

Presentation Day

Novena 2025



Presentation People...

Weaving a New Story

Dear Sisters, Friends of Nano, Co-Workers and all with whom we minister,

We are once again united in prayer and reflection across the globe as we prepare to celebrate the special Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple. We are deeply grateful to Srs Regina Daly (New Zealand), Shazia Lal (Pakistan) and Neneth Robledo (Philippines) for preparing this year's Novena on behalf of the Union.

Our celebration of Presentation Day 2025 carries a deeper meaning as we prepare to launch the 250 Anniversary of the Founding of the Presentation Congregation in December 2025. During our days of prayer, we are invited to ponder on *our sacred story woven in vulnerability and possibilities*. We marvel at how Nano's 'yes' resonated with that of Mary's, giving birth to a charism that has spread to different parts of the globe, inspiring the wonderful and transforming work of our Sisters, Friends of Nano and all those with whom we collaborate.

May the daily reflections offered on these pages draw us deeper into the contexts in which our Sisters, Friends of Nano and companions, are immersed. The more we allow ourselves to be touched by these realities, the more we will experience ...

- a sense of ONENESS across the globe
- a sense of HOPE for our shared future and common Home
- a sense of LOVE which ignites our hearts as it did the hearts of Nano and her companions all those years ago.

As we journey through the days of this Novena, we give thanks for the many ways we have experienced being ONE with each another and the whole of creation. We give thanks for those who have nurtured our HOPE this past year, especially during times of darkness. We give thanks for the charism of LOVE which calls us daily to go *one* step beyond. Like Mary and Nano, may we remain attentive *to the creative Spirit at work in our lives and in our world*.

We warmly wish you a happy and blessed Presentation Day!

Anne Mimi for Sharon Sheila

Congregational Leadership Team

In the Heart of the Cosmos

We come together, a small community of Presentation People in the heart of the Universe. In our Novena, we recall our sacred story woven in vulnerability and possibilities. Let us enter this moment of grace and be open to the presence and action of the Spirit living and breathing among us now. Adapted from CG 2024 Opening Ritual



Mary Southard, CSJ

In the beginning,

the dream of God shimmered through galaxies—
a whisper of love carried by stardust, longing to become flesh.
That same breath speaks in every unfolding leaf,
every act of justice, and every tender reaching of one soul to another.

And Mary — woman of earth and star—

opened herself to this dream with a ‘yes’
that still resounds across cultures and centuries.
Her presence echoes in every face that dares to believe
that the Holy One dwells among us—
wrapped in humility and radiant grace.

Nano Nagle heard it in the silence of moonlit streets
as she carried her lantern of love through the shadows.
Her light was more than flame—it was cosmic fire,
ignited from the pulse of creation itself,
a courageous response to a universe aching for compassion.

Day One – Ireland

Theme: The Birth of the Presentation Story

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters and our Presentation Family in Ireland. As we light our Lantern, symbol of the birthing of our Congregation, we honour Nano's legacy of light and hope.

♪♪♪ *One Flame Many Lanterns* (Miriam Martin, PBVM)

*One flame, many lanterns
One fire, many lamps
One dream that we follow
Burning bright.*

*One flame, many lanterns
One fire, many lamps
One call to communion
Searching life.*

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“Let it be done to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38



“By degrees with the assistance of God, we may do a great deal.” Nano Nagle (Letter VI)



“Nothing is itself without everything else.” Brian Swimme



Desmond Kyne Icon



Reflection

In Ireland, Sisters and Friends of Nano serve the marginalized and promote justice through direct action, education, and prophetic advocacy for global justice and sustainability while fostering hope and compassion for those in need, including migrants, prisoners, and the poor. Today, our Sisters continue to support ministries and are a powerhouse of prayer and contemplation.

In the heart of 18th-century Cork, Nano Nagle’s ‘yes’ echoed Mary’s own—quiet, courageous, and world-shifting. Amid Penal Laws and poverty, she chose not safety, but service. She walked the alleys with a lantern in hand, not just to illuminate the path, but to kindle hope in the hearts of the forgotten.

In her late fifties, Nano Nagle had no other option but to pioneer her own Congregation, stamped with her essential spirituality, her practical turn of mind and her ability to cut through irrelevancies to the one thing necessary, that the poor might have faith and hope and loving trust in God. — Pius Farrell, PBVM, Positio

Nano’s decision to found her own congregation wasn’t born of ambition—it was born of necessity, discernment, and divine urgency. She saw that the “one thing necessary” was that the poor might know they were beloved by God.

