



# COMMUNITY NOTES

## SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION

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### OCTOBER 2018

#### **Leadership Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018 - Mount Loretto**

1. Approval of previous minutes.
2. Personnel issues addressed.
3. Continuing projects for community discussions.
  - a. LCWR talks: Table tents are completed; dates from Joy; set up Zoom for sisters outside of Dubuque to talk about those who have viewed the talk.
  - b. TED talk: Joy will create invitation for Sunday, October 7, 1-3 p.m. at Mount Loretto and Monday, October 8, 6-8 p.m. via Zoom.
4. Rita introduced the possibility of participating in the Assessment of Life Satisfaction in Apostolic Women Religious. She will interview others who have participated in the survey.
5. Kathy Roberts, human resource director, will be reviewing job descriptions from Mount Loretto staff in preparation for a wage study. It is hope this will be completed by December. Following this evaluations will be revised for the administrative staff. There is ongoing work to refresh the employee handbook.
6. Budget issues were discussed in preparation for October 1, 2018, submission.
7. LCWR is offering an online course titled "Foundations for Becoming Transformational Leaders" for community members who are not currently in leadership. Carmen will invite sisters under 65 to consider participating in this project.
8. 300th Anniversary of Nano's birth – we will hold an event for 10 local charities to receive a donation in a public celebration of passing on the light of Nano's charism. Joy will work with Jane Buse, communications director, and Sister Joellen Price, liturgy coordinator, on developing this project for a November 12 program.
9. Social media workshop – Jane Buse suggested a local organization's workshop would be a helpful tool for Mount Loretto department heads as they promote the community's mission. Dates were proposed.
10. International Presentation Association – Joy will send out the invitation to participate in the annual Eradication of Poverty collection. She will also send the Presentation Day Novena in mid-October.
11. Ministry Fund Committee – Marilyn will invite Sister Michaeline Healy to join the committee. Gratitude was expressed to Sister Paula Schwendinger who has resigned from the committee.
12. Presentation Lantern Center – The board approved Megan Ruiz as the new executive director of the center. She begins her work on October 3, 2018. Approval was also made of Sister Leanne Welch as a member of the Lantern board.
13. The community policy manuel will be reviewed and some updates will be developed.

14. The staff Christmas party will be on December 7, 2018. The previous leadership provided clever entertainment for the evening. The current team feels less creative and will search for helpful assistance.
15. Details were discussed for the team meeting under the guidance of a facilitator for October 4 and 5. Carol Crepeau, CSJ, from LaGrange, Illinois, will help the team set goals for the work of the next year.
16. The next meeting will be October 11-12, 2018, at Mount Loretto.

#### **Calendar Item:**

November 20 – Presentation Day Eve celebration

5 p.m. - Solemn Vespers

5:30 p.m. - Celebration Dinner

November 21 – follow the Sunday schedule

9 a.m. - Liturgy

10 a.m. - Brunch

4:15 p.m. - Evening Prayer

4:30 p.m. - Simple Supper

Because Presentation Day comes the day before Thanksgiving this year, the celebratory events will begin on Tuesday evening allowing for Thanksgiving Eve participation in the local ecumenical service and to lessen time demands on staff as they celebrate the holiday with their families. A formal invitation will be sent later in October.

#### **Basecamp Update**

We are suspending Basecamp because it hasn't been used for the last six months. All of the files have been archived. [Jane Buse](#) can help you to access them if you need any information from the files. We will be looking for ways to share information as we begin to work on the direction statement and commitments.

#### **Radical Hospitality – Live It!**

In her address to the LCWR Assembly 2018, Teresa Maya, CCVI, called us to share the “why” of our lives. “We need to tell our story, the deep meaning of our lives, that allowed us to do everything we have done. We still have time to share more intentionally, and even more loudly, where we got the energy for discipleship, how we found Jesus Christ suffering in the world around us, how Matthew’s ‘whatever you did to the least ... you did unto me’ took us to every possible margin of human existence. Our story needs to be shared with a world desperate for meaning and purpose.”

With this challenge from Teresa and our commitment to radical hospitality in mind, we would like to invite you to share the “why” of our call to radical hospitality. Tell the stories of seeing the inherent dignity of all persons, of being with those who have different ideas than we do, who have different cultural assumptions. Our faith stories need to be told and in the telling we will all be strengthened.

