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January 1 to December 31, 2017



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A legacy of responding to those most in need through education, service and hospitality.



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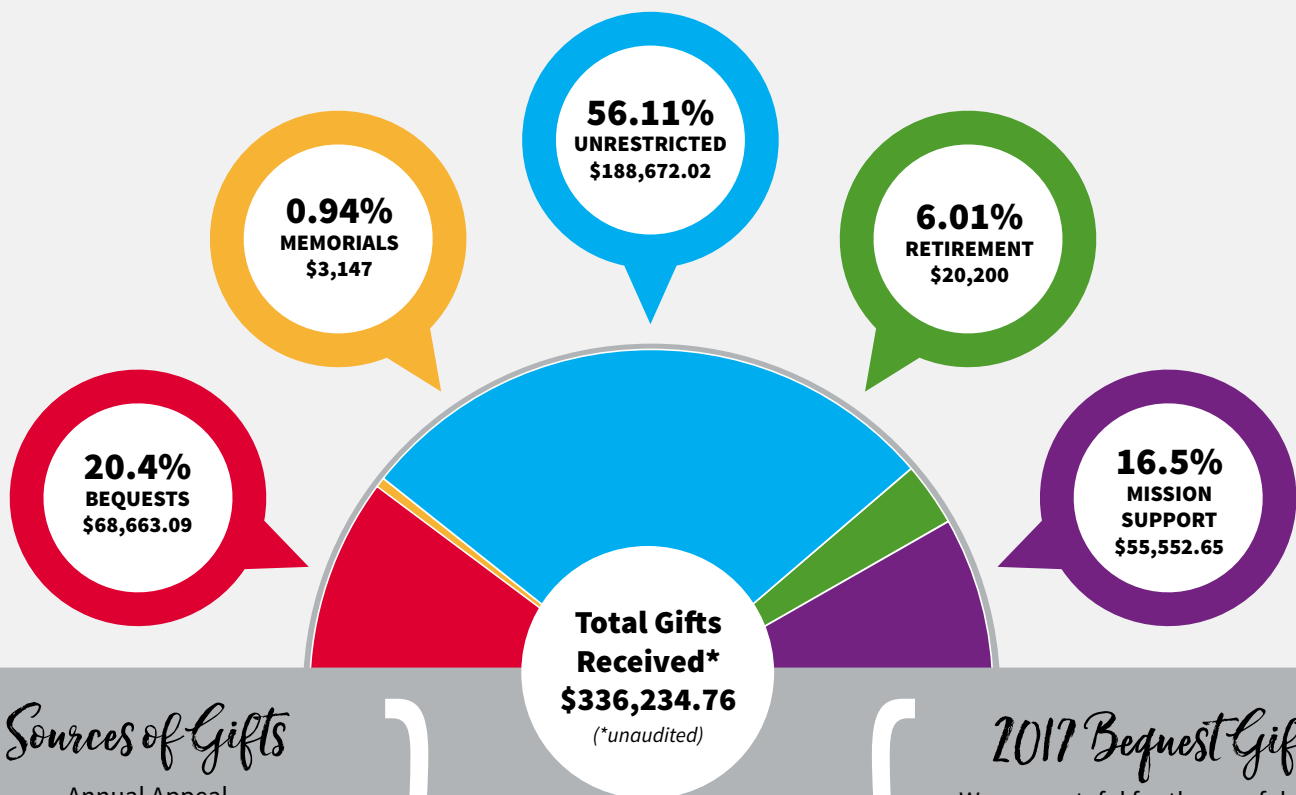
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Continuing Nano's Work of

Compassion

Nano learned the true meaning of compassion as she suffered with the vulnerable, the weary, the oppressed and entered lovingly into their lives.



SISTER JENNIFER RAUSCH

Pastoral Care Coordinator, Hopkins, MN

In my ministry at a senior community of 350 residents, I witness the trust in God living in their hearts. Our residents embody what Betty Friedan states, "Aging is not lost youth, but a new stage of opportunity and strength." They move from their former homes to put down roots in a new setting and build new relationships. I recently heard a resident's comment to a newcomer: "Just ask when you need help, we'll be glad to answer your questions." To me, this is true compassion.

Continuing Nano's Work of

Hospitality

Nano's whole life was one of offering hospitality. Her generous heart accepted all, especially the unacceptable, respecting, welcoming and loving all she encountered.



SISTER MARILOU IRONS

Apartment Resident Manager, Dubuque, IA

As a Presentation Sister, I am committed to living hospitality daily as I walk in Nano's footsteps through my ministry. Hospitality implies an open heart. My philosophy of hospitality is based on a willingness to start every day anew with each resident by accepting and seeing them as God does. A warm smile at every hour of the day, a friendly greeting and a listening heart to residents are ways I try to mirror how Nano modeled the Golden Rule. Being positive, caring for and engaging residents about their lives and families are small ways I believe hospitality enfolds each of my days. Psalm 119 states it better, "Lord, help me be sensitive to all ..."

