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The doorways represented on the cover are snapshots of significant doors in the Presentation history and present day ministries: (Left to right) Doorway of Hotel Hope, a nonprofit hotel for homeless women and children in New Orleans, Louisiana; Doorway of St. Vincent's Academy (now St. Columbkille) in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1879; Doorway of La Luz Hispana, a center where Hispanic people come together in Hampton, Iowa; Doorway of the Presentation Motherhouse at 2360 Carter Road in Dubuque, Iowa; Doorway of Casa Betania, home for retreats and a gathering space for students in Tarija, Bolivia.

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A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

by MARILYN BREEN, PBVM

A man came to our door asking for money for transportation to get to a job. He seemed sincere and explained that he was a member of the parish near us. I gave him enough money to get to work that day. I was left with questions: Did he tell me the truth? Was the money really for transportation? Had I been foolish to believe him? Was he Christ in disguise?

I was reminded of this incident as I reflected on the season of Advent and God's fulfillment of the promise to send a savior who is Christ. The promises made to our ancestors through generations have been fulfilled from Abraham and Sarah to Mary, the mother of Jesus. We have trusted the promise and know God's presence in our lives and the lives of those who went before us.

As Sisters of the Presentation, we have promised to live radical hospitality in kinship with Earth and all people. In her book, *Living into Community*, Christine Pohl states that she believes community is best lived when we have the following qualities: gratitude, promise making and promise keeping, truth telling and hospitality. She states, "Christian community begins in gratitude, is sustained by our promises and truthfulness, and is expressed in hospitality."

As we experienced the midterm elections, we heard politicians make many promises. Many of us are cynical about the truth of those promises. Experiences like this cause us to question whether anyone can be trusted. Yet we depend on one another to keep promises and want to believe that another's word is good. As community, as family, as church, we rely on the integrity of those with whom we live and work to keep their promises and to tell the truth. This belief holds us together when life is difficult, when we discover differences of opinion and when we want to give up.

Our commitment to hospitality requires that we welcome the other, that we make room in our homes and our hearts for those who make us uncomfortable, who come from different cultures and think differently than we do. We are challenged to encounter the margins, to listen with new ears and to learn from others.

In this Advent and Christmas season, we can keep our promise to open our hearts to all of God's people by living in gratitude for life and freedom, for family and friends, for growth and for peace. As we once again celebrate the coming of Christ in mystery, we can renew our commitment to live as followers of Jesus by welcoming the stranger, giving food to the hungry, listening with compassion and caring for Earth.

I pray that the man did get to work that day. No matter who knocks on our door or comes to our borders, they must be met with compassion and respect. Who knows when Christ will enter into our lives?

May your home and your heart be a place of gratitude this Christmas.

May you rejoice in promises made and promises kept.

May you make space for Christ who knocks at your door in search of a place where new life can emerge.

Christmas blessings!

Sister Carmen Hernandez Sister Rita Menart Sister Joy Peterson Sister Marilyn Breen



Our MISSION

We, the Sisters of the Presentation, are Catholic women who dedicate our lives to God through evangelization, prayer, service and hospitality. Our way of life is based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share in the vision of our foundress, Venerable Nano Nagle, who dared to dream of a better world for the poor, sick and uneducated of Ireland. We commit ourselves to the empowerment of women and children. We reverence and celebrate all creation as gift. We commit ourselves to confronting injustice and working for peace.

As we continue to keep Nano's dream alive, we are pleased to share our vision with you.

Our DIRECTION

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.

Sisters of the Presentation LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sister Carmen Hernandez

Sister Rita Menart

Sister Joy Peterson

Sister Marilyn Breen



Left to right: Clockwise: Sisters Anne McCormick, Lynn Mary Wagner, Cecelia Marie Auterman, Jeanine Kuhn, Louann Doering and Benjamin Duschner.



Left to right: Karen Freiburger, Patty Kowalske, Sister Brigid Stanley and Sue Murphy.



To Welcome, Greet and Help All The Faces of Hospitality

by FRANCINE QUILLIN, PBVM

The Sisters of the Presentation have inherited from their foundress, Nano Nagle, the charism of hospitality. They live it seriously, welcoming people into their home, ministering to people in varying ways in their local settings, providing for groups to use meeting rooms at Mount Loretto, their motherhouse in Dubuque, reaching out to the poor in the many places where they live.