**For reflection:** How have I welcomed the other? What aspects of hospitality are most challenging and how does my faith affect my response?

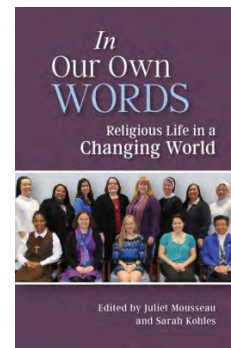
**For sharing:** We would like to share our stories in Community Notes. Please send your reflection to [Jane Buse](#) by the first Monday of each month.

*Sister Carmen Hernandez   Sister Rita Menant   Sister Joy Peterson   Sister Marilyn Breen*

# Our Journey in Formation



On Thursday, September 13, sisters gathered in Presentation Center to participate in a webinar presentation hosted by the Religious Formation Conference (RFC). This webinar panel discussion included the co-editors and an author in the book, *In Our Own Words: Religious Life in a Changing World*, a collection of 13 essays written by a group of young women religious from North America. During the webinar Sisters Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ; Sarah Kohles, OSF; and Tracy Kemme, SC, shared the story of the book's writing and their inspiration for the chapters they each wrote. The book's topics include three areas: vows, identity and leadership into the future. While the intended initial audience for the book was those new to religious life and in initial formation, they hope that the wider audience of religious life will find their work helpful and an invitation to future conversation.



Webinar presenters: Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ; Sarah Kohles, OSF, and Tracy Kemme, SC

The panelists shared that the book's writing grew out of two years of conversation of young sisters participating in [Giving Voice](#), "a peer led organization that creates spaces for younger women religious (under age 50) to give voice to their hopes, dreams and challenges in religious life." Sisters Juliet and Sarah, co-editors of *In Our Own Words*, discerned and then invited a diverse group of young sisters from a variety of congregations and charisms to the collaborative process of prayer and conversation that over time created this thoughtful work.

In the book's introduction, co-editors Sisters Juliet and Sarah offer this invitation, "... let us continue to talk about what it means to be religious women and how we must engage with our changing world. We need to embrace the diversity of religious life today, to hear the voices of all our sisters and brothers who seek to follow Jesus in this life" (p. xvii).

If you would like to view this webinar or any of the other archived RFC webinars, go to <https://www.relforcon.org/video/webinar> and use the following username and password.

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**Coming Soon ...** Opportunities to read selected chapters of *In Your Own Words* and participate in small group sharing.

Sister Annette Kestel

# From the Office of... VOCATIONS

## You're Invited to Pray

For those in the Dubuque area, you're invited to pray the rosary in Sacred Heart Chapel. There is a group that gathers Monday-Saturday at 11:35 a.m. to pray for those discerning their vocation. They invite your participation anytime. For those unable to be present at this time and place, you are invited to offer a prayer at a time and space that works for you.



## It's Happening Now!

The Synod of Bishops general assembly with the theme, "Young people, the faith, and vocational discernment," has started! Let us offer our prayers on October 3-28, 2018, while the synod is taking place. May the participants be open to receive and enact the call of the Holy Spirit! You can read any of the preparatory documents and materials at <https://nrvc.net>.



## You're Invited to Watch, Ponder and Engage

The Catholics on Call Partner Conference was held September 20-21, 2018, at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Father Dan Horan, OFM, gave an excellent presentation reflecting on what young adults said in preparation for the synod and the working documents put together by the bishops. His talks were entitled: "Authenticity, Vocation & the Risk of Faith: Hopes and Challenges for the Synod on Young People." You are invited to watch: [Part 1](#) (70 minutes) [Part 2](#) (50 minutes)

## You're Invited to Participate:

### National Vocation Awareness Week - November 4-10, 2018

It will be here before you know it. How will you participate?

Would you be willing to ask if your parish, school or organization is doing anything to celebrate and let me know what's happening? Would you be willing to offer to speak with a women's group or classroom about your vocation? Our social media campaign is in the planning stages. We will likely be looking for a few participants to offer input in the form of video, photos and quotes. Thank you in advance for your willingness to raise awareness about this life that you love!

