

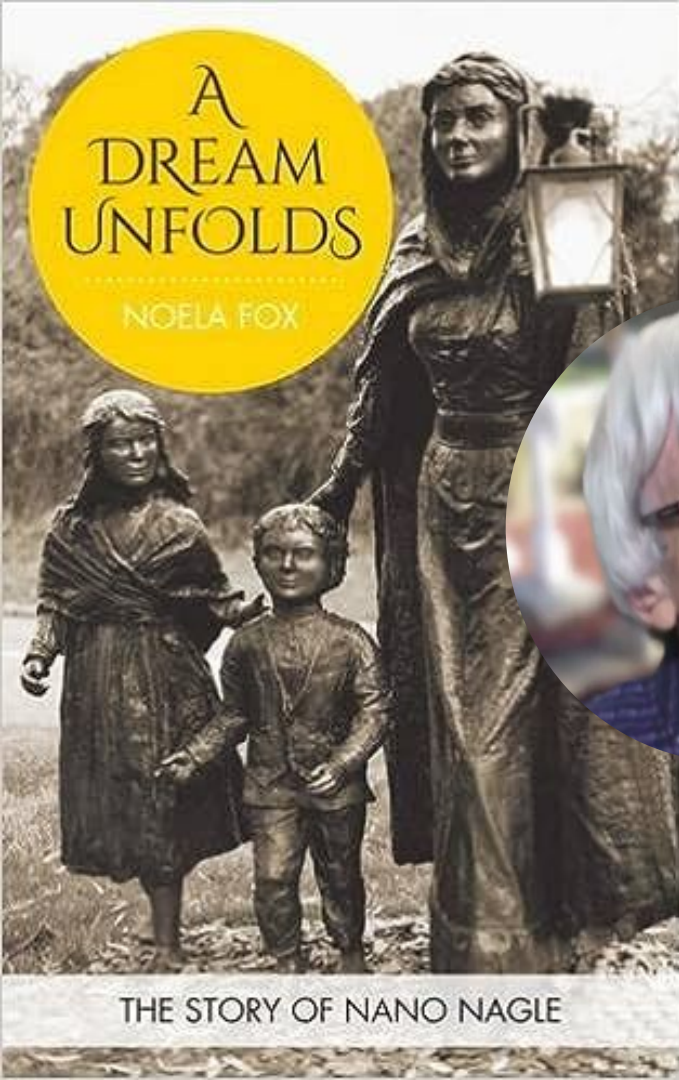


Keeping the Dream Alive

Amelia Bright - Mater Dei Catholic College 2023

A DREAM UNFOLDS

NOELA FOX



THE STORY OF NANO NAGLE

Custodians of the Dream

Sr Noela Fox PBVM, Author of *A Dream Unfolds* (2016, Columba Press - Ireland).

"An Ordinary Irish woman with an Extraordinary Vision."



A Dream Unfolds recounts the true story of Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters. Combining accurate historical detail with fiction, in a moving testimony to both Nano Nagle's life's work and the woman herself. We encounter the qualities that make her such a remarkable and trailblazing figure in Irish history: her strength, audaciousness, prudence, compassion, persistence and, above all, her unshakable conviction that God would bring her dream to fruition.

A Visionary

Just like Martin Luther King, Jr. centuries before, Nano had a dream!

There is no question that Nano was quite the visionary. The breadth of her cause spanned Ireland and reached the most vulnerable around the world.

Nano harnessed the strength of the spirit, trusting that 'her schools' would be a catalyst of social change, in service to her greater mission.