And it is effective. People frequently comment, when visiting Mount Loretto, how very welcoming and hospitable all of the sisters are. The expressions of gratitude from parishioners, or those in other ministries served by the sisters, also remark about the warmth and care offered by the sisters.

But there is one ministry that might be overlooked, because it is so “common-place.” It is the receptionist ministry. At Mount Loretto, a host of sisters and lay employees welcome visitors. A conscious effort is made to extend the same hospitality over the phone as in

person-to-person encounters. This is effected by seven sisters and three lay employees hired for that responsibility. So what does this ministry mean to those who perform it?

Sister Cecelia Marie Auterman has been faithful to this ministry since 1999! She is at the reception desk Monday through Thursday mornings and Friday and Saturday nights. In addition to that ministry, when the occasion arises, she bakes wonderful pies for feast day celebrations of the sisters on Nagle 4, the assisted living floor. She also regularly maintains the shredders in the motherhouse, and, daily, she passes mail into each sister’s mailbox after the postal carrier has dropped off the big box of mail.

Sister Cecelia comments, “I am the first person visitors see or phone callers hear, so I am mindful of that great need to be hospitable to all. It also gives me the opportunity to get some reading done, and it is not taxing work.”

Sister Mary Louann Doering works at the reception desk on Thursday and Saturday afternoons, and some Sunday afternoons. She likes it because it is “one way to serve my community, and I find it interesting to meet the people who come to our home.” She adds that, “Sometimes people call or stop in with unusual requests, and that livens things up. Often people call to ask for our Mass times, so I feel like I am helping them with their faith life by being hospitable about their attending Mass here.”

“I like working Sunday nights because it is a quieter time and I can get letters written,” states **Sister Anne McCormick** of her time at the reception desk. She also enjoys meeting visitors who come and helping people. Sister Anne helps the sisters in a huge way because she is also responsible for arranging daily schedules for drivers to transport the sisters who don’t drive. That can often mean a quick arrangement during the day if something comes up that wasn’t on the schedule, so she is always “on call.”

Sister Lynn Mary Wagner would agree that Sunday nights are quiet, and that’s why she enjoys being a “hostess” at times when there is a need to fill in for someone. She is also on call at other times during the week when she is not baking dessert for the sisters’ meals, which she does every day. She is an experienced and excellent cook/baker, and at one time was the food service director for the community.

Every two weeks, **Sister Brigid Stanley** spends seven days working at Mercy Hospital as a certified nursing assistant. She also ministers in hospitality at Mount Loretto one Sunday afternoon per month. “I like greeting people and being a smiling face at the door. I try to be as helpful as possible,” states Sister Brigid. She is well known at the hospital for that same smile and willingness to help, so she has lots of practice. She adds that generally it is quiet on Sunday, and it is “relaxing to just let the world flow. Occasionally there are group meetings and then a lot of people come almost at once, so that can be a bit overwhelming.”

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If you know **Sister Benjamin Duschner**, you would not be surprised to hear her say that she “likes to welcome and greet people and help them as needed.” She is at the reception desk on Monday and Friday afternoons, and she concurs with others that, “Sometimes things can get pretty hectic, but generally it is a ministry one can enjoy.”

Sister Jeanine Kuhn does this ministry on Sunday afternoons and other times when there are openings. She likes it because Sundays are generally a more relaxing time to be there, but she also sees it as a real service. She recalls a man who came in and just wanted to sit down and talk. “He knew we were receptive, and he just needed somebody to talk to,” she comments.

Besides these faithful sisters, we are blessed to have three long-term lay women who aptly live out our charism of hospitality by the way in which they welcome visitors or phone callers.

Karen Freiburger is a 14-year veteran at this ministry. Before that she had worked at a school in Sherrill, Iowa. She likes working at Mount Loretto, she says, “because everyone is so nice.” That, of course, is pulled forth from others by her own “niceness” and kindness to visitors and sisters alike.