Her lantern was a symbol of her soul: practical, radiant, and unwavering. And her legacy? It began, not in grandeur, but in the quiet resolve of a woman who refused to let injustice have the final word.



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❤️ *Contemplative Pause/Invitation to share*

- As you reflect on the birth of the Congregation, what is stirring in your heart?
- What does it mean to say ‘yes’ to God’s invitation to carry the lantern light, even when the path ahead is uncertain?

🌸 *Shared Prayer*

🙏 *Blessing*

Loving God,
We give thanks for Nano Nagle, Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth Burke and Mary Fouhy and the birth of the Presentation story in Cork.
May their daring love inspire us to walk with the poor and forgotten, lighting lamps of hope in dark places.
May we, like Mary, offer ourselves in quiet surrender.
May we, like Nano, walk into the world with lanterns of love.
Amen.



Day 2 – Newfoundland and Labrador, England, and the Holy Land

Theme: Crossing Borders with Peace and Presence

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters and our Presentation Family in Newfoundland and Labrador; England, and the Holy Land. We stand in solidarity with those who suffer, particularly those in the Holy Land. We breathe in a desire ‘to cross borders’. We breath out peace and presence.



Hymns, songs, and music are attached.



“Here I am, send me.” *Isaiah 6:8*



“If I could be of any service in saving souls in any part of the globe, I would willingly do all in my power.” *Nano Nagle (Letter I)*



“Looking at Earth from space, you don’t see physical or conceptual borders. You see this incredible planet we are all fortunate to be a part of as one group: humanity.” *Scott Kelly*



Reflection



Presentation Sisters crossed oceans to bring Nano’s vision to new lands. In Newfoundland and Labrador, they braved harsh winters to educate and serve. In England, they planted seeds of compassion in industrial cities. In the Holy Land, they walk in the footsteps of Christ, offering peace and presence on sacred soil.

In these countries today, Sisters and Friends of Nano live out the gospel in community, responding to human needs with a particular focus on education and justice for the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized, promoting human dignity, and caring for the Earth, with actions flowing from prayer and contemplation.

“Peace begins with each of us in the way we look at others, listen to others, and speak about others.” *Pope Leo XIV*

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From Hidden Heart to Presented Light

Honouring the Transition from the title of 'Charitable Instruction' to 'Presentation'.

Nano Nagle began her own Congregation in relative secrecy, under the name, *The Sisters of the Charitable Instruction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*. Her heart burned with love for Christ and compassion for the poor. Nano's vision was never meant to remain hidden.



Desmond Kyne Icon

In **1805**, with papal approval, her congregation received a new name: **'The Order of the Presentation of Our Blessed Lady'** – now known as **'Congregation of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary'**.



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This name was not just a title – it was a calling.

Like Mary, Nano had offered herself fully to God.
Like Mary, she had entered the temple of the world as a child of light.
Like Mary, she had said 'yes' to a life of radical love.

The Presentation of Mary in the Temple is a story of surrender, of readiness, of sacred purpose. It mirrors Nano's own journey – and the journey of every Sister and Presentation person who continues to present themselves in service, in hope, and in love.

♥ *Contemplative Pause/Invitation to Share*

- What do these reflections awaken in you?
- Where am I being called to be a presence of peace?

🌸 *Shared Prayer*



Blessing

We remember Nano Nagle –
a woman of expansive heart and luminous courage.
We honour the moment her Congregation was named anew:
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Bless this gathering, this weaving, this sacred dance.
Let our lives be a presentation –
a gift of light, a gesture of hope, a prayer in motion.
Amen.



Day 3 – India

Theme: Grace and Courage in Challenging Places

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters and our Presentation Family in India. Let us breathe in grace and courage during these challenging times.



