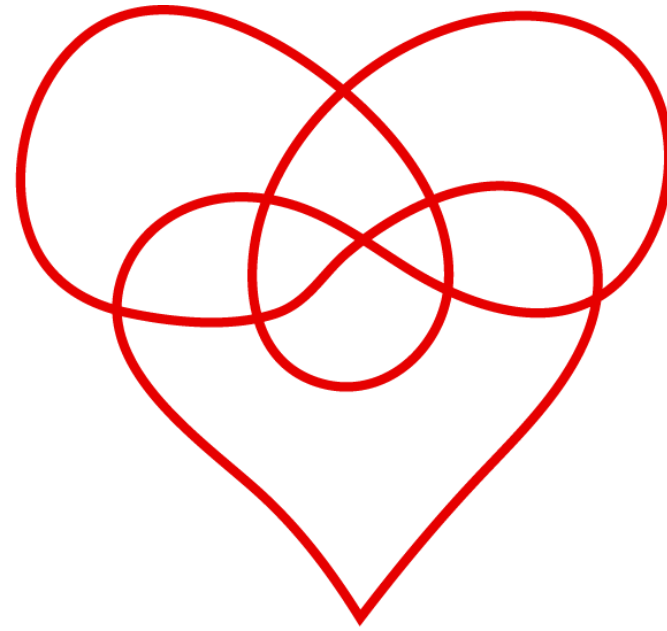


*Lighting the
Lantern
Flame:
Keeping Nano's
legacy alive
through
Liturgy, Prayer
and Symbol*

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NAGLE EDUCATION
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Nano Nagle Prayer

Lord God,

You raise up people from age to age to speak anew Your Word to us and to show us Your ways. Such is Nano Nagle. In days when courage is needed, You give us this woman of strength, to walk before us with conviction. In days of great change, You present us with a prophet whose faith is firm. As the light of her lantern brought hope into the lives made wretched by poverty and oppression, so may she inspire us to compassionate action, for those in need around us.

Amen.

Overview of today's presentation

- Exploring the notion of legacy through faith
- Our Mission as Presentation People
- Knowing Jesus and Knowing Nano
- Understanding Heart Spirituality and Temple Spirituality
- Exploring the use of Presentation-specific language in Liturgy and Prayer
- Exploring the use of Presentation-specific symbols in Liturgy and Prayer
- Outlining examples of how Nano Nagle's legacy is kept alive through Liturgy, Prayer and Symbol at Iona Presentation College
- Questions

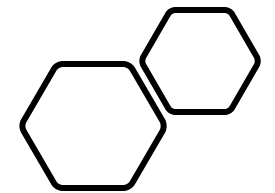
Exploring the notion of legacy through faith.

We are standing on the
shoulders of giants.