Right behind Karen is **Sue Murphy**, who has been in this position for 10 years. Generally Sue works Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, and she candidly states, “This is the best place I have ever worked.” She came into the position in a unique way. She had battled cancer, and when the time was appropriate, she wanted to get back into the workforce. Previously when she would drive by Mount Loretto, she always thought it was such a beautiful place. One day when she was out, she had an inspiration, “I think I’ll just stop in there and see if they have any openings.” She wasn’t even looking for any particular position – she just felt drawn to inquire. And sure enough, an opening had just occurred for a receptionist!

Mount Loretto is hospitable, but safe, and that makes me comfortable. I like the environment of the sisters. There is tranquility inside these walls, and every department here has friendly, helpful people. *Sue Murphy*

“I like helping people,” Sue remarks, “and we are the first ones people see when they come in or hear if they call. Often people will call with prayer requests. And we have lots of people coming in for various reasons. Mount Loretto is hospitable, but safe, and that makes me comfortable. I like the environment of the sisters. There is tranquility inside these walls, and every department here has friendly, helpful people.” Sue is one of those “helpful people” in that, during the week when she is not working, she volunteers to provide activities for the retired sisters. She is particularly thoughtful in getting them outside when they can throw a large beach ball back and forth around the circle. In addition, she always places fun and generous holiday surprises in everyone’s mailbox at the motherhouse.

Patty Kowalske has a double experience working with the sisters. Previously she had been a certified pharmacy technician at both Mercy Caremor and Mercy Hospital for 11 years. Then, for six years, she worked at Mount Loretto in Nagle Center as a certified nursing assistant and a certified medication aide. She was experiencing chronic back problems, so she decided to apply for the receptionist position. Her response to why she stayed on at Mount Loretto is definitive: “It’s perfect. I love it! My husband, who is now deceased, used to say he always felt at peace as soon as he walked in here.”

Just as Nano Nagle respected, welcomed and loved all those she encountered, the Sisters of the Presentation are blessed to have these women as representatives at the front door or on the phone. The sisters and the lay women offer the very best in hospitality to strangers and “regulars” alike, so they must make Nano Nagle very proud.

Making Ethical Shopping Choices

by JOY PETERSON, PBVM

Have you ever wandered through any “big box” stores and wondered about all the hands from around the world that have contributed to the production of the items arrayed in front of you? Or have you considered where the resources have come from to produce your electronics, your cotton clothing, your favorite chocolate bar or that bottle of water? Few of our consumer products are the result of a single producer. While we might find an item labelled as coming from a certain country, it is likely that the resources for the product come from other parts of the world.

Highlighting awareness that our shopping choices have consequences, the Vatican Document *Promoting Integral Human Development* (May 2018) states, “[Shopping] is a choice through which we often opt, in an unconscious way, for goods, whose production possibly takes place through supply chains in which the violation of the most elementary human rights is normal....” (#33)

Since the season of chocolate delights for Christmas is upon us, let’s consider the harvesting of cocoa and the contents of chocolate bars. For years, investors encouraged companies like Hershey to make sure that no child labor was employed in their supply chain. Consequently, Hershey committed to setting a goal of eliminating child labor by 2020. Since cocoa is not the only ingredient in candy bars activists began to encourage the company to look at the labor conditions for sugar, nuts and palm oil. The U.S. Department of Labor reports that these ingredients are produced in countries where migrant workers are mistreated by unethical recruiters who may charge high fees to secure terms of employment or withhold identity documents, thus preventing workers from moving to another place. Because of advocate pressures, Hershey has committed to adopting a human rights policy that includes ethical recruitment within its operations and supply chain.

How can you learn about whether the products you are purchasing have provided for just treatment of workers and attention to low impact on the environment? The Green America website offers information about fair labor practices, green living products and a host of other issues. The little book, *“The Better World Shopping Guide,”* rates hundreds of products for their capacity to contribute to social and environmental health of our planet.

As we make our Christmas shopping choices, the Vatican Document reminds us that we are called “to watch, as sentinels, over genuine life, and to make ourselves catalysts of a new social behavior, shaping our actions to the search for the common good and establishing it on the sound principles of solidarity and subsidiarity.” (#34)

Honoring the Legacy of Nano Nagle Passing on the Lantern Light

by JANE BUSE-MILLER

This year the Sisters of the Presentation around the world celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of their foundress, Nano Nagle. But more than that, they celebrate the passionate heart their foundress had for the lost, the sick, the elderly and the marginalized, her lifelong commitment to education and the poor.