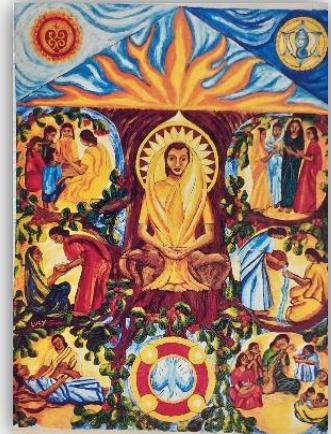
“Mary treasured all these things...” *Luke 2:19*



“We must think the Almighty permits everything for the best. You will see with His assistance everything promises well. And His Divine hand will uphold us ...”
Nano Nagle (Letter IV)



“Courage is grace under pressure.” *Ernest Hemingway*



Nano Nagle Indian Icon -Lucy D'Souza



Reflection

In India, Sisters and Presentation people work in education institutions, empowering women through skills-development and leadership training, providing holistic health care, offering pastoral care, and engaging in environmental stewardship through collaboration and networking. Their ministry is rooted in presence, not power. They find grace in complexity, resilience in beauty.

“Our world is abundant with quiet, hidden lives of beauty and courage and goodness. There are millions of people at any given moment, young and old, giving themselves over to service, risking hope, and all the while ennobling us all. To take such goodness in and let it matter – to let it define our take on reality as much as headlines on violence – is a choice we can make to live by the light in the darkness, to be brave and free...Taking in the good, whenever and wherever we find it, gives us new eyes for seeing and living.” *Krista Tippett, Becoming Wise*

“In surrendering to God’s strength, we can come to courage and grace and the dynamism of love. With that encouragement, we can face the future through the best and worst of times.”
Kathy Brazda, CSJ, LCWR Conference 2025

“True pilgrimage changes lives ... whether we go half round the world or out to our own backyard – capturing the quiet revelations that are all around us.”
Barbara Flynn, Mary Ruth Broz, Midwives of an Unnamed Future

Presentation

“and the child danced before the Lord”

In the morning of your life, Mary,
you danced before the Lord.
Later on, much later on,
you stood still in His presence
through a long darkness.

Mary, steadfast one,
grant that when we can no longer dance
we may stand beside you,
still, in God’s presence,
believing beyond the dark.

Raphael Consedine, PBVM 1978



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Contemplative Pause/Invitation to Share

- What is awakened in you during your reflection?
- What gives you energy and resilience in your day-to-day life?



Shared Prayer



Blessing

May I be a guard for those who need protection,
A guide for those on the path,
A boat, a raft, a bridge for those who wish to cross the flood.
May I be a lamp in the darkness,
A resting place for the weary,
A healing medicine for all who are sick,
A vase of plenty, a tree of miracles;
And for the boundless multitudes of living beings,
May I bring sustenance and awakening,
Enduring like the earth and sky
Until all beings are freed from sorrow,
And all are awakened.

Shantideva, Indian Buddhist sage 700 A.D.

**We conclude the Blessing with a reverent bow to each other as we say the word ‘Namaste’
‘The Divine in me, recognises the Divine in you’.**



Day 4 – United States of America

Theme: Compassionate Presence and Courageous Justice

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters and our Presentation Family in the North American Conference and Union. We breathe in compassionate presence and courageous justice.



“A sword will pierce your soul...” *Luke 2:35*



“I began in a poor humble manner; and though it pleased the Divine Will to give me severe trials in this foundation, yet it is to show that it is His work and has not been affected by human means.” *Nano Nagle (Letter I)*



“What we do with our hearts, affects the whole universe.” *Carmel of Reno*



Reflection

In the USA, Sisters and Presentation people walk with those affected by poverty, racism, and displacement. They offer housing, education, and healing. They are dedicated to alleviating suffering, promoting human dignity, and working for social justice, especially among the poor and marginalized, including women, children and immigrants. They respond to the challenges of economic, environmental, and racial inequity. Their ministry is prophetic—naming pain, standing with the marginalized, and calling for change.

Mary was familiar with uprooting and journeying. Each journey evoked from her a deeper ‘yes’ and a fuller consent as she entrusted her unknown future into the hands of a known God.

“Driven by a burning passion to help Christ’s marginalised, she dared not only to dream a better life for them but to make this seemingly impossible dream a lived reality. This was the great miracle of her life. At a time when the role of women in shaping society was severely restricted, she lived on the razor’s edge, a woman fearless before a tyrannical world.”

Anne Lyons, PBVM, The Story of Nano Nagle



‘Nano herself became a lantern’



Contemplative Pause/Invitation to Share

- What injustices disturb your heart at this time and call you to respond?
- What gives you hope in times of uncertainty?

