Presentation foundress, Nano Nagle, devoted her life to lighting the way for the lost, the sick, the elderly and the marginalized. Known as the “Lady of the Lantern,” she carried her lantern through the dark streets of Cork City, Ireland, transforming lives by offering hospitality, compassion, love and hope.

Today, that lantern has become a powerful symbol of our Presentation mission. With a desire to joyfully go where need calls most loudly, we, Sisters of the Presentation, boldly grasp the lantern, tend its light and pass it on to ensure that the light of Nano’s hospitality, compassion, love and hope continues to shine among all.

You, our partners, are an extension of this light and we are profoundly grateful.
Direction Statement
Rooted in the Gospel, inspired by Nano Nagle, and united to Presentation Sisters and associates around the world through the International Presentation Association, we, the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, Iowa, are called to live our charism of radical hospitality in kinship with Earth and all people.

Commitments
We promise to live radical hospitality in all relationships, especially with people made poor, through our commitment to contemplation, service, advocacy, dialogue, communication and education.

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We promise to form partnerships and utilize resources for the purpose of mission.

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Because of the ongoing support of you, our partners, we, through presence, service, hospitality and support, have been able to help many people who would not otherwise have received assistance. We simply could not do the work we do without your partnership and prayers. You are remembered with special gratitude in the daily prayers and ministry of the Sisters of the Presentation. Thank you for being Presentation partners in mission!

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We whole-heartedly thank the following individuals, families, businesses and organizations for their generous support of Presentation Life and ministry in 2018. It is our intention that this report accurately reflects the names of our donors. If there is an error with your name, please let us know by using the contact information on the back of this report. We also remember in our prayers our deceased partners whose names are marked with an asterisk (*). We include their names in gratitude for their faithful friendship and commitment to the Sisters of the Presentation and in honor of their memory.

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In 2018, at our Chapter of Affairs, our Presentation congregation laid the foundation for our direction and commitments for the next five years. Through dialogue, listening and prayer, we called ourselves to live into and explore the meaning of “radical hospitality” in all its forms. We asked what deepening a spirit of radical hospitality would look like for us as a Presentation community. What would it mean in our ministries or in our day-to-day interactions with others?

What is Radical Hospitality?
Radical means drastically different from ordinary practice, outside the norm. It provokes practices that exceed expectations, that go the second mile, that take welcoming the stranger to the next level. It is offering the absolute utmost of ourselves, our creativity, our abilities and our energy to offer the gracious invitation and reception of Christ to others. Radical hospitality begins with a single heart, a growing openness, a prayerful desire for the gracious invitation and reception of Christ to others.

Marilyn Sewell states, “To actually carry out ‘radical hospitality’ is a demanding undertaking. How do we make this a spiritual practice where we open not just our doors but open our hearts? There is a world out there that needs home, that needs community and we are being called to risk. Risk so that, in extending ourselves, we will be richer and deeper and let go of our needs home, that needs community and we are being called to risk.

Radical hospitality begins within each of us and calls us to the margins. This is where we meet God. The future is full of possibilities and we know our work cannot be done alone. We are grateful for your partnership that enables us to bring alive our direction and commitments and carry the light of Nano in the world today.
We Promise
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We Reflect
Abraham looked up and saw three strangers standing there. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them.

Genesis 18:2

We Risk
Abraham and Sarah exemplify extravagant hospitality to three strangers. With the dangers often present today, we are cautioned to be wary of strangers. But our trust in God enables us to warmly welcome and be of service to all.

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Nan Nagle's vision encompassed the entire planet: "If I could be of service in serving souls in any part of the world, I would gladly do all in my power." Nan's daughters followed the immigrants to those parts of the world where Nan had committed her heart and soul. Without hesitation, the Sisters of the Presentation left all for Newfoundland, North America, Australia, India, the Philippines, New Zealand, Africa and Eastern Europe to give service. Presentation Sisters in the United States assist immigrants from dozens of countries. “Presentations without Borders” could be an appropriate title for the friends of Nano.

Sister Maura McCarthy, joined by other Presentation Sisters from across the United States, responded to an urgent request from the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) to give hands-on ministry to immigrants at the border. Sister Maura volunteered in El Paso, Texas, from December 6 until January 1.