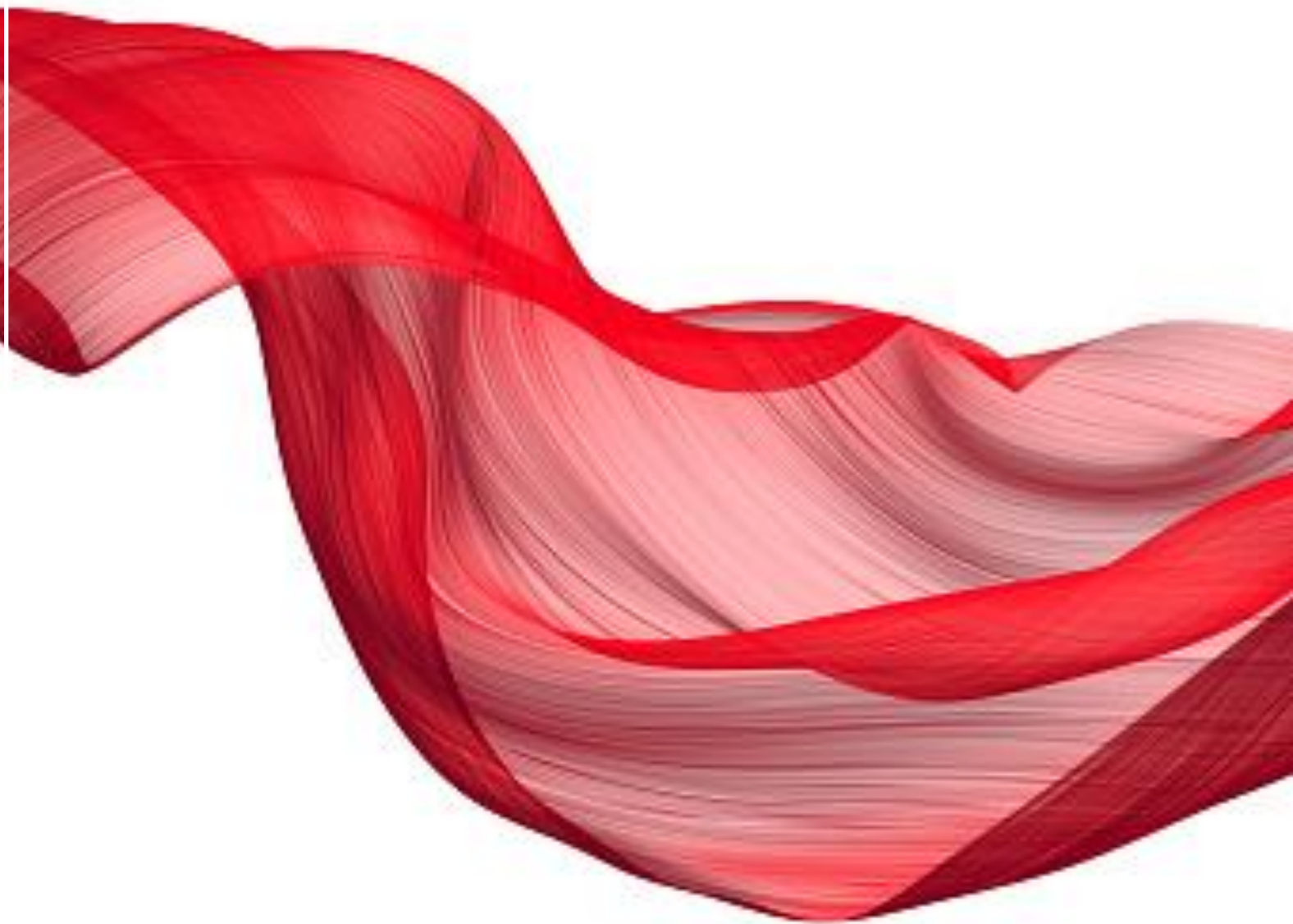


Nano Nagle Icon by Desmond K. Kyne



The legacy of Venerable Nano Nagle → Presentation Sisters → Presentation People

"The NEAA believes that the Presentation charism has lasting value. The continued relevance of the Nano Nagle story is an inspiration for Presentation People to make a difference in their world and in the way, we live the Gospel." [NEAA Website]





Nano's challenge to us: What will be our lantern flame?

Our mission: Keeping Nano's legacy alive

"As the Presentation face of God's mission:

- our mission is a search for and a recognition of the presence and activities of the Holy Spirit among people and the cosmos
- our mission is about dialogue
- our mission is done out of our poverty
- our mission looks outward
- our mission is a witness to Christ while entering into dialogue with people of other faiths and unbelievers
- our mission calls us to conversion."

[Sr Marlette Black PBVM Presentation Charism and Spirituality]

Our mission: Keeping Nano's legacy alive

"Presentation Sisters don't have a mission;
we are the Presentation face of the mission
of God in the world."

[Sr Marlette Black PBVM]

How does this relate to Presentation People?



Nano's vision was
luminous, and we are
called to reflect both the
light of Jesus Christ and
the light of Nano Nagle
in our liturgical
celebrations, rituals and
prayer.

Knowing Jesus and Knowing Nano

"Gemma, you must remember this when teaching the students and the staff...
if they are truly to know and understand Nano,
they must know Jesus" – Sister Marion Beard PBVM



Spirituality is...

life

attentive

intentional

transformational





Woman of Welcoming Heart

They know her in the crowded lonely ways
woman of welcoming heart, whose lantern sheds
kind beams for eyes waste-misted by the weary miles,
for them her hands are open, for her their doors.
Room is made by dim and smoking fire, some small crust
Shared,
and she, receiving, knows still more to give,
and, welcomed, grows in art of welcoming.