In honor of Nano’s anniversary, the Sisters of the Presentation hosted the “Passing on the Lantern Light” event on November 12. The event recognized 10 organizations who bring light to women, children and immigrants in the Dubuque community with an honorary gift of \$3,000.

“This gift is our way of partnering with other local organizations in their work of offering hospitality to those who struggle to live in dignity and security and in honoring Nano’s legacy as, together, we all work to brighten the lives of others,” says Sister Joy Peterson.

One of the recipients was the children’s division of the Dubuque public library who responded to the invitation by saying, “What an incredible gift! Just today we were struggling to come up with grant money to fund a program we’ve been wanting to do for months. And, our program idea is so in keeping with the Presentation mission. Our idea is to partner with the Teresa Shelter, specifically with those residents with children. We want to provide resources, books and have staff go to the shelter for story times and homework help.”



Sister Joy Peterson (right) presents Colleen Pasnik (left) with a gift that will help further the mission of Mary’s Inn by providing physical, emotional and spiritual support for single pregnant mothers and their developing babies.

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“Teresa Shelter is a shelter for women and children initiated by Dubuque area Catholic sisters in 1997. The library is right across the street from the shelter so it was a perfect fit,” adds Sister Joy.

The event was a wonderful tribute to Nano and the monetary support was appreciated by all recipients. Below are a couple of the organizations’ expression of gratitude.

The Dream Center shares, “We were gifted \$3,000 to help us to continue serving people in need and we are very humbled to be recognized for our work with all of the other organizations present. We love that we are able to provide a safe place for our students to grow and learn, all while developing intentional relationships with our School Connectors. It is because of our “In Your Life Mentoring” model that we can serve our students in the way that meets each of their individual needs. Thank you, Sisters of the Presentation, for this wonderful gift in honor of Nano.”

Resources Unites expresses, “We are sincerely grateful that we were one of the organizations that was recognized. Everything we do at Resources Unite is centered around Nano’s passion for caring for the vulnerable while transforming systems that continue to oppress those in need. We’ve done a pretty good job of reaching out to and connecting with the people who need us to meet them where they are versus waiting for them to show up in our office. We can do so much more though. And with this kind of support, we can’t wait to get started! We can become so much more proactive for those in need.”

“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. Nano would be so proud,” reflects Sister Carmen Hernandez.



Left to right: Sisters Beth Driscoll and Marilou Irons celebrate 50 years of religious life.

Carrying the Lantern Flame 50th Jubilee Celebration

by BETH KRESS, PBVM

“The lantern that Nano Nagle carried throughout the streets of Cork brought the light of compassion and love to people who were poor, sick, illiterate and suffering. Throughout our lives, our parents, siblings, teachers, friends and community members have witnessed love in word and action.” These words echo the shared sentiments of Sisters Beth Driscoll and Marilou Irons at their golden jubilee celebration on October 13, 2018.

Sisters Beth and Marilou observed their 50th anniversary of religious life, celebrating at Mass and dinner with family members, Presentation Sisters, associates and other invited guests.

Inspired by Nano Nagle, foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation, the theme of the jubilee day was “Love shall be your lantern flame.” Proclaiming the day one of jubilee, Sister Ann Jackson greeted the assembly and thanked Sisters Beth and Marilou for their witness to Nano’s charism of hospitality.

In reflecting on Luke’s story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, homilist and presider, Father Douglas Wathier, commented about the disciples’ eventual recognition of Jesus when he broke bread with them. Father Doug stated, “The guest they invited to their table would become their host. They recognized him as the one they had hoped he would be.”

In recognizing the face of Jesus in all those they meet, the jubilarians have each demonstrated the mutuality and reciprocity of hospitality in their lives as they carry “the lantern flame” of Nano Nagle.

“I treasure an early morning conversation I had with Charlie, a guest of Lantern Light, Inc., who was homeless,” recalls Sister Beth of her years in New Orleans. “When I greeted Charlie and asked how he was doing, he responded immediately. ‘God woke me up to see the light of another day!’ Oh, that I might be as grateful as Charlie for the gift of a new day.”