Write a word of Hope, place it in a visible space or share it with someone.

Hope has holes
in its pockets.
It leaves little
crumb trails
so that we,
when anxious,
can follow it.
Hope's secret:
it doesn't know
the destination.
It knows only
that all roads
begin with one
foot in front
of the other.

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Shared Prayer



Blessing

Open our hearts to deepen our call and recognize your presence among us.
May we draw upon our wisdom and experiences
as we respond to the questions of today and the concerns of tomorrow.
Give us freedom to speak openly, to act boldly,
and to listen compassionately as we explore ways forward.
God of justice and compassion, may we be courageous in naming injustice,
and tender in walking with those who suffer.
Amen.

Day 5 – Australia and Papua New Guinea

Theme: Listening to Earth and All Beings

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters and our Presentation Family in Australia and Papua New Guinea. We breathe in the consciousness of our Earth and all beings.



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 **“All creation groans...”**

Romans 8:22



“Not words, but deeds.”

Nagle Family Motto



“It’s surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth.”

David Attenborough

Reflection

In Australia, Sisters and Presentation people walk gently with Indigenous communities and advocate for ecological justice. They are involved in outreach in education and community support. In Papua New Guinea, they serve in remote areas, offering education and pastoral care. Their ministry is rooted in listening, tenderness, and action flowing from contemplation.

“This is the true tragedy of our time: the spiralling decline of our planet’s biodiversity. For life to truly thrive on this planet, there must be immense biodiversity. The greater the biodiversity, the more secure will be all life on Earth, including ourselves. Yet the way we humans are now living on Earth is sending biodiversity into decline...To restore stability to our planet, we must restore its biodiversity, the very thing we have removed. It is the only way out of this crisis that we have created. We must *rewild* the world!” *David Attenborough*

“Move us to the edge of new horizons that we may be open as you come to us in our sisters and brothers and the cry of our earth. May wisdom’s flame shine for us, within us and from us – our feet know the way; our hearts carry the light.” *IPA Assembly 2017*

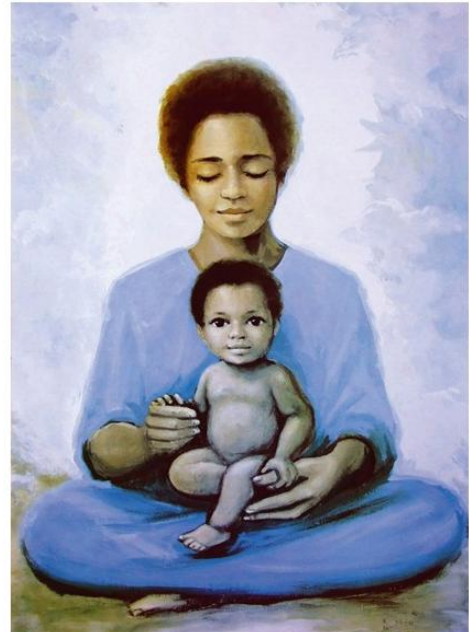
“Our belief in and respect for the dignity of all compels us to embrace the dignity and rights of all beings. In our advocacy, we will honour and advance the rights of women and children, Earth, and indigenous and tribal people.” *IPA 2023*

“To feel grief is not to despair but to remain entangled in love.” *Kate Rigby*



Contemplative Pause/Invitation to Share

- What is being evoked in you through this time of reflection?
- Where are you being called to listen more deeply to God’s creation?



“Mama Bilong Jesus” *Maria Van Galen, FMM*



Shared Prayer



Blessing

God of the Universe, in this time of great vulnerability throughout our world, you beckon us to create space to engage in deep listening.

May we listen to you in silence.

May we open our hearts to listen to the voices of one another, and may we listen to all of Creation with wonder and respect.

In our listening, may we be guided to speak courageously, love inclusively, imagine creatively, and co-create a more peaceful and just world that flows from living a spirituality of being in communion.

Amen. *IPA Assembly Prayer 2023*



Day 6 – Pakistan, Zimbabwe & Zambia

Theme: Resilience and Joy in the Face of Challenge

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters and our Presentation Family in Pakistan, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. We breathe resilience and joy in the face of challenge.