*Sister Jessi Beck*





## From the... *Associate Partnership Office*

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### **Update on Becoming Light: A 21st Century Retelling of the Life of Nano Nagle**

*by Associate Barbara Ressler*

Like many Presentation Sisters and associates, I read *One Pace Beyond*, a modern novel of Nano Nagle's life written by Presentation Sister Raphael Consedine. In an accessible form for its time, it captured the imagination of many, delivering Nano's life story for a 20th century audience.

Fast forward to 2014. Columba Press (Dublin) requested from the Irish Presentation Sisters a more current historical narrative of the life of Nano Nagle to commemorate the occasion of her being made venerable. In response, the Union issued an invitation to Presentation Sisters and associates worldwide to submit proposals for authoring such a text.

Wooed by Nano's story, as a Presentation associate, I participated in this writing project. Eventually the field was narrowed to two writers. I planned to finish my telling of Nano's story, selected or not. Not. Over the next two years, I finished the draft, revised and rewrote in response to the suggestions of many generous readers: Dubuque Presentation Sisters, associates, students and friends.



*Barbara Ressler*

An on-going challenge I encountered was the plethora of *detail inconsistencies* among various historical accounts/source materials. At times, I used one source, rather than another, because it appeared more plausible and/or "worked" artistically with my retelling.

I intentionally shift points-of-view and genre throughout the work (between third person – omniscient, and first person – Nano). Chapters include prose and poetic journal entries composed in free verse style. These journals, *consistently woven* into the work, are written *as if* by Nano. They serve to deepen her characterization, reflect Nano's *inner* journey and growth, and to unify the work.

As a haiku poet, I value concision and precise diction, striving to say the most with the fewest words. This technique and purposely keeping chapters short make the novel's pace quick – an important consideration for the contemporary reader and likely reflective of Nano's own step!

The book is in production with Archway Publishing during this tercentenary year of Nano Nagle's birth, thanks to the support of the Dubuque Presentation Sisters. It is projected to be available in print and digitally before Presentation Day. Happy 300th Birthday, Nano!

20 years

*In unity, we celebrate this  
20 year partnership and  
commit ourselves to spread  
the light of Nano and  
go "one pace beyond."*



Pat Albrecht



Betty Allen

## 20th Anniversary Video

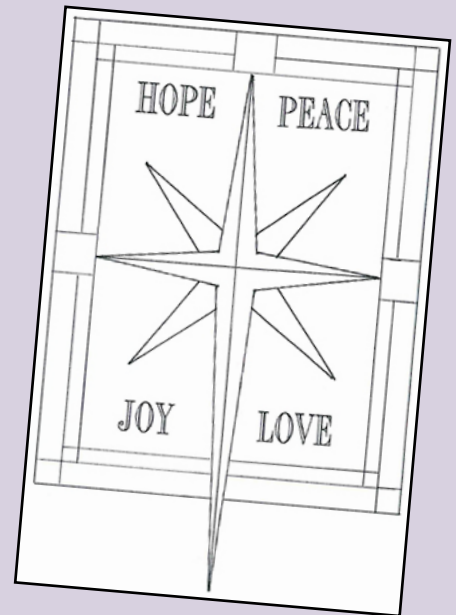
The video for the 20th Anniversary of the Associate Partnership is on the Presentation website. You can find it under the [Member's Login section](#) - Associate Partnership under News and Events. A reminder that the username and password is your first and last name and is needed to access this part of the website.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2018 Advent Reflection Book. If you live out of town and will be coming to Mount Loretto in November, please contact the Associate Partnership office and we can leave your book at the switchboard.

If you are able to pick up books for anyone else in your associate group or locale, we would love for you to do so, as it would save on postage costs.

Please call 563-588-2008 ext. 608 or  
email [associates@dubuquepresentations.org](mailto:associates@dubuquepresentations.org).



## SAVE THE DATE

**2019 CARMA CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019**

**BEST WESTERN PLUS HOTEL, DUBUQUE, IOWA**

**WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!**



HISTORY HAS SHAPED US. TODAY WILL BE TOMORROW'S LEGACY.

**Personalities from the Early Days** *(continued)*  
**Sister Mary Petronella Clark: 1872 – 1948**

Sarah Irene Clark was born on October 22, 1872, to Thomas and Elizabeth O'Brien Clark. Her father was a lead miner in Dubuque. Born just two years before the Presentation Sisters came to Dubuque, she left her home in Hazel Green, Wisconsin, to join them on March 25, 1901.