"Our service at Annunciation House in El Paso to the immigrants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador welcomed the refugees released from detention. They were greeted, offered a room, a shower, fresh clothing, warm food, a decent bed, a family telephone call and assistance to travel to family and friends all over the country. Sister and associate volunteers partnered with generous helpers from El Paso to embrace and serve the exiles on their challenging journeys. When called by Nano, we respond: ‘Presente! – willing to serve where needed.’"
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We Reflect

You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

Matthew 5:38-42

We Risk

It takes a long time to make our lives rooted in love for an enemy, but Jesus showed us how.

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Mind and Heart, Speech and Action

In alignment with the commitments of the Sisters of the Presentation, Sister Mary Therese Kuenger focuses on the practice of non-violence of mind, heart, speech and action as she addresses the injustice of violence directly and systemically. Sister Mary Therese is currently doing a practicum at the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation (PBMR), located in the Back of the Yards neighborhood in Chicago. Here she practices restorative justice which focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large. The PBMR mission is “Sharing in Christ’s mission of reconciliation, we work as agents of reconciliation and healing with those in our community and our church who have been impacted by violence and conflict. Our ministries reach out to the victim, the wrongdoer, and the community to create a safe space where healing can begin and where people can find the support and encouragement needed to begin reconciliation.”

Sister Mary Therese collaborates with women religious in Chicago for monthly homicide vigils which take place at the location of a recent homicide. “The purpose of these vigils, supported by PBMR, is to pray for all those affected by violence, including the victims and perpetrators, pray for nonviolence, and to be a visible presence in the community witnessing the sacredness of all life. This is one way to help restore justice, human dignity and be engaged in nonviolence in the Chicagoland area,” states Mary Therese.
Every Migrant is Welcome

As an associate, Billie Greenwood, has made a promise to live a radical hospitality through relationships, service and advocacy in partnership with the Sisters of the Presentation. Each year, Billie and her husband, Paul Allen, spend four months at the border in Nogales, Arizona.

“As a volunteer at the Kino Border Initiative, I help the team provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in transit and recent U.S. deportees who need receive clothing, provide secure and free phone calls to family members, support systems, migrants must depend on the hospitality of strangers to sustain them. We provide hot meals, first aid, clothing, advice and security alerts, human rights education and advocacy assistance at the migrant assistance center just inside Mexico on the U.S.-Mexico border. It's radical hospitality because every migrant is welcome – campesino, ex-convict, pregnant or unaccompanied alike: all faiths, all languages, all nations.”

“Every person who enters our door is experiencing a personal crisis or transition, so I witness grace under pressure every day,” says Billie. “I learn through their lives the reality of poverty and oppression in our world. And, the team support live their commitment and caring for the needs of our migrant brothers and sisters. Some support tasks I can do: help women in need receive clothing, provide secure and free phone calls to family members around the world, prepare and serve food, and organize donations.”
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We Reflect

And Elijah said to the widow (who feared she would be out of food after sharing), “Fear not; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord of Israel, ‘The jar of meal shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not fail, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said, and she, and he, and her household ate for many days.

1 Kings 17: 13-15

We Risk

Nan Nagle used her inheritance for her schools, imitating Nano and the widow, we look to the needs of others and embrace generosity without fear.

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Passing on the Lantern Light

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In the spirit of Nano Nagle and her zealous commitment to education, we partner with Catholic schools throughout Iowa by offering educational and service opportunities through annual scholarships. As former educators and school administrators, we remain dedicated to Catholic education.

In addition, we continue to partner with other mission-focused organizations. In honor of the 300th anniversary of Nano’s death, we recognized local organizations for their work of offering hospitality in caring for the vulnerable and powerless.

Today Nano’s story is being shared and lived out by countless women and men throughout the world who have been captured by Nano’s vision, her passion and her commitment to education, to the care of the vulnerable and powerless and to the transformation of unjust systems.

Each of these partnerships provides an opportunity to do more in our world together than we could possibly do alone. Thank you for your partnership and your willingness to pick up the lantern, nurture its flame and, together, help us carry the lantern light into the world today.