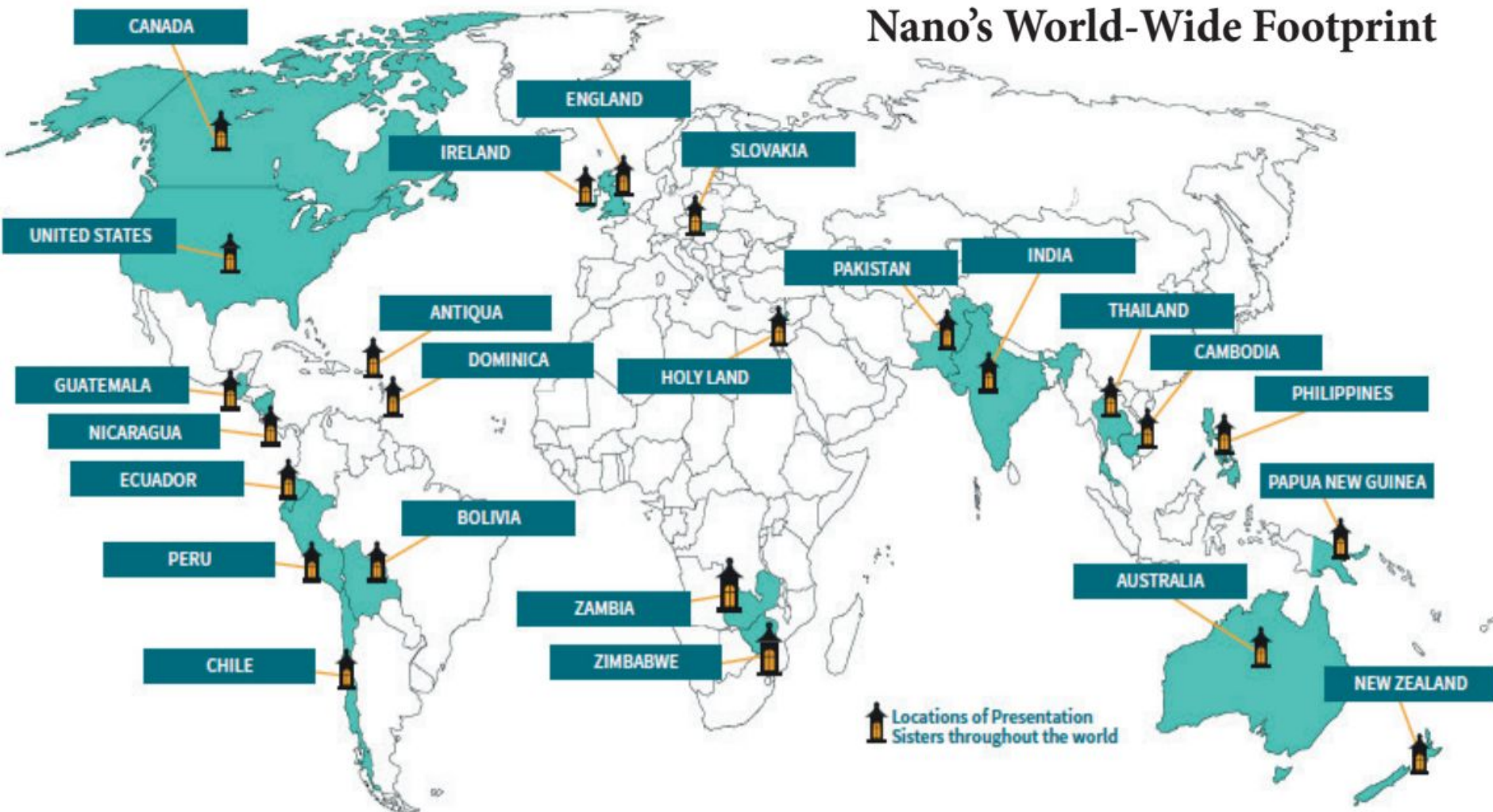
And so, her dream unfolds....



*I can
assure you
my schools are
beginning to be
of service
to a great
many parts
of the
world.*

NANO NAGLE

Nano's World-Wide Footprint



A Visionary

Nano's vision was not narrow – it was as broad as the Universe:

"My views are not for one object alone. If I could be of any service in saving souls in any part of the world. I would willingly do all in my power".

(Nano's Letter to Miss Fitzsimons)

Our challenge, is to illuminate Nano's 'Dream' in our time and context. It is both a enormous privilege and challenging responsibility be emboldened with this mission.



The Living Legacy of Nano Continues

You are one of Nano's Dream Catchers

How do you see your
role in continuing
Nano's Dream?

'Architechs of a Presentation future'

'Nano Ambassadors'

'Holders of the Lantern'



All in my power

Nano was engaged in a divine project and she had the faithful conviction that her work would prosper. Through this work, we are all engaged in her 'Dream'.

The phrase "*all in my power*" occurs at least ten times in Nano's Letters.