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Continuing Nano's Work of

Trust

Nano often spoke of herself as beginning in a small humble manner. Despite enormous obstacles, she gave herself totally to God trusting that the work was God's work.



SISTER JEANINE KUHN

Spiritual Director, Dubuque, IA

Nano's lived experience guides me as I set out to do the work of God with love and trust. Often I thought of her as I was teaching, visiting the elderly, the homeless, the sick and terminally ill, listening to those in need or those seeking a deeper relationship with God, all while carrying out the mission of our Presentation community. I felt the Holy Spirit's presence and the spirit of Nano. Today as I offer spiritual direction, I pray to have a welcoming heart and give what I have been given with love and a caring presence to all I encounter.

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Continuing Nano's Work of

Prophetic

*Faced with resistance,
 Nano's prophetic vision
 called her to risk it all.
 She saw the wrongs
 before her and found
 ways to respond,
 embracing her tenacious
 will and inviting others
 into her vision.*



SISTER LYNN MARIE FANGMAN
*Archdiocesan Director of Stewardship,
 Dubuque, IA*

Nano Nagle lived a life of stewardship! She did so through prayer, hospitality and service. As a Presentation Sister, it is my true desire, as it was Nano's, to practice these pillars of stewardship in my life and in my ministry. To the best of my ability, I model good principles and invite others to do the same by encouraging them to use the gifts God has given them to serve one another and care for the world. I am blessed to see the many ways stewardship is being lived throughout the Dubuque Archdiocese and among the friends of the Presentation community.

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Continuing Nano's Work of

Courage

Nano faced barriers and experienced uncertainties. With courage in both hands, and trusting in God, she crossed oceans, moved mountains and set hearts on fire with the love of God.



SISTER ELENA HOYE

International Presentation Association (IPA) Networker, based in Dubuque, IA

Just as Nano's courageous heart could not be contained in one place or in one ministry, the same is true today as Presentation Sisters, on fire with God's love, work for justice in 24 countries. The International Presentation Association (IPA) is a global network of the various congregations of Presentation Sisters who are audacious and brave as they partner for the sake of the mission of Jesus. As the IPA networker, I walk with those who bravely carry Nano's charism as IPA becomes a global inspiration.

Continuing Nano's Work of

Love

Nano's long hours in prayer, her attentive listening, her complete openness to God's will in her life and the generous outpouring of herself to the ministry of those in need are testimony to her extraordinary love.



SUE BRIMMER

Nurse, Presentation Associate, Employee and Partner in Mission, Dubuque, IA

Walking into the Presentation motherhouse for the first time, I was greeted with gracious hospitality and quickly fell in love with everything the sisters stand for, who they are and their dedication and involvement with their various ministries. I share a common bond with the sisters in the belief in education, lifelong learning and in being of service to others, especially those in need. I am inspired by the life and devotion of Nano Nagle and am grateful to join the sisters in their mission at this time in my life's journey.

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Continuing Nano's Work of

Daring

Nano was intent on taking one risk after another to bring others into relationship with God who, to Nano, was endless possibility.



SISTER JOELLEN PRICE

Pastoral Associate, Hiawatha, IA

“When you choose hope, anything is possible.” Like Nano, our trust in God brings us confidence to answer a call of need. My ministry challenges me to walk through muck left by flood waters to restore homes and to build a food pantry to feed the hungry, both in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; to help conduct a grassroots campaign to assist in the closure of a neighborhood drug house in Kansas City, Missouri; and to lead a congregation in praising God in Dubuque, Iowa. My daily challenge: risk working with God to bring about the impossible whatever it may be!

Continuing Nano's Work of

Endurance

Nano was a woman with a heart big enough to see the needs of all whom she encountered. She had the perseverance to keep working to meet those needs despite all the obstacles.



SUSAN PIERUCCI VOGEL

School Counselor and Partner in Mission, Orland Park, IL

Many Presentation Sisters gave me the endurance to always move forward, starting as early as second grade. In third grade, Sister Lois Lehmann pushed me to work at my own pace and learn as much as I could while making school fun and interactive. Other sisters challenged me to do more than the minimum, which prepared me for honors courses in high school. I can honestly say that if it were not for the Sisters of the Presentation, I would not be who I am today. They taught us well and with love.

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Continuing Nano's Work of

Visionary

Nano's vision was for children of future generations to have a voice, so no one would be outcast, so no one would be uneducated. Her gospel vision was to educate for justice and to empower others.



