



Nano's Echo

Newsletter of the Friends of Nano

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.

A newsletter to connect everyone who is drawn to Nano Nagle.

A sharing of ideas and a deepening understanding of Nano and her impact in our lives - locally and globally.

Collaborating with Sr. Joan

Sister Joan O'Sullivan's partnership with the Divine reached fruition when her spirit passed from this world on Easter Saturday, after having actively promoted the evolution of the **Friends of Nano** when she was on the US Unit leadership team (2014-20) and then as our Link Sister (20-22). She was a woman of wisdom and vision who had a way of drawing you into her world from your first meeting. For me, that occurred when she addressed our group in 2015. The way she spoke of our partnership with the Divine and its interrelationship with creation and with Nano's passion for the poorest inspired me. So, when she asked me to be a link in the movement's network the following year, how could I refuse?

She seemed to possess an uncanny insight into one's potential for engagement in a new venture. That's how she hooked me. A pragmatic thinker, Sr. Joan was convinced of the need to establish structures that could guide the **Friends of Nano** into the future. We did accomplish that during her tenure by producing Unit Guidelines, a [Formation Program Outline](#) (link below), and

a [Formation Resource Handbook](#) (link below). Drawing on her spiritual enlightenment, Sr. Joan envisioned and defined the elements of the formation program -- all thematically linked by the Core Values. My job was to capture her vision through our few face-to-face meetings and numerous lengthy phone conversations and integrate it into our Unit documents. In many cases, this collaboration sparked contemplation and launched research into new fields of theology. Her goal was to create a structure that was not prescriptive, but allowed local groups to decide how to proceed within the guidelines by availing themselves of materials provided. Though not so adept at technology herself, Sr. Joan appreciated Zoom meetings as a tool for unifying our network. Unfortunately, she was not physically present for the one we had with Mary-Ann Greaney as our guest speaker in April. Throughout our comfortable partnership, Sr. Joan was consistently practical, encouraging, optimistic, and driven by faith. My personal spiritual life was reinvigorated by the ideas and feelings she shared with me.



Click on photo for tribute

Karen Sacre, US Unit Coordinator

Click picture (12.5 min)



Children at St Joseph's School, Upland California, planted a tree in Joan's honor during a prayer service to commemorate Earth Day.

Formation Program Outline



Formation Resource Handbook



Australia



Mary Franzmann PBVM is the leader of the Queensland Presentation Sisters in Australia. Mary spoke powerfully at the launch of the new formation resource

Keep the Lantern Burning.



Click on Mary's photo to hear a 7 minute video of her call to us all to preserve and reimagine the Presentation Charism. In the video Mary says, 'The time has come for Sisters to stand back and let the new emerge. The Sisters have done their best to pass on the Presentation Charism - now is the time for other Presentation People to continue that legacy'.

Ireland North East



News from
Scoil Chríost
Ri Portlaoise



Congratulations to Alla on winning the Nano Nagle Kindness Award.



The Team promote Nano's values and PBVM activities in their school community.



The Cairde (Friend) Nano Team set up by Ms. Byrne.

The Team set up a **Ukraine appeal** for those in need of supplies including clothes, food and hygiene products. Teachers and students were invited to bring in as many of these supplies as possible. Large quantities of supplies were collected and sent to the people in Ukraine. Donations were categorized, packaged and delivered by bus.



Contributed by Robyn O'Callaghan and Emily O'Driscoll



Students from Presentation Secondary School, Kilkenny



Read the Irish Times article to discover what the old Fethard Presentation Convent (Ireland) is being used for today.

In the background see a notice board for students to write messages of hope and support that shared a common wish for an end to the war in Ukraine. Students wore white clothing - the universal symbol of peace. Donations totalling €1,686 were raised by the school community as well as a food appeal and bake sale. Non-perishable food items were gathered to donate to various organisations for distribution in Ukraine and raising money for the Irish Red cross.

New Zealand



Friends of Nano gather for a garden party to remember Nano and the visit to her family in Bath in 1770.

Some participants wore period costumes and most walked the Nano labyrinth. Afternoon tea replicated fare that Nano was likely to have enjoyed while visiting her wealthy family and highlighted the life she left behind to pour her energy and money into the most disadvantaged of her time.