“My soul magnifies the Lord.” *Luke 1:46*



“I often think my schools will never bring me to heaven. As I only take delight and pleasure in them.” *Nano Nagle (Letter I)*



“If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don’t hesitate. Joy is not made to be a crumb.” *Mary Oliver, ‘Don’t Hesitate’*



Reflection

In Pakistan, Sisters and Presentation people serve in schools, interfaith initiatives, pastoral and health care. They address social injustices, inequality, and oppression while fostering the Catholic Faith and uplifting communities regardless of religious affiliation. In Zambia and Zimbabwe, they minister in clinics, schools, community development and the Garden of Oneness. Their spirituality is woven with communion, diversity, and sacred presence.

“After the Annunciation, [Mary’s] first act is one of charity towards her elderly kinswoman Elizabeth. Her first words: “My soul magnifies the Lord”, a song of praise and thanksgiving to God not only for what he did for her, but for what he had done throughout the history of salvation. Everything is his gift. If we can realise that everything is God’s gift, how happy will our hearts be! *Pope Francis, Homily, 13 October 2013*



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Pause – Gaze on the picture of Mary and Elizabeth with an attentive heart and deeply notice how the image is speaking to your heart.

“Joy has grit; it isn’t fluffy or ephemeral. Joy is what we feel in our bones when we feel connected to what is good, beautiful, meaningful.”

Angela Williams Gorell (LCWR: Occasional Papers Summer 2025)

“Life evolves differently when we embrace reality as it is, rather than wishing it were different.” *Yesenia Fernandez MGSps*



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♥ *Contemplative Pause / Invitation to Share*

- What is rising in your heart as you reflect on the readings? What is staying with you from the picture?
- How are you a bearer of joy in challenging times?

🌸 *Shared Prayer*



Blessing

Blessed are you who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify
to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness
to its persistence
when everything seems
in shadow and grief.

Blessed are you
in whom
the light lives,
in whom
the brightness blazes. Amen.

Jan Richardson



Sr Lucy Sebastian - PBVM African Image of Nano



Day 7 – New Zealand, Philippines, and Thailand

Theme: Deep Listening and Creative Compassion

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters and our Presentation Family in New Zealand, the Philippines, and Thailand. We breathe in a desire for deep listening and creative compassion.



“Mary set out and went with haste.” *Luke 1:39*



“Love one another as you have hitherto done.” *Nano Nagle’s final message*



“Deep listening is an act of surrender. We risk being changed by what we hear.”
Valarie Kaur



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Reflection

In Aotearoa New Zealand, Sisters and Presentation people are involved in school support, prison ministry, spiritual guidance, and advocacy for environmental and human rights. They are passionate about Maori rights and uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi. In the Philippines, they serve the poor, marginalized and vulnerable population through various ministries including education, health, social work, and community development. Their work focuses on indigenous communities, and those facing systemic oppression. In Thailand, they offer pastoral and health education and care in the villages, spiritual accompaniment, and intercultural dialogue. They address the needs of undocumented migrant tribal people in the border areas.



Orchid - The symbol of Thailand

“God is love, and love is the energy at the heart of the universe. This Divine energy creates stars and galaxies, moves the sun, the planets, and gives life to all things. Compassion, loving care is embedded in the learning system of the Universe. These virtues found expression in animals and birds 500 million years ago. The Cosmic story is simply an unfolding of God’s Love Story. Compassionate love of the Holy One embraces all, welcomes all, especially those marginalized. Living from that same heart Nano was immersed in this compassionate love.” *Terry Abraham PBVM, Aurea Dias Alberto PBVM, Mary Hanrahan PBVM, Lisa Pires PBVM, Hearts of Fire, 2014*

“Compassion is a way of life—an inner posture of how to be with suffering, both our own and others, and a desire to move that attitude into action. A radical change unfolds in us when compassion becomes a way of life, a transformation as far-reaching as an acorn growing into a tree, an egg producing a chicken, or a caterpillar metamorphosing into a butterfly...

Sometimes compassion asks us to simply ‘be’ with someone, to wait patiently, to experience powerlessness with them. At other times, compassion asks us to ‘do’ something, to give our time and resources, to speak out for justice, to ‘go the extra mile’.” *Joyce Rupp, The Cup of Our Life*



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Contemplative Pause/Invitation to Share

- What resonates with you from your reflection?
- Where are you being called to respond with creativity and compassion?