In gratitude for friendships developed with sisters in religious community and those with whom she has worked in schools and organizations, Sister Marilou recognizes that she has learned to balance prayer, work and play from these friends. “I was exposed to music, art and gardening thanks to them sharing their skills and knowledge in those areas. I have encountered and have been enriched by folks who shared a similar great love of and enthusiasm for education through my years as a classroom teacher, faith formation leader and principal.”

Sisters Beth and Marilou entered the Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, Iowa, in 1968, and professed perpetual vows in 1976.

Sister Beth Driscoll

Sister Beth is the eldest daughter of the late Jerry and Alverna Driscoll-Marreel of Osage, Iowa, and sister to Mark Driscoll, Tom Driscoll and Cindy McCarthy. Currently she is living in Omaha, Nebraska, “walking the lanes” in the spirit of Nano Nagle, meeting people and searching out the needs and possibilities for ministry in the city.

“On this 50th Jubilee, I give thanks to my parents, brothers and sister and their families, whose goodness, generosity and concern for others provides daily encouragement,” comments Sister Beth. “I am deeply grateful to God for calling me to live my vocation as a member of the Sisters of the Presentation; for the gift of community life and for the privilege of serving in a variety of ministries over these 50 years. The presence of former students, colleagues, parishioners and faith-sharing friends has blessed my life in ways I could not have imagined.”

From 2008 to 2018, Sister Beth served in congregational leadership and as liturgy coordinator for Mount Loretto. Her former ministries include serving as a team member of Lantern Light, Inc. in New Orleans, Louisiana, a collaborative ministry among the Presentation Sisters in North America; formation coordinator for her Presentation congregation; music teacher in various parishes and Catholic schools in Dubuque and Mason City, Iowa; Timber Lake, South Dakota; and Oak Lawn, Illinois.

“In these challenging times for the church and the world, it is more urgent than ever to ‘offer hope and love to our broken world,’ as stated in the mission statement of the Sisters of the Presentation,” reflects Sister Beth. “May this celebration of jubilee be an occasion for us, individually and collectively, to renew our commitment to act with justice, to love tenderly, to serve one another and to walk humbly with our God.”

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Sister Beth Driscoll

Sister Marilou Irons

Sister Marilou Irons, is daughter of the late Bob and Catherine (Baxter) Irons of Waukon, Iowa, and sister to Connie Mettillie, Carol Ann Irons, Alyce Sheehan, Bill Irons, Bob Joe Irons, Peg Troendle, Pat Roberts and Lori Egan.

Currently of Dubuque, Iowa, Sister Marilou is resident manager at Applewood I and II apartments in Dubuque. She also serves on the board of trustees of Presentation Lantern Center, Dubuque, and is a member of the Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

“The theme of our jubilee celebration expresses how, as a Presentation Sister during the past 50 years, I have grown in sharing hope and my love with all those I have encountered whether they be former students, a co-worker, family, friend or current resident,” states Sister Marilou. “I hope I continue to share a smile and a word of encouragement with all I meet in the years ahead.”

Her former ministries have included serving as principal and teacher in Catholic elementary schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Dubuque at Oelwein, Cedar Falls, Manchester, Dubuque, Osage, Mason City and Farley-Bankston. She also served on the board of directors of Helping Services of Northeast Iowa and as secretary for several area principals’ groups. While in Oelwein, Sister Marilou was faith formation director and confirmation coordinator. For many years she was an active member of local chapters of Catholic Daughters of America in Manchester, Oelwein and Cedar Falls.

“I enjoyed meeting people who were so dedicated to Catholic education,” comments Sister Marilou on her role in education. “When I remember teachers and catechists with whom I have worked, I am still impressed with how they balanced family life and all the hours they gave to being prepared to teach the young to be community builders, problem solvers, complex thinkers and persons kind in word and deed. These folks spur me on to do my best in whatever was the new program or local need.”



Sister St. James Lickteig collaborates with Sister Hermann Platt in the archives by scanning photos, creating displays and answering requests for information.