An unrelenting spirit, with a bold sense of self. A risk taker with the passion to see her school's succeed.

Nano found herself in the midst of a self-fulfilling prophecy. Trusting in the 'power of the Almighty' enabled her Dream.



Our moment

- Three centuries on, and we find ourselves in the midst of our very own challenging moment in human history.
- Like us, Nano found herself perplexed, frazzled, overwhelmed with her workload, disappointed in Church leaders and isolated, at times, in her own mission.
- Nano found and nurtured many companions as trusted friends and willing sisters to join her and sustain her in her life's work. So too must we!



Creative and Courageous

Nano was creative and courageous in reading the call of God to her, through her experience.

In the plight of the poor, education of the vulnerable and advocacy for the powerless of her time, she heard and responded to the call of God.

We, inspired by her example and her spirit are called to be no less creative, no less courageous and no less discerning in our time and place.



Mission in Context

“Evangelisation loses much of its force and effectiveness if it does not take into consideration the actual people to whom it addresses, if it does not use **their language, their signs and symbols**, if it does not **answer the questions they ask**, and if it does not have an **impact on their concrete life.**”

(Pope Paul VI, 1975, p. 63. Evangelii Nuntiandi)





It's
all
about
making
and
sustaining
connections!

Presentation Values

Nano's living charism is always at the service of her mission; the realisation of her dream.

Presentation values can guide us:

- Prayer and reflection: be still and listen
- Education: being innovative and creative, inspiring life-long learning
- Justice: enabling the dignity of humanity and all of creation
- Hospitality: having open hearts, being welcoming of all people from all faiths
- Compassion: striving to take special care of the most vulnerable in our society





Presentation Symbols

I invite you to share with each other, the symbols you have used to convey...

- A Presentation value
- The Story of Nano Nagle
- Our Presentation Mission,
in your school, today

How have these been received?

Presentation Symbols and Imagery









Sella Bennett KCC 2022 - Winner of Terry Kennedy Nagle Award - Secondary 2022



Gypsy McDonnell MDCC 2022 - Finalist of Winner of Terry Kennedy Nagle Award



Love one another as
you have hitherto
done, -Nano Nagle

Thomas Love MDCC 2022 - Finalist of Terry Kennedy Nagle Award



Charlotte Mutton, St Joseph's Primary Wagga Wagga - Winner of Terry Kennedy Nagle Award - Primary 2022

**Mural at Mater
Dei Catholic
College
Painted 2021**



**Mural
at St
Mary's
Hobart**





**Mary -
Painted
by MDCC
Staff**

**Nano and
Children
- Painted
by MDCC
Students
2021**





The Presentation of Mary in the Temple - Lady of the Lantern Song Title Cover by TJ Manning