Apart, in shadowed hours of night and dawn,
leaning heart to heart on the One who pulses life
into the lowliest and least of all that lives,
she learns to unclasp the last-kept store
and lay it down in welcome: 'Take and share.'

Until, the last loaf broken, the last wine poured,
she can dare the outer darkness, the fine-piercing sword,
and bear to be bereft ...
heart-certain that beyond this last black mile
light streams from beckoning windows and from
wide-flung door,
where she will hear the voice grown dear in silent listening years:
'Woman of welcoming heart, here is your home.'



Take down your lantern from its niche and go out!

*You may not dwell 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 need 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.*

Raphael Consedine pbvm

[illegible]

To embed a Presentation language takes time, repetition, awareness, and a thorough understanding of the Nano Nagle narrative, the local narrative of your Presentation community, the Presentation charism, spirituality, and structures. The more you immerse yourself in it, the more you learn.



People of Welcoming Heart
The notion of "Oneness"
"Can do" Presentation People
Bearers of the Lantern
Lantern Work
Go One Step Beyond





Strategies for building a Presentation vocabulary

- Professional Reading during Faith Formation PD Sessions and Team Meetings
- Incorporating Intercessions at the end of your Staff Prayers Reviewing terminology currently used in your school that can have a Presentation twist added to it
- Keep a journal/ipad note/record of key language

Theme for Staff Prayer:

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/Presentation People of Welcoming Heart

The Feast of the Sacred Heart has special significance for the Presentation Sisters. The mystery of God's merciful love is what drew our foundress, Venerable Nano Nagle, to those made poor by the systems of the day. She saw them in a new light - as children loved by God. This experience of God's merciful love compelled her to reach out to those who did not experience God's love and light.

Nano was drawn into the divine dynamic of the Sacred Heart devotion to such an extent that the original title of the Presentation Sisters in 1775 was Sisters of the Charitable Instruction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On her deathbed, Nano left this legacy of the Sacred Heart love to her sisters, saying, "Spend yourselves for the poor."

In the spirit of our foundress, Presentation Sisters and now Presentation People throughout the world continue this devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the ministry begun by Nano.

On Friday 11 June 2021, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As Presentation People, we strive to embody Jesus' example to live life with merciful love and action. We are reminded to be compassionate toward our peers, our teachers, and our families and to always be people of 'welcoming heart'.

Let us now place ourselves in the presence of God.

Let us say together a Hail Mary.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Lady of the Presentation.

Pray for Us.