SISTER ST. JAMES LICKTEIG A Love for Art and History

by BROOKE BODDICKER, COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

Sister St. James Lickteig became a Sister of the Presentation in 1960. Her bachelor's degrees in education and theology, her master's degree in education and the encouragement of her college roommate, Sister Bernard Heit, OSB, have helped Sister St. James embrace her creative side and flourish beyond her roots in Wesley, Iowa.

"I was graced to teach in three states and many schools within them. In Iowa, I taught at St. Joseph in Key West, St. Columbkille and Resurrection in Dubuque, St. Cecelia in Algona, and Seton Catholic; in Minnesota at St. Odelia in Shoreview; and in South Dakota at St. Joseph in Timber Lake," states Sister St. James. "The beauty is that I could seek help from others – principals, teachers and the children themselves."

The opportunity to discover new places was enjoyable for St. James; still, during her time of teaching, the greatest opportunity was pursuing a new passion – art. "My theory is ... I was not excited about school and teaching. Of course, I did learn in the long run to enjoy it, but I had to have something else. I needed something to be able to express myself." Sister St. James found various ways of expressing herself, the more prominent being mural painting, upholstery and woodworking.

Sister St. James described a couple of her most cherished memories, which come from building dollhouses. One dollhouse was made for her niece, who "after 50 plus years, still has that scrap-crafted doll house." The other was created for a faculty friend's daughter. "Her daughter wanted a dollhouse for

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Sister St. James Lickteig

Christmas that year," recalls St. James, "Grandpa had assembled one from a distance, but when it was delivered it was in small pieces." Sister St. James came to the rescue. She assembled a new dollhouse and was grateful for her decision to lend a hand. "You can imagine the special joy of a little girl that Christmas. I enjoyed sharing some moments with the family that day."

This outlet through art pleased St. James, as she knew she was making a difference in more ways than one. "There's this part of me that knew I could teach and students could learn, but I knew I needed something else. It gives me a sense of satisfaction knowing that I'm making someone else's life more orderly through art."

When she retired from teaching in 2007, Sister St. James moved to Mount Loretto where she continues to minister within the community. St. James explains, "I hope that I bring spirit and joy to individuals in some small way. Little errands for those who cannot do them ... bringing mail, visiting, laughing and crying with those who are hurting. I value time spent with my Presentation family."

Family is of utmost importance to Sister St. James. She is grateful that, although she chose to live a religious life, she was able to spend time with her parents and siblings. She believes they are the ones who fostered her vocation.

The history of St. James' life thus far is noteworthy; nevertheless, she is more focused on the history of others. In her retirement, Sister St. James has become most passionate about discovering records of the past.

"I find great energy exploring our Presentation history and adding to our knowledge of our families. So many of our summary documents don't have much information concerning who we were before we entered the Presentation community," states Sister St. James. "Presently, there are 288 deceased sisters and 97 living sisters. I do research on the sisters and try to add to and document their stories for the archive files. In some cases, I had only two or three scraps of information to use. I am mostly successful in seeking out information using Ancestry.com and other online sites."



These young girls' hearts were filled with joy when they received one of Sister St. James' custom-made dollhouses.



Her love of history stems from her cousin, Father Adrian Lickteig, who, with a friend, developed a "Lickteig family tree" that Sister St. James admired so much. "I worked my way from the top, beginning with the 1640s. From there I found other family trees and I started looking into the authentication of the information. I just kept on going and now I'm up to 19,000 of my family members." After all, "When you start with one side of the family, you have to go to the other," she states.

Beyond learning about history, Sister St. James enjoys reading, photography and creating art using computer graphics. Her creativity is quite impressive, but her mindset is never too serious. Sister St. James likes to have fun while living her religious life. Outside her hobbies, she finds great pleasure being able to share a laugh-filled moment with sisters and to listen to them share about their family and community life.

"I can say that I never wavered from my choice in life and I never looked back. It seemed to fit," says Sister St. James. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Do you have news to share?

**We would love to publish it.
Please send your news items to:
doorways@dubuquepresentations.org.**

Partners in Mission

by KAREN TUECKE, PARTNERS IN MISSION COORDINATOR

Joseph Voss of Olive Branch, Mississippi, has had a life-long connection with multiple groups of women religious. Born and raised in Iowa, Joe was taught catechism when he attended elementary school in Aurelia and he recalls multiple Sisters of the Presentation from junior high through high school at St. Mary's School in Storm Lake, Iowa, where the late Sister Matthew Cunningham taught piano, organ and instrumental music. Joe smiles as he fondly remembers some of the life-lessons he received, "Follow the rules and stay on the highway of life – avoid going off road, you'll get dirty."