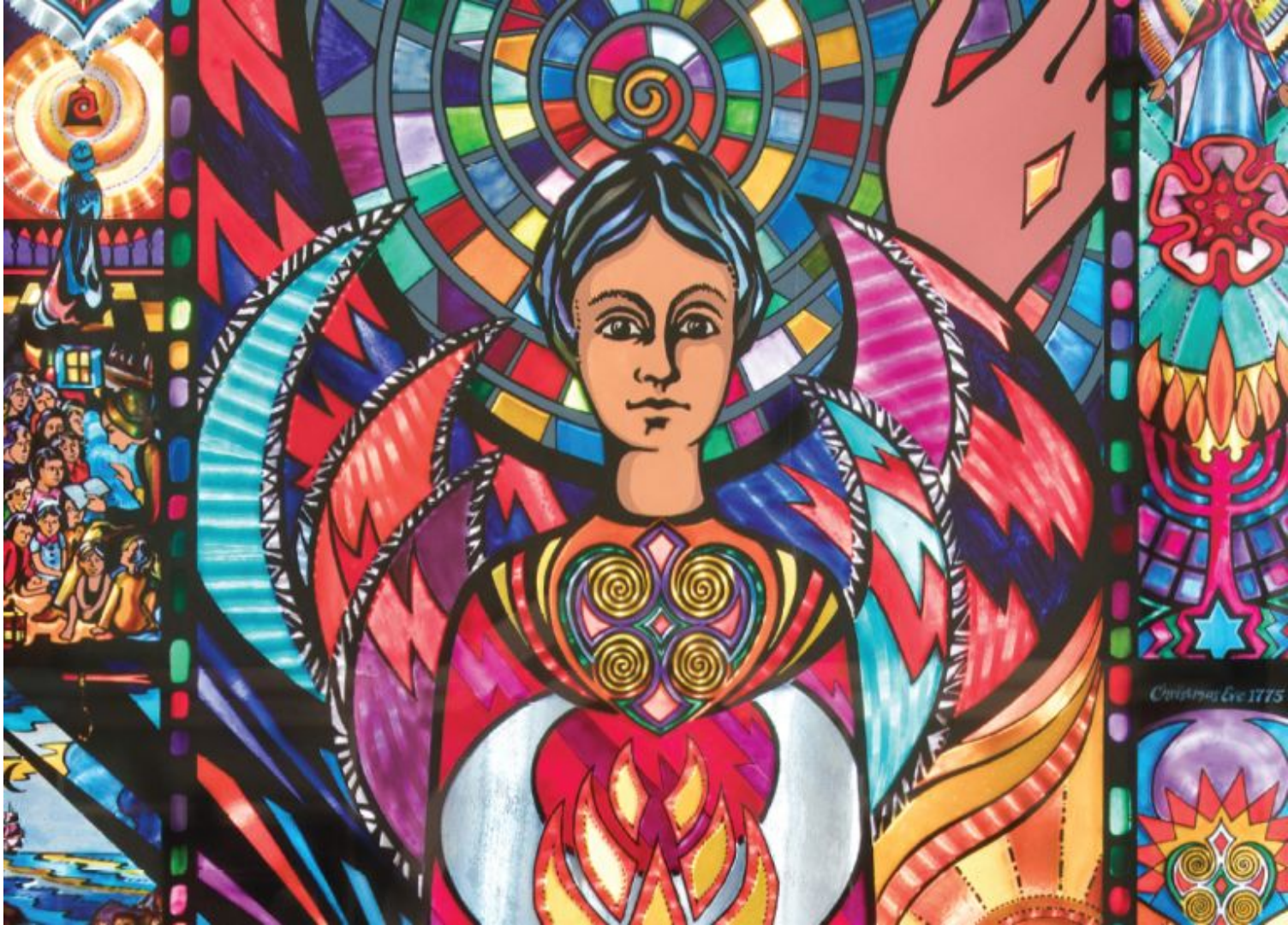


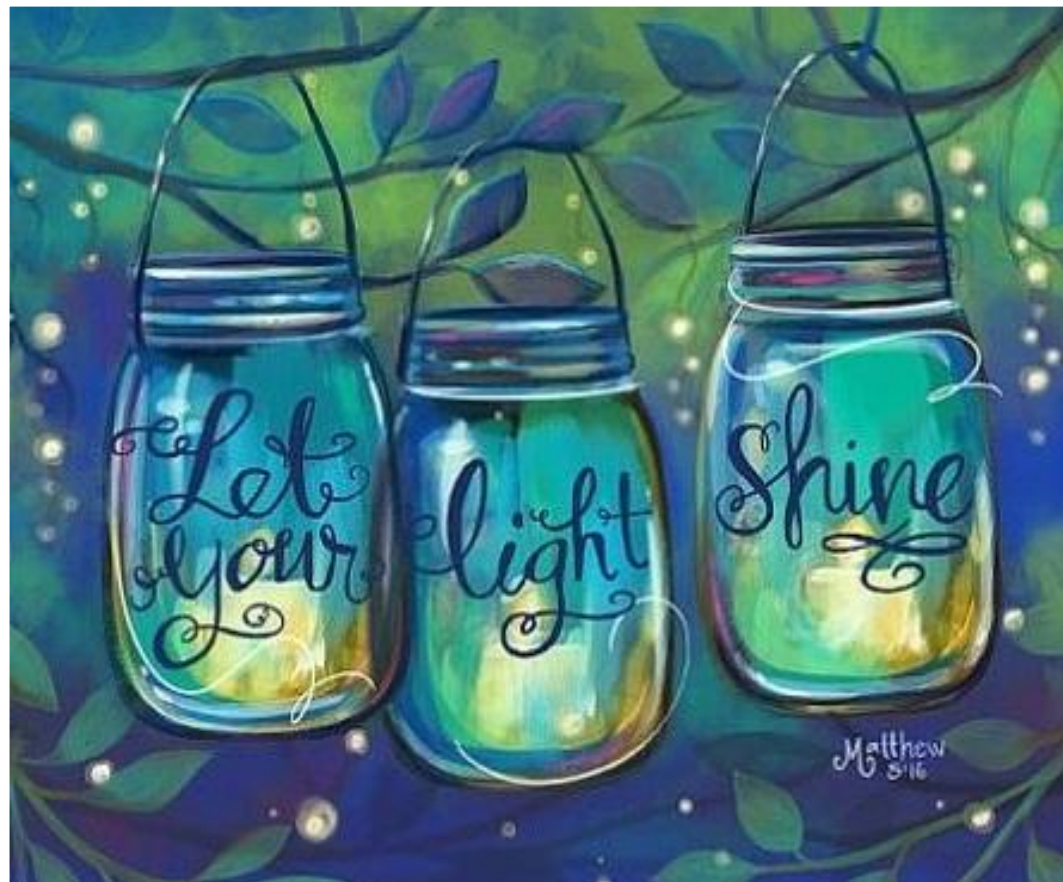
**Venerable
Nano Nagle**

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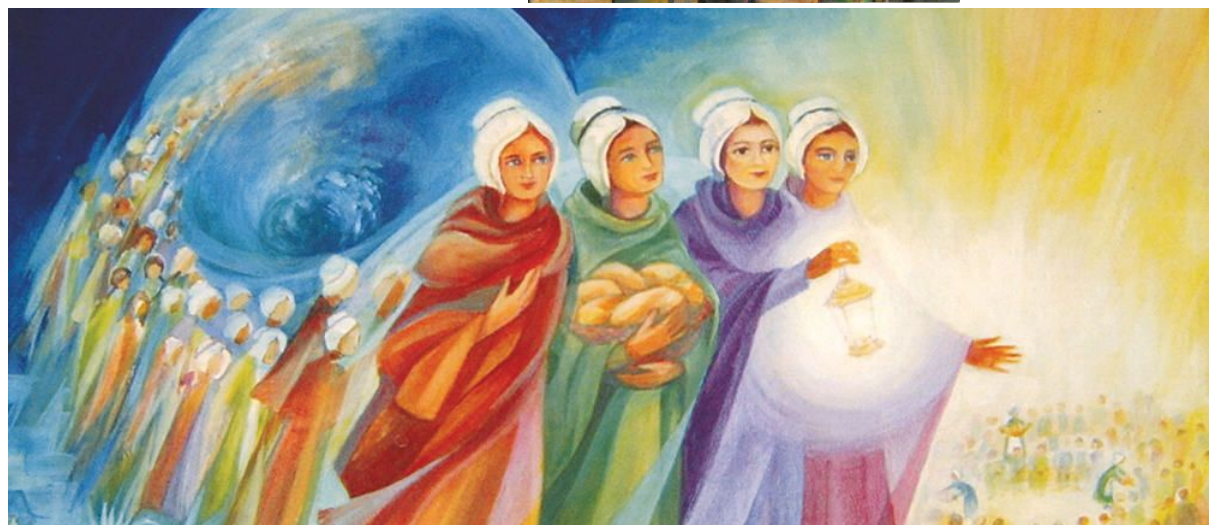
**International
Presentation
Association
Website**

<https://globalpres.org/nano-nagle/>









Songs of Celebration

A beautiful way to continue to share and celebrate the spirit of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters is through music and song.

Share with each other some of your favourite songs to use in Prayer and Liturgy...



Songs of Celebration

Light To Our Path - Amara Primero (NEAA)

Nano's Song - Chris Skinner (IPA)

Lanterns - Birds of Tokyo

One Step Beyond - Liam Lawton

Lady of the Lantern - TJ Manning

Nano Aflame - For Union of Presentation Sisters.

Amazing Grace - Celtic Woman

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman - Carey Landry

We Gather in Love, I Send You Out, There's a Presence, I
Believe Because You Loved Me, I Wanna Offer Love -
John Angotti

Christ be our Light - Bernadette Farrell

Gather Us In - Marty Haugen



Living as Presentation People Today