SISTER GINA FOLETTA

Assistant Professor of Education, Monroeville, PA

Nano knew the value and power of education ... for the child and the adult. I wonder if she ever thought about the mystery of mathematics? The mystery of God within the mystery of mathematics fills my spirit and energizes me as teacher. Confucius states, "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand." In my teaching ministry, I feel privileged to be able to engage and empower my students in the doing of mathematics and to encourage them to believe in themselves and their future.

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Continuing Nano's Work of

Hope

Nano was one who set out on a project filled with obstacles, yet one step at a time she kept looking in hope for the next right answer. Nano struggled, but she was renewed each day.



SISTER BRIGID STANLEY

Certified Nursing Assistant, Dubuque, IA

Walking the hospital halls is an experience of being present to those in rooms to the left and right. Each patient is ill ... too ill to be home and needing treatments not possible at home. My encounters with the patients, families, staff and doctors demonstrate intentional hospitality. Walking into patient rooms with a warm smile and a "Good morning, I'm Sister Brigid and I get to be your nurse aide today," is the start of a relationship. When stresses mount, I think of Nano Nagle giving that loving touch, a comforting word and healing medicine to the poor of Cork after a long day in the schools and looking after the sisters in her community. My goal each day is to bring joyfulness, playfulness, helpfulness and compassion to all I encounter.

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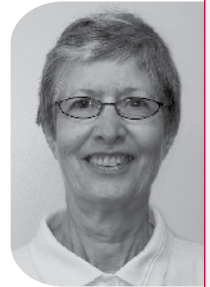
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Continuing Nano's Work of

Zeal

Nano's heart burned within her as she remembered her roots, the original fire of love instilled in her by her parents. This love could not be contained. Its energies ignited in her a passion for justice.



SISTER MARY DENNIS LENTSCH
Catholic Worker Community, Knoxville, TN
 Zeal, defined as enthusiasm or a persistent effort, was a true attribute of Nano Nagle. Since 1989, I have engaged in Appalachian ministry in Tennessee and, for the past several years, I have been a member of the Riverside Catholic Worker Community. Zeal is evident in the good nature of the vigilers who stand every Sunday to say "No" to nuclear weapons, and in the gratitude of the homeless man who weeds our garden as a thank you for being able to do his laundry and charge his cell phone. I see zeal in the laughter of our three adopted young children who have suffered abuse but still show an enthusiasm for life, and in the continued spirit of the cooks who weekly create delicious and healthy meals from donated food for homeless people. My life reflects Nano's virtues of faith, hope, trust in God's providence and a ministry carried out in a spirit of joy, love, zeal and persistent effort.

Continuing Nano's Work of

Integrity

Nano's recognition as one of the greatest women of Ireland derives from her dedication to the poor. Her mission inspires all to respond to those suffering throughout the world.



CATHERINE COTTER BRADY
Educator and Partner in Mission, Chicago, IL
 My relationship with the Presentation Sisters began at St. Germaine School in Oak Lawn, Illinois, as a first grader in Sister Joan Marie Delay's class. I loved her so much that at that moment I decided I wanted to be a teacher and never looked back. The devotion to students and God, academic rigor, kindness and compassion shown by the Presentation Sisters exemplified Nano's mission. During high school, volunteering in Sister Ellen Murphy's classroom further clarified my career choice in elementary education. The passion and integrity of the Presentation Sisters influenced me in finding my teaching vocation and for that I am grateful.

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Embracing Radical Hospitality

During the recent Chapter gathering of the Sisters of the Presentation, the congregation renewed our mission to follow in the footsteps of our foundress, Nano Nagle. As we celebrate the 300th anniversary of her birth in Cork, Ireland, we remember her commitment to those who struggled against the injustices of the Penal Laws. This system denied Catholic families the right to own property and to be educated. Nano took a subversive approach to ending this wrong by establishing “hedge” schools for girls. In these outdoor classrooms young girls sat with sewing in their laps masquerading the real learning that was happening in case they were noticed by passing English soldiers.

Nano took great risks both personally and financially to protect the poor of her time. She offered radical hospitality through her hedge schools and eventually in the enclosed classrooms she established, inviting in students lacking both discipline and education. Her trips at night to the poorest hovels where she ministered to the sick offer us another clue to the depth of her concerns for the poor.

The Catholic Church has always heard the Gospel call to act with charity such as feeding the hungry. More recently, the church has urged us to ask why people are living in poverty and to address root causes. This is called social justice.

Nano’s radical subversive hospitality offered both charity and justice to the suffering families of her time. Your partnership with the Presentation Sisters through your generous prayers and donations enables us to respond to her final command, “Spend yourselves for the poor.”

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