Shared Prayer



Blessing

“God of our ancestors, God of our sisters and brothers, God of future generations: we dream of nothing if that dream does not come from you. Your dreams, your vision, are without fear and are not limited by our limitations. Lead us to see with you, to see what we have always seen, and yet to see it anew. May “our hearts burn” in our encounter with you, so that we may choose your dream, confident only in the life that is promised in following that dream.” Amen. (LCWR 2025)

We conclude by sharing a word of thanks with each other - Salamat - (from a Semetic root word that means “peace”).



Day 8 – Latin America

Theme: Hospitality and Healing Presence

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters and our Presentation Family in Latin America. We breathe in hospitality and a healing presence.



“He has sent me to bring good news to the poor...” *Luke 4:18*



“We must think the Almighty permits everything for the best.” *Nano Nagle (Letter IV)*



“The universe, by definition, is a single gorgeous celebratory event.” *Thomas Berry, The Dream of the Earth*



Julie Watson, PBVM



Reflection

In Peru, Chile, Ecuador and Bolivia, Sisters and Presentation people live among displaced families and offer holistic healing for adults, presence with indigenous people, and cater for children with different abilities. They alleviate suffering and promote human dignity by responding to local needs with justice, love and compassion. Their ministry dissolves barriers and creates spaces of mutual healing and empowerment.

“Hospitality was the characteristic of Nano’s life. Hospitality was an essential aspect of her solidarity with those who were poor and vulnerable. It was Nano’s way of being present to those who were poor, her style of service. She was not judgemental of their personal circumstances; she was not critical of their way of life, not condescending towards them. She did not expect more from them than their social, political and economic realities enabled them to give. She was hospitable towards them. Her style of being present was that of a ‘welcoming heart’ and a practical intelligence that enabled her to be compassionate as well as strategic in addressing the unjust structures that kept them poor. This is the gift and the challenge she has left us as Presentation people.” *Marlette Black PBVM, Presentation Charism and Spirituality*

Like Mary and Nano, may we be empowered with the grace “to trust that even in loss, even in upheaval, there may be the beginnings of new life – rich with joy that runs deep and endures.” *LCWR Occasional Papers Summer 2025*



Sensory Stimulation Playgroup, Corazón de Nana (Nano's Heart) Aug. 2025



Contemplative Pause / Invitation to Share

- What is awakened in you after your reflection?
- How can you stand in bold solidarity with those seeking dignity and liberation?



Shared Prayer



Blessing

God of liberation and love,
We remember all who embrace the call to walk with the poor.
Bless their healing hands, their listening hearts, and their prophetic courage.

May we be bold in our solidarity,
standing with those who struggle for justice, dignity, and peace.
We pray for displaced families, for healing of trauma, and for the flourishing of hope.
Amen.



Day 9 – All Other Presentation Foundations, Friends of Nano & the Nagle-Rice Family

Theme: A Global Family Weaving a New Story

Gathering: We take a moment in silence to gather, conscious of our Sisters, Friends of Nano and the Nagle-Rice Family. We breathe together as a global family, weaving a new story.



“Clothe yourselves with love...” *Colossians 3:14*



“I think there is no greater happiness in the world than to be in union.” *Nano Nagle (Letter VII)*



“Our role is no longer to merely ease suffering, bind up wounds, and feed the hungry, but through every form of effort to raise the powers of love upward to the next stage of consciousness.” *Teilhard de Chardin*



Mary Southard, CSJ



Reflection

We celebrate Nano Nagle as a woman of her time and every time. Her mystical encounter with God called her to respond with generosity, vision, and faith throughout her life journey.

“At each point on this journey, the power and clarity of her attentive awareness brought her to wisdom, love, and action. This contemplative vision is as luminous today as it was for her. It is her gift to generations of women who have, like her, chosen to serve God’s poor with fidelity, courage and an open heart.” *Praying Our Journey, p. 11.*

“The future attracts and invites us to move forward, informing every aspect of our being and becoming. We strive for something more deep in our hearts; the Spirit lures us to do so. The

restlessness within is a divine one, the fruit of the enlivening, energising and empowering Spirit, the same Spirit that blows where it wills and never ceases to amaze and surprise us.”
Diarmuid O’Murchu, MSC

We have journeyed through this Novena in honour of the Presentation of Mary, we have been invited to reflect on her life of faith and surrender and on Nano’s life of passion and courage. We are called to walk together as a Church at this time of great need in our world. We are called to live in a synodal way – to embrace a path of communion, participation, and mission. May we listen deeply to one another, discerning the movement of the Spirit in our shared experiences, and walking side by side with humility and hope.