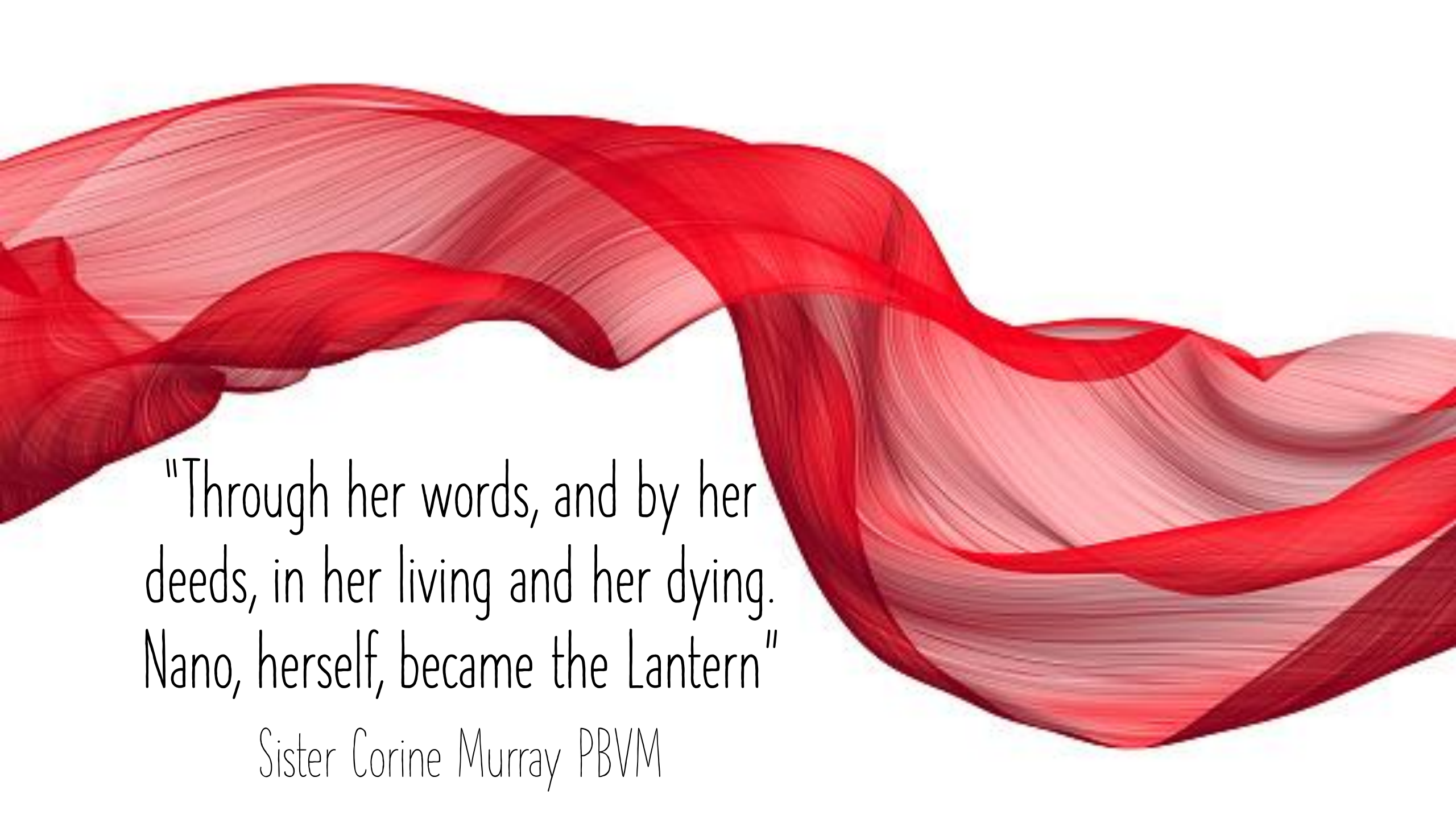
Venerable Nano Nagle.

Pray for Us.

Sacred Heart of Jesus.

I place my trust in you



A flowing red ribbon graphic that starts from the left, loops around, and extends towards the right. The ribbon has a textured, almost fabric-like appearance with subtle variations in red tones and some internal line patterns. It is set against a plain white background.

"Through her words, and by her
deeds, in her living and her dying.
Nano, herself, became the Lantern"

Sister Corine Murray PBVM

Strategies for using Presentation-specific symbols and music

- Choose a few key symbols and do them well (less is more)
- Integrate the Presentation Hymns into your liturgies.
- Creating a Prayer Focus linking your Presentation school story to the legacy of Nano Nagle.



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*Examples of how Nano Nagle's legacy is kept
alive through Liturgy, Prayer and Symbol
at Iona Presentation College*

Lantern Work

Christian Service
Learning
"One Step Beyond"