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They were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" When he was at table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

Luke 24:14-16, 31

We Reflect
On the road to Emmaus, as the disciples talked with each other, they discovered Jesus with them. We, too, find Jesus as we engage in open conversation about our future.

We Risk

As members of the Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking & Slavery, Sisters Marilou Irons and Brigid Stanley have joined the coalition’s local campaign to train hotel and motel staff to recognize the signs of human trafficking. The training is being done in conjunction with the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery and the Coalition on Human Trafficking of Omaha, Nebraska, with the goal of helping employees realize, recognize and respond appropriately when they see signs of trafficking.

Arne Sorensen, president and chief executive officer of Marriott International, recently stated in a publication, “Human trafficking is a horrific form of modern slavery that entraps millions of people around the world. By educating and empowering our global workforce to say something if they see something, we are not just standing up for the most vulnerable in society, we are also protecting associates and guests as well as living up to a core company value — serving our world.”

In hotel staff meetings, Sisters Marilou and Brigid provide information on what sex trafficking is, how it affects society and how it affects the victims involved. The sisters then describe some of the signs of sex trafficking. For instance, the hotel management and employees may observe younger individuals in the company, and if they see something, we are not just standing up for the most vulnerable in society, we are also protecting associates and guests as well as living up to a core company value — serving our world.

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Both Sides Impacted by Immigration

Sister Julianne Brockamp, eager to learn more about the current situation at the border and live more fully into the Presentation congregational corporate stance on immigration, signed up for the Maryknoll Border Immersion Experience in El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico in December.

Sister Julianne describes her experience. “I worked two days at the Nazareth Shelter in El Paso where assistance in contacting the families in the United States is provided along with showers, a change of clothing, food, rest and preparations for their travel to the U.S. families awaiting them.”

Sister Julianne’s volunteer group also cleaned bedrooms and bathrooms in preparation for the next people who would be arriving, which could be anywhere from 60 to 200 people at a time.

Throughout the week, there were learning sessions with the border patrol, immigration lawyers, the migrant farm workers in the U.S.-Mexican border, the Young Adult Missioners of El Paso, priests and sisters who work in Juarez and a talk on violence in Mexico. She left feeling there is a great need at the border for more government personnel to serve both the legal and humanitarian needs of the new arrivals. On the positive side she stated, “We also experienced the rich pastoral and cultural celebrations of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe both in Juarez and El Paso.”

Sources of Gifts

- Annual Appeal
- Bequests
- Guest Gifts for Hospitality Memorials
- Monthly and/or Online Gifts
- Presentation Doorways
- Special Occasion Gifts
- Stocks/Bonds
- Unsolicited Gifts

2018 Bequest Gifts

We are grateful for the careful estate planning of our deceased partners in mission who included the Sisters of the Presentation in their wills and trusts: Anonymous (2), George Kestel, Audrey Selander and Reverend Robert J. Spahn.
CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2018

TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED
$467,646.07
to the Sisters of the Presentation

2,040
individual gifts were contributed.

96%
of partners made gifts of $500 or under

60% INCREASE FROM 2017
FIRST TIME PARTNERS
The number of new partners continues to gradually rise each year due to our dedicated partners.

7% INCREASE FROM 2017
GIFTS OVER $500
Our partners believe in our mission and ministry and we are grateful for their gifts.

2% INCREASE FROM 2017
ANNUAL APPEAL
Our annual appeal runs from November 2018 through October 2019.

21% INCREASE FROM 2017
ONLINE GIFTS
Online giving offers a flexible, secure and sustainable way to contribute a one-time gift or monthly donation.

76% INCREASE FROM 2017
RECURRING GIFTS
Recurring gifts can be given once a month, bimonthly or quarterly through various convenient payment options.

25% INCREASE FROM 2017
BEQUEST GIFTS
Careful estate planning creates a legacy gift for years beyond the life of the partner.

The support of our partners has allowed the Sisters of the Presentation to serve in various ministries within 10 states, the District of Columbia and Bolivia. Our donors reside in 41 states, Canada and Ireland.