Contemplative Pause / Invitation to Share

- What is arising in your heart in this generous present moment?
- What is the desire of your heart as we take another step into the future?



Shared Prayer



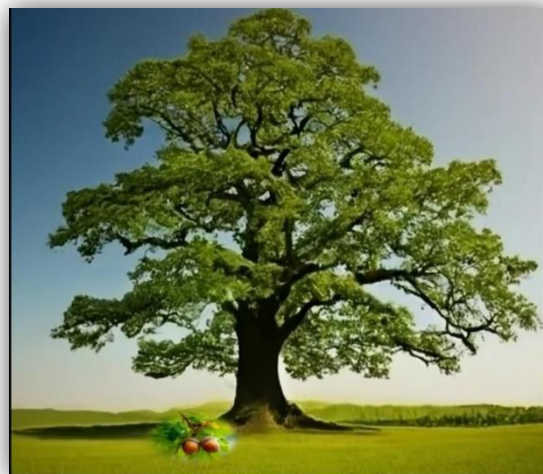
Blessing

As we continue to weave the new story together on this 250 Anniversary of the Foundation of the Congregation, we pray in love and gratitude:

“God of evolution, you are the God of adventure, a God who loves to do new things and is always new. You invite us into this adventure of love to find our freedom in love and to love without measure.” Amen. *Ilia Delio, The Emergent Christ*

Reflective passing of the lantern and blessing for each as they hold the lantern.

Nano’s Song (Chris Skinner) <https://youtu.be/Aj4bKLd8Tx8?si=GmBoIdUPv-kJvjZC>



‘One Flame, Many Lanterns’, Miriam Martin pbvm
https://youtu.be/Bxe4xOPV0SY?si=YgFRXyYr_w4nZA70

‘Nano Aflame’, Miriam Martin pbvm (<https://youtu.be/9gSnQMo2nfw?si=Y9UW5kJrR9lgd48a>)

‘One Step Beyond’, Liam Lawton (<https://youtu.be/zaCFBLMehuo?si=iFgYvIgpsO8wmzfV>)

‘We are Standing on the Shoulders’, Joyce Rouse (Earth Mama)
<https://youtu.be/elh77GtHWPU?si=OMJaJNFhpQUWXegP>

‘Magnificat Chants’, Taize
(https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=ijHz0HfRt10&si=Jkz3r20S_16RIUEH)

Leo Rogas, Instrumental music (<https://youtu.be/8kQZHYbZkLs?si=3WRBdRC-cxGkMxGt>)
(https://youtu.be/_7wgg07qoOs?si=57D2wY5XTTaxouSx)

‘Speak, Lord’, Monica Brown (https://youtu.be/0h_-xUuDA-4?si=Xeqrk-XqJtNNPk50)

‘Holy Mystery’, Monica Brown (https://youtu.be/ijFXTGeXvUk?si=C6yB_jPPUtz602LN)

‘Holy God ‘, Monica Brown (https://youtu.be/xyzCe8osG6Q?si=s5r4cn0_0On-Wzdg)

‘Listen’, Monica Brown
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcvJg5mNkuQ&list=RDQcvJg5mNkuQ&start>)

‘Enfold Me In Your Love’, Monica Brown
(<https://youtu.be/7QrrU1hPL6c?si=PheCrgk0CUYQWL1q>)

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‘I Am Light’, India Arie
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‘By Breath’, Sara Thomsen
<https://youtu.be/5HgOJiJRKMM?si=JZan78Wev4O4Cm1V>

Chant: ‘We are One, We are Whole’
<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=9tDqgkau8JA&si=H4L4eHBCnFOo63m9>

‘Sacred Fire’, Jan Novotka
<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=TPFKPTFB85k&si=tLG7QxWQRF79ov9b>

‘Nano’s Song’, Chris Skinner <https://youtu.be/Aj4bKLd8Tx8?si=GmBoIdUPv-kJvjZC>



Te Ara A Maria Artwork explained

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