Joe "stayed on the highway of life" and received a bachelor's degree from Loras College in Dubuque, and later continued on to the U.S. Navy. He realizes the impact the Presentation Sisters have made on him. When asked, "Is there a certain area where the presence of the Presentation Sisters has made an impact on your life?" Joe responds "Music! He who sings, prays twice!" He elaborates, "I learned how to play guitar and am still part of the choir today. The Presentation Sisters' education in music has left an imprint on me that will last a lifetime."

In addition to being taught by Sisters of the Presentation, Joe is a partner in the Presentation mission. He wants to be a part of the bigger picture and support the many ministries the sisters carry out today. "I am a partner in mission because I feel it's payback for all that the Presentation Sisters invested in us as students. I now see the value of what they were trying to get across to us which often didn't seem important to us – until we had a few broken hearts, train wrecks and accidents."

To me, stewardship has become a bigger focus in my life. The sisters have played a big part in my stewardship over the last few years through their example of devotion. *Joseph Voss*

Also, by being a partner, Joe states, "It keeps me focused on all the people, who as individuals, have had an impact on my life and continue to remind me of my place in the Body of Christ and the talents and gifts that I have been entrusted with."

Today, Joe looks at life from a different light. "To me, stewardship has become a bigger focus in my life. The sisters have played a



Left to right: Karen Tuecke, partners in mission coordinator, Mary Beth Erickson, Sister Donna Determan and Joseph Voss. Joe and Mary Beth were classmates from St. Mary School in Storm Lake, Iowa, and coincidentally reunited when Mary Beth was visiting her sister, Sister Ellen Mary Garrett, when Joe came for a motherhouse visit.

big part in my stewardship over the last few years through their example of devotion. There's an old saying that we should 'pray as if everything depends on God, work as if everything depends on you.' I always pray first."

"If I pray as if everything depends on me, I would have to pray with a greater sense of urgency and need, recognizing my own inadequacy. I would have to pray for the wisdom and strength that I will need. I would need to seek forgiveness and humility, so that my past sins and my present flaws might not be stumbling blocks for those I am trying to serve. If I work as if everything depends on God, then I will go forward with greater confidence and energy, since the work to be done is in more capable hands than my own. If the outcome is in God's hands, then I will perhaps be able to persevere in the face of opposition and apparent poor results. From this process, I have found I am able to give back."

For Joseph and his family, partnering with the Sisters of the Presentation is a way to say thank you. "I don't think that I'll ever be able to repay the sisters for all that they did for me and I'm grateful for the Catholic education that they passed along to me and my classmates. My donations are small. But together with the other donors, we can make a joyful Alleluia!"

REMEMBERING Waterloo, Iowa

1968-2016

by MARY HERMANN PLATT, PBVM, ARCHIVIST

The work of the Sisters of the Presentation in Waterloo, Iowa, varied with the years. Twenty-one sisters served as teachers, parish ministers and spiritual directors in the city between 1968 and 2016.

Columbus High School opened in 1959. A central Catholic high school, it replaced three parish high schools. Sixteen sisters ministered on the faculty at Columbus between 1968 and 1989, teaching in the various departments. The sisters also had representation on the school board and offered the students opportunities for spiritual growth and for service.

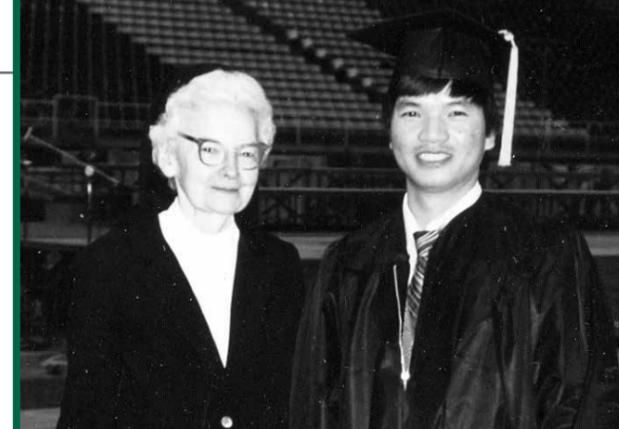
Sister Helen (Ignatius) Cunningham, a certified reading specialist, was recognized by the reading consultant for Area Education Agency 7 for her comprehensive Secondary Reading Skills program. The program offered developmental reading courses to students with significant reading disabilities.