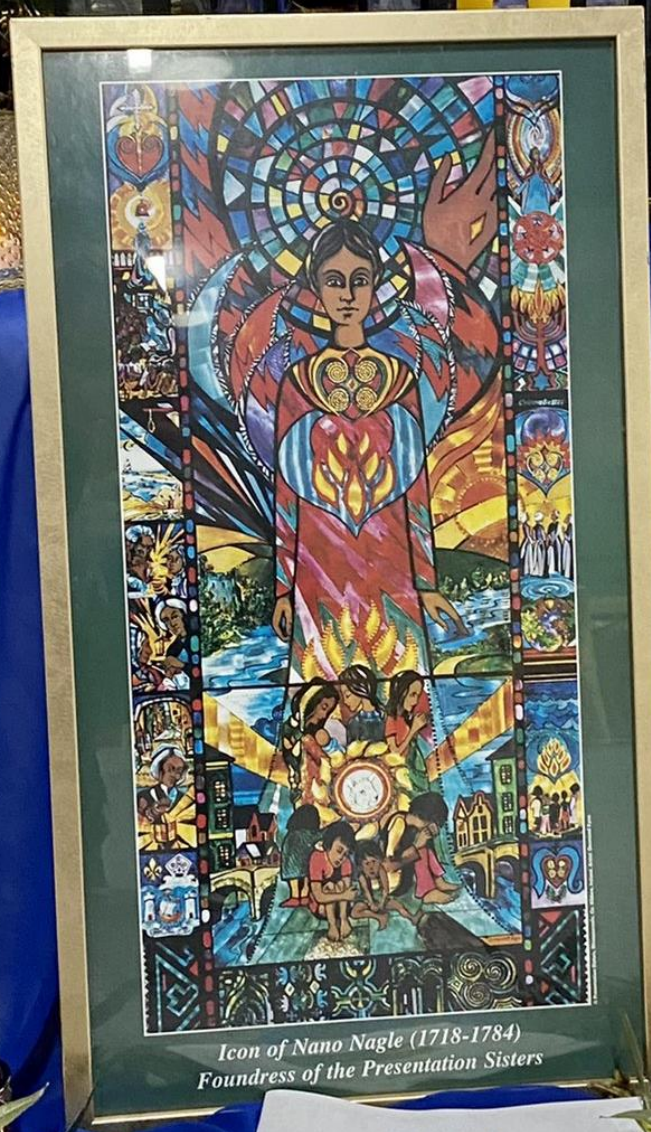


Lona Presentation College
Autumn Sleepout for LifeLink 2021





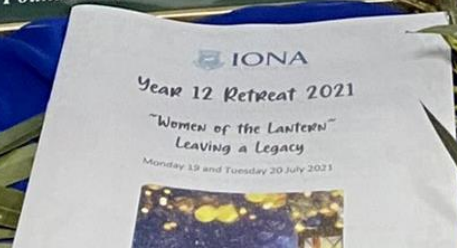
Staffroom Prayer Focus



Icon of Nano Nagle (1718-1784)
Foundress of the Presentation Sisters



Holy Bible



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Year 12 Retreat 2021

"Women of the Lantern"
Leaving a Legacy

Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 July 2021



Etching of
Glass
Lanterns
for Liturgy

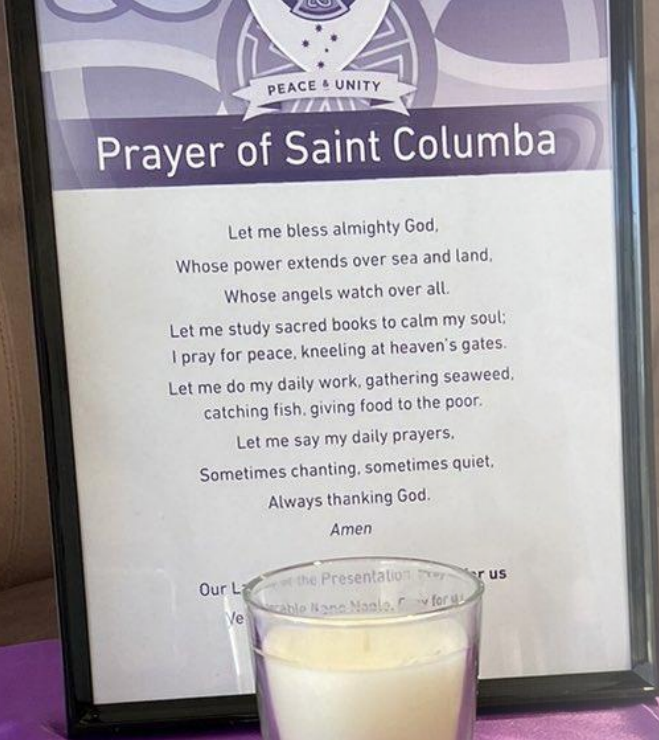


*Venerable
Namo Nagle
Statue*

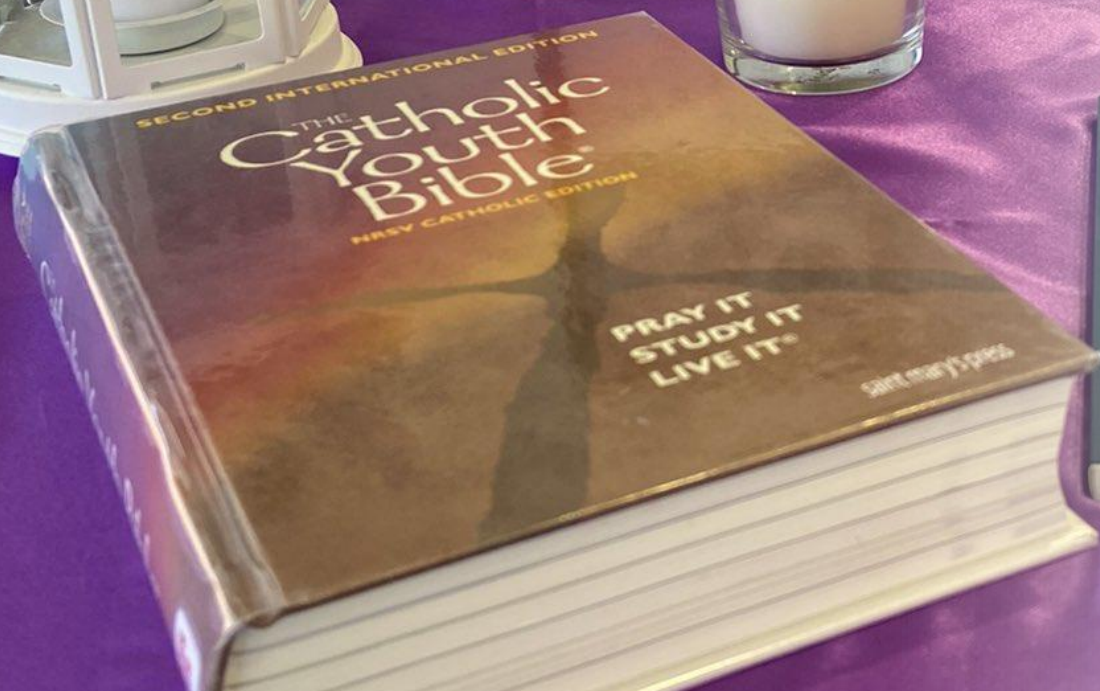


Praying the Angels





Homeroom
Prayer
Tables with
House
Prayers





House Prayer

*(inspired by the qualities of
Mother Angela Treacey)*

May we always be grateful
for our education and the
opportunity to learn.

May we strive to be kind, and gracious
in our interactions with others.

May we remain deeply committed to
serving faithfully those in need through
acts of kindness given with great love.

May we become a community of leaders
who approach tasks practically and with
common sense.

May we have the courage to stand up to
indifference and strive for justice for all.

May we respond to your calling of
treating all whom we encounter with
kindness, grace, and compassion.

