's ... in centre. (4)
7. There is a creative ... for a Presentation heritage exhibition. (5)
9. There are some really ... videos. (7)
12. The Lantern ... operates from the new buildings. (7)
13. Nano ... in 1784. (4)
14. The ... and ideals of the Presentations' are embedded in the project. (7)
15. The Lantern Project includes a place where men can join an ... group. (3)
17. Landscaping works are ... completed. (6)
19. Nano founded the order in ... in 1775. (4)
21. The new centre is a major ... to tourism in Cork City. (5)
22. There are reflective ... and a café on the 3.5 acre development. (7)
24. A tour has been created for a ... audience. (4)
26. The Lantern Project provides a space where people can voice their ... for a better world. (5)
27. Nano Nagle Place will be a 'hot house' of ... (9)
28. People may explore the ... of the Presentations. (10)
29. People can ... to crochet at The Lantern Project. (5)
30. The exhibition includes maps and child ... activities. (8)

## Down

1. Cork at the time of Nano is easily ... (10)
2. The entire project was funded by the ... Sisters. (12)
3. The complex will ... a number of charities. (4)
4. Nano Nagle Place has been ... (11)
6. Cork Migrant Services will ... a space. (6)
8. The old convent and ... has been rebuilt. (6)
10. The Lantern Community Project is ... by the work of Nano. (8)
11. Nano Nagle Place has become a state-of-the-art ... and heritage facility. (11)
16. Nano's ... has been upgraded. (4)
18. Nano devoted her life to helping the ... (4)
20. The ... Project is located at Nano Nagle Place. (7)
23. The ... to the heritage centre is off Douglas Street. (8)
24. The Lantern Project has a ... group for men. (7)
25. The new complex was born out of a wish to create a ... project. (6)

The (2018 Congregational) Gathering calls us ... as a pilgrim people to a way of life, rooted in stillness, contemplation and **wonder at the unfolding mystery of God and of all God's creation**. (from the preparatory phase book)

**Being a pilgrim requires movement, activity and effort.**

The path to be taken involves risk, insecurity and being open to new things and unexpected encounters. A pilgrim is not one who simply moves from one place to another. He (she) knows where he (she) wants to go and has a finish-line that draws his (her) heart and tenaciously urges him (her) on. The destination of every Christian is God. (from the preparatory phase book)



**For Mary Magdalene: John 20: 1-18**

You knew it would make you wide open to pain  
 Yet you took the risk and gave up the heart of stone  
 for a heart of flesh that had no horizons;  
 so that when he taught you how to love  
 with a love that was like no other,  
 you saw his presence in everything.  
 A sparrow was like an angel  
 A stone was a gift from God.

You didn't know you would lose him.  
 How could you be prepared for that?  
 Your heart of flesh echoed the pain  
 of thorns and scourges and nails  
 and then the temple of your body  
 ripped in two as darkness descended.  
 He was gone, and your tears  
 fell on the ground outside the tomb.

You didn't know he had risen,  
 You didn't know he was behind you  
 until he said your name. Mary, he said,  
 Mary. As he always said your name.  
 And that's when you knew  
 that all your weeping and cries of pain  
 had been turned into a love song  
 for the world.

Joy Cowley

**Do you know who your local Co-ordinator and Link Sister are?** These are the people who will ensure you will be kept updated on available resources and our global context. If you don't know your local contact just email one of the team at the bottom of the page and you will be sent names and contact details.

TERCENTENARY

**Opportunities to do our own dreaming**

As we look forward to the 9th Congregational Gathering April - May 2018 we are offered a variety of ways to participate in the agenda. We may offer reflections and make suggestions on a way forward for the International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission (IPLMM).

A number of you have joined with others using contemplative dialogue 'The Heart of Presentation' as a way of sharing what truly matters as we reflect on the past and look forward to our future. You are encouraged to join the final conversation on 'Milestones of Grace' starting in September. You are encouraged to join the final conversation even if you have not participated in the first two themes.

During the month of January the great hope is that every member of the IPLMM - Friends of Nano, Associates, Parolitas, Amigas de la Nana Nagle and any interested person across the globe will come together in their local groups. We will have a 'listening' conversation about our own future that will be taken to the 2018 Congregational Gathering. Your local Coordinator will contact you with more details about how you may best participate. We pray that many will add their wisdom to create wonderful rich material for those who gather April/May to reflect on.

**of Nano Nagle**

Nano Nagle was born in 1718 - **next year we will be celebrating 300 years** since her birth. How can we celebrate? What is being planned locally and internationally? If you are not sure what is happening around this big celebration next year ask a Presentation Sister. You may like to ask how you may be involved - the celebration is for all of us. Have you written your letter to Pope Francis yet?



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