Mother Mary Angela Crowley officiated at her reception on August 22, 1901, and at her profession of final vows on August 5, 1903. Reception and profession were witnessed by Father John Fogarty and Father R. Ryan respectively.

Sister Mary Petronella devoted her services to the Presentation missions in Calmar, Whittemore, Farley, Lawler, Dougherty, all in Iowa, and Madison, Nebraska. She was described by Sister Martha Boland as "a petite person who apparently was timid, and who never claimed the spotlight."



*Sister Mary Petronella Clark*

Sister Mary Denise Kollasch remembers Sister Petronella as a homemaker in Dougherty when they ministered together there. Sister Denise was often called upon to help with the kitchen work, where she and Sister Petronella experimented with different recipes for bars, Sister Mary Anicetus Quinn's favorite dessert.

Another memory about food came from Sister Mary Angela Feeney who said, "I first met her when I would help with vegetable preparation during the summer months while Sister Petronella was still active on the missions. She was gentle, soft-spoken and seemed especially kind to the young sisters, of whom I was one ... I did not encounter her again until after she had retired to Mount Loretto. She did not recognize me, and she had a pained expression on her face."

Not much information about Sister Mary Petronella is available in the records. Annals record that she was among the first Presentation Sisters to be assigned to Calmar in 1902, and to Whittemore in 1903. A picture of herself and Sisters Celestine Tobin, Rita Sullivan and Leo Roach as brides was found in her folder.

Sister Mary Petronella Clark died at Mount Loretto around noon on August 26, 1948.

# NEWS & INFORMATION



## Arts & Crafts Boutique and Bake Sale

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Sisters of the Presentation  
2360 Carter Road, Dubuque, Iowa  
Lakeside Door Entrance

**All proceeds will help support:**  
**Excel Program, Okolona, Mississippi**  
*Afterschool remedial education program  
where Sister Jean Ann Meyer ministers*

**Crescent Community Health Center, Dubuque, Iowa**  
*Affordable medical and dental care*

We are in need of volunteers for the sale and bakers!  
Baked goods can be delivered to the Reception Desk or Presentation Center  
on Friday, late afternoon or evening and on Saturday morning until noon.  
We are very grateful to all who will use their baking skills to help in this charitable ministry.

**Call Sister Dolores Zieser at 563-588-2008 for more information.**

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

- Please have any requests for the Ministry Donation Committee submitted no later than November 30, 2018.
- Quarterly car reports are due December 1, 2018.



**Save the Date!**  
**January 6-11, 2019**  
**Winter Retreat at Mount Loretto**



**Retreat Director:** Father Anthony Gittins, CSSp

Fr. Gittins is a religious Spiritan (Congregation of the Holy Spirit) and Professor Emeritus of Theology and Culture at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois. He has authored many articles and books on culture, theology, mission, spirituality and discipleship, most recently *Living Mission Interculturally: Faith, Culture, and the Renewal of Praxis* (2015), *The Way of Discipleship: Women, Men, and the Call to Mission* (2016), and *Courage and Conviction: Unpretentious Christianity* (2018). He offers workshops, seminars, and retreats nationally and internationally.

For more information or questions, contact Sister Annette Kestel, retreat coordinator, at [formation@dubuquepresentations.org](mailto:formation@dubuquepresentations.org).

## Thank You

Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends,

Many thanks for your expressions of sympathy as I mourn my sister Caroline's death. I am especially grateful for Sisters Joan, Sheila Ann, Anne and Jeanine who represented us at the funeral. It meant so much to my family.

*Sister Anne Marie Kollasch*

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Sister Janice – a life well-lived!

Thank you, Sisters and Friends, for the strength of your prayer support and care for Sister Janice throughout the lengthy journey of her compromised and declining health. My heartfelt gratitude, too, to each of you for your compassionate messages of sympathy and prayer for me at the loss of Janice to this earthly life. Janice now lives on in each of us and in the forever presence of our loving God.