Contributed by Mary-Ann Greaney

North India



Friends of Nano from the Srinagar Unit, Kashmir, reach out and lend a helping hand to alleviate the pain and suffering at the leper colony and Darul Uloom (a home for underprivileged children).



Grace before food

From air and soil
from bees and sun,
from others' toil
my bread is won.

And when I bite,
the soil, the air,
the bees and light
are all still there.

So, I must think
each day afresh
how food and drink
become my flesh.

And then I'll see
the air, the sun,
the earth, the bee
and me – all one.

by Anna Primavesi



Contributed by Dhira Madan

Papua New Guinea

I was in prison and you visited me (Matthew 25:36).



Friends of Nano
support Korina
PBVM doing
prison visitation.



Serving food for the prisoners and police

Daily visits are made to clean the cells at the police station and bring the inmates some basics: cold water, soap, biscuits, and toilet tissue. **Friends of Nano** with Korina PBVM prepare the liturgy for Eucharist and all celebrate together followed by hot food and drink shared with prisoners and police officers alike. The inmates and the police are very happy with the delicious food, the cleaning, and visits and express gratitude to the **Friends of Nano** and Korina for their generosity.



Contributed by Jacinta Garry

Three resources - click on picture



Download the booklet. Would be great for online or face-to-face reflection.



View the recording (2 hours). *Making Uncomfortable Conversations Comfortable. Gender Stereotypes and Domestic Violence in India, United States and Zimbabwe.*



New IPA website
globalpres.org

Philippines



Parolitas (**Friends of Nano**) were delighted to meet with Anne McDermott PBVM from the Congregational Leadership Team (CLT). The Parolitas are grateful for the support they receive from the Sisters and have come to understand how they live as one community helping those on the margins, caring for the earth and the environment.



Anne McDermott is our main contact with the CLT and greatly encouraging of all we undertake. Ariel Solina (in black, next to Anne) was delighted to reconnect with Anne as they had been in an International Zoom breakout group shortly before Anne's visit. The Parolitas and Anne had conversations around how **Friends of Nano** can collaborate with the Sisters and other **Friends of Nano** worldwide. It was a wonderful encounter.

Contributed by Ariel Solina

USA



The Presentation Learning Center in Watts, California, held their annual spring Fashion Show after the pandemic hiatus.



As part of the Interfaith Welcome Coalition, **Friends of Nano** help immigrants on their journey through San Antonio, Texas.



The Social Justice Collaborative in Fargo, North Dakota, has been involved in numerous events supporting indigenous people's suffering, especially due to the tragic legacy of the Native American Boarding Schools.

Contributed by Karen Sacre

A celebration of Nano Nagle Place

We rejoice with all those who contributed to Nano Nagle Place being named winner of the **2022 Council of Europe Museum prize.**

Most of us will not have the opportunity to visit this sacred place where Nano made her first steps in what was to become a world wide movement. Dipping into the short videos enables us to gain a 'taste' of what is on offer.



Walk around Nano Nagle Place with the virtual architecture tour (3 min).



An introduction to Nano and her work (6 min).



Nano's walking stick (2 min).



Enjoy an online exhibition from Nano Nagle Place: 'Small lives - At home in Cork 1920'. As in all good museums, the exhibits change from time to time and more is added; so keep an eye on the website.

A treat for young Nano fans



There are wonderful resources that are produced in Presentation Schools in many parts of the world. The link on the left was discovered on the website of St Mary's School in Lucan, Dublin. The artwork is delightful and the vimeo (3 min) will be enjoyed by young and old alike.

Meet a woman whose love was stronger than the viciousness, injustice, greed, and violence that swamped her city and nation. ... a woman of indomitable courage, native shrewdness, and indefatigable zeal for her faith. Unbounded compassion, radical creativity, challenging the brutal power of her people's oppressors she spent her life on the razor's edge of danger. (author unknown)

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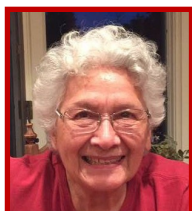
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