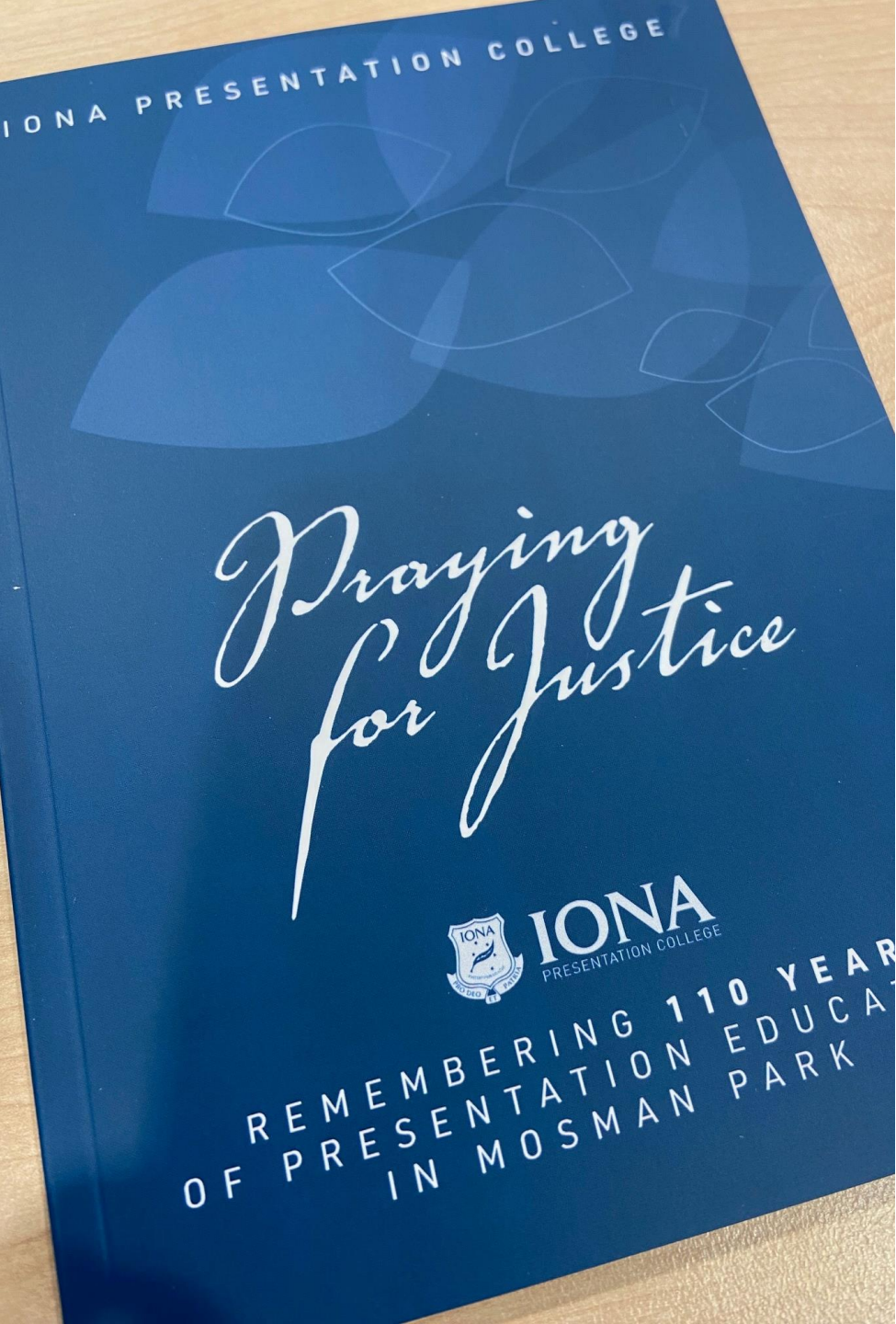
Amen.

Our Lady of the Presentation, Pray for us

Venerable Nano Nagle, Pray for us

Mother Angela Treacey, Pray for us.