*Sister Julia Wingert*

# MONTHLY CALENDAR



## NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

(B) = birthday  
(F) = feast day  
(R) = reception  
(b) = baptismal

- 1 Karen Bonfig
- 3 Sister Suzanne Marie Takes (B)
- 4 Sister Cheryl Demmer (F)
- 6 Sister Cecelia Marie Auterman (B)
- 8 Sister Bonita Determan (b)
- 11 Dawn Olberding
- 13 Sister Jane Conrad (B)  
Sister Lynn Marie Fangman (B)  
Sister Francesca Presseller (F)
- 16 Marilyn Jacobs  
Stephanie Jacobson
- 19 Susan Murphy
- 20 Mary Dankert / Kate Kleeman
- 24 Sister Joan Brincks (B)  
Marlene Weber
- 25 Joan Montag
- 29 Phil Lockhart

### Special Events

- 1 Feast of All Saints
- 2 Feast of All Souls
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 6 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Foundation Day (1874)  
Presentation Lantern Center  
Established (2002)
- 21 Presentation Day
- 22 Thanksgiving  
Motherhouse Open House/  
Ritual at 2360 Carter Road (1969)

# PRAYERS & UPDATES



## Prayers: September 14 - October 10, 2018

- 9/14** Sister Marie Therese Coleman will be returning to Mount Loretto tomorrow and will be following up with therapy. Your continued prayers are appreciated.
- 9/17** Sister Janet Goetz spent this past weekend in the Algona hospital for diverticulosis. She is home now and on the mend. Per her doctor's orders she will be resting at home for this week.
- 9/19** As some of you know, my brother, Chris, is in need of kidney transplant and I was discovered to be a match to be donor. We wanted to be part of stem cell study that we wound up being put in the control group. Our surgery will be October 8, 2018. Any and all prayers and support are greatly appreciated.  
*Rachel Evans, Associate*
- 9/20** Please pray for my sister, former member, Virginia Luchsinger Olliff. Her husband, Bob Olliff died of cancer in Statesboro, Ga Wednesday evening. Thank you.  
*Sister Virgie Luchsinger, Associate*
- 9/21** Thank you for all the prayers for my sister, Rose. She is still in the nursing home and, after about 2 1/2 weeks of terrible pain, the doctors finally read her X-rays for her back correctly. She will be having back surgery on Monday. We would appreciate your continued prayers. If you would like to send a card, you could send it to:  
Rose Davis  
Laurens Care Center  
304 E Veterans Rd  
Laurens, IA 50554  
*Sister Elena Hoyer*
- 9/24** Lucille M. "Lou" Hartford, 93, of Farley, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at Oak Crest Manor in Dyersville, Iowa. Lou is the mother of, Associate Deb Jasper. Please remember the family in prayer.
- 9/27** Sister Janice Hancock's health is declining. She has asked that we respect the sign on her door. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Sister Pierre Kollasch has been in the hospital the last few days due to a wound on her leg. She is expected to be home to Mt. Loretto later today. Please keep her in your prayers.

**9/27** Sister Joan Lickteig began the Mercy Cardiac Rehab Program yesterday – three days a week, one and a half hours each day for eight weeks. Thank you for the prayers and support these last two weeks and know that she very much appreciates your continued prayers for the coming weeks.

**9/29** Sister Janice died very peacefully Saturday afternoon.

**10/8** Sister Rosanne Rottinghaus asks your prayer for her brother Jim Rottinghaus and his family. Jim will be going home by ambulance today and will be receiving home care.

Sister Lois Lehmann is having surgery today for a knee replacement. Please keep her in your prayers.

**10/9** An update on my brother's and my surgery. The kidney transplant surgery yesterday went smoothly. My brother, Chris, is recovering nicely with my kidney working beautifully according to the doctors. The doctor said my kidney looks so good he wanted to put it on his mantle. I had some nausea last night from anesthesia but slept from 9-5, so a nice long sleep and feeling much better today. The prayers and support from the community are deeply appreciated by my family and me. Love to all.

*Rachel Evans, Associate*

Sister Lois Lehmann will return home today after successful knee surgery yesterday.

Many of you know Presentation Sister Marlette Black, from the Union congregation, for her ongoing work with the International Presentation Association. She has served as the IPA Networker and has been a very effective facilitator for more than one IPA Assembly. She is currently the elected leader of the Queensland, Australian unit of the Society. Earlier this year, Marlette was diagnosed with a brain tumor and this morning we got word that she had a massive stroke on Monday and is now being kept comfortable in palliative care. Please pray for Marlette, her family and her community.