Example of a House Prayer

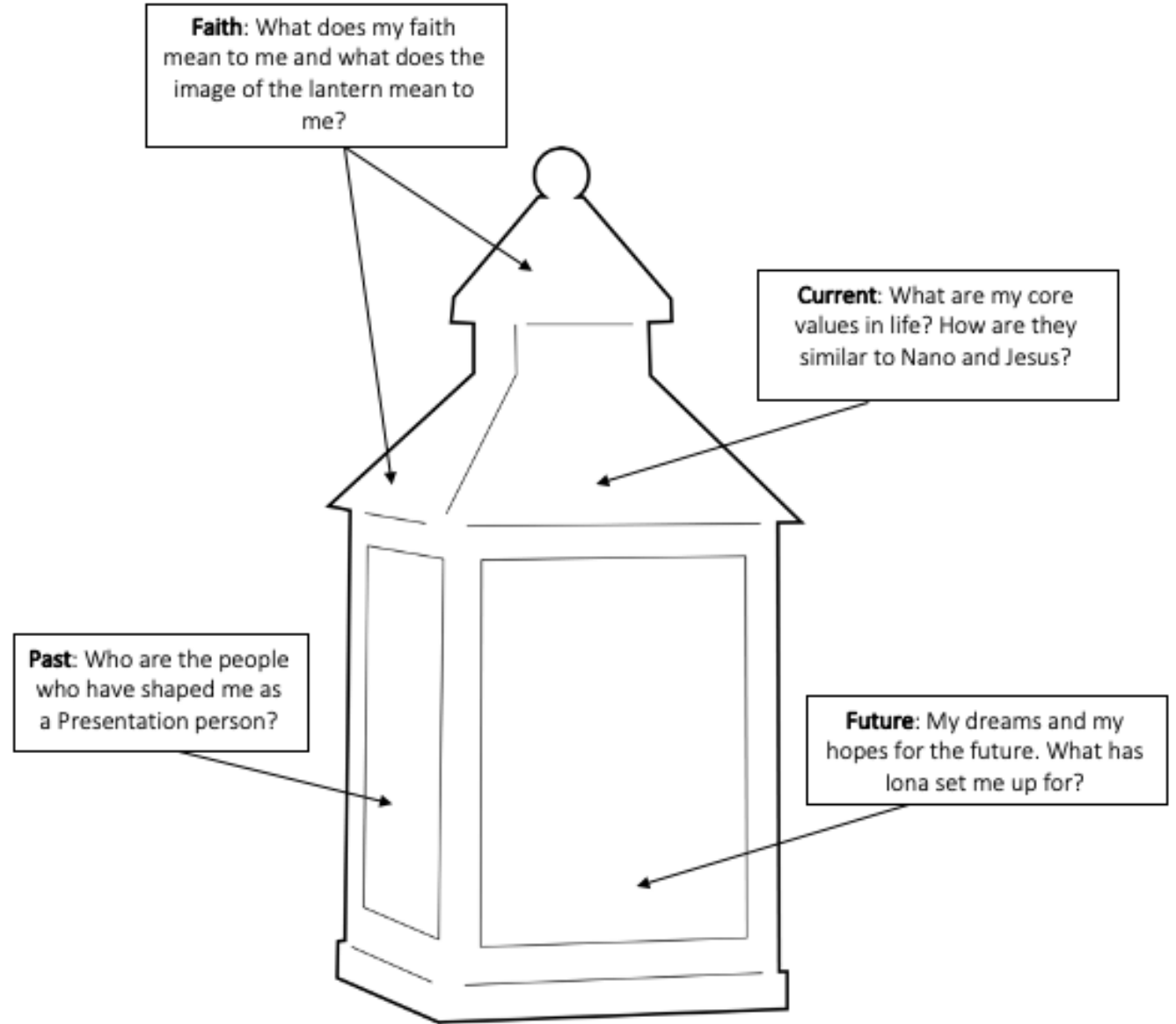


Social Justice Prayer Book

Creative Prayer



Preparation prior to Liturgy





Presentation Day Mass

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019

10.00AM

IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE
SPORTS CENTRE

CELEBRANT:
THE VERY REVEREND DR SEAN FERNANDEZ

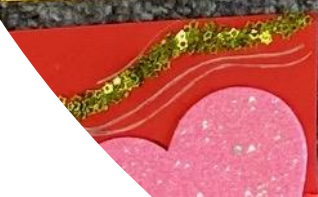
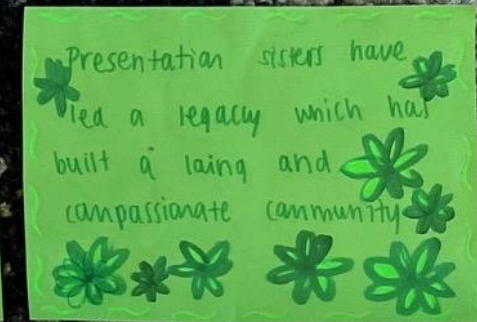


Universal Prayer Examples

1. We pray for Presentation communities throughout the world, as they continue to spread the Presentation charism in their diverse ministries. We pray that Mary and Nano Nagle will guide them in their important mission to shine the light of Christ upon other. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. We pray for all members of our current and future Iona Community: our treasured Presentation Sisters, teachers, all students, past and present, and their families. May they like Mary and Nano be witnesses to Christ, the Light of the world. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.







Happy Presentation Day Sisters!



STAY

With

GOD



Questions?