Members of minority groups made up 10 percent of the student population, most of them from Southeast Asia such as Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Sister Helen spent many hours working with those who were learning the English language and American customs. She said her goal was to "help them feel at home and succeed; build a sense of self-worth in each student."

"Their courage and perseverance as they struggled to understand the spoken and written word, to speak English, and hardest of all, to compose their own ideas in written English, was an amazing phenomenon to observe." Many of these students continued to correspond with Sister Helen after they had graduated from high school, keeping her informed of their progress in their chosen fields.

The parishes of St. John and St. Nicholas in Evansdale, Iowa, began a new venture in 1971. The first team ministry situation in the Archdiocese of Dubuque included four priests and one lay man who would serve the needs of both parishes. In 1973, Sister Marlene McDonnell joined the team, serving in the religious education portion of the ministry until 1976.

From 1984-1990, Sister Barbara Rastatter ministered to the people in Blessed Sacrament Parish in Waterloo. An article in the



Left to right: Top photo: Sister Helen (Ignatius) Cunningham helps a Vietnamese student in 1983. Bottom photo: Sisters Jeanine Kuhn and Michelle Gallagher.

Waterloo Evening Courier, in the fall of 1986, describes her ministry as "visiting all parishioners in nursing homes and hospitals, and those who are physically restricted to their homes and no longer can attend regular church services." She especially loved bringing music to the nursing home residents, playing the organ each Thursday and watching the responses of those attending.

"It was a blessing to serve the people of Sacred Heart Parish in Waterloo from 1995-2001," says Sister Louann Doering. She noted that the leadership of the pastor, staff, school and religious education personnel called forth involvement by the parishioners who were ready to volunteer their time and skills wherever these were needed. Sister Louann's ministry at Sacred Heart involved organizing Renew groups and church volunteers. More touching were the visits to the homebound, bringing communion and hearing the residents tell of their discouragements, joys and fears.

Offering spiritual direction to individuals who requested her assistance was the ministry of Sister Jeanine Kuhn. She also served as a Hospice volunteer. Sisters Jeanine and Michelle Gallagher lived in an apartment in Waterloo, both serving as mentors for individual students at the University of Northern Iowa one day per week. Their influence extended to the residents of their apartment building where they took part in the activities there.

Presentation presence in Waterloo ended in 2016, when Sisters Jeanine and Michelle returned to Dubuque where they now offer spiritual direction, community prayer and service.



Left to right: One of the early associate advisory committees: Clockwise: Barbara Ressler, Karla Berns, Sister Ann Jackson, Mags Young, Sisters Beth Driscoll, Joellen Price, Marilyn Breen and Sheila Ann Dougherty. Newly-committed associates, Judy Zahren-Kalb, Carol Wyatt, Thalia Cutsforth and Jen Hayes.

Reflecting on 20 Years of Partnerships

by JOAN BRINCKS, PBVM, ASSOCIATE PARTNERSHIP CO-DIRECTOR

Being a Presentation associate is more than simply joining a group or organization. It is about committing to live in prayerful relationship with the Sisters of the Presentation and to share in the Presentation mission of radical hospitality and kinship with all people. It is an opportunity to be rooted in the spirit of the Presentation community and offer compassion and presence for those in need. Sisters and associates support one another to deepen spiritual growth and make a difference in the world.

In remembrance of the 20-year anniversary of the Presentation Associate Partnership, the following associates reflect on what drew them to become associates and their desire to remain one. Their commitment continues to evolve with time and life experiences.

Colleen Venter of Dubuque, Iowa: *Associate of eight years*
 “Being a Presentation associate is a daily wake up call for me to be ‘present’ to others.”



A couple of years ago, I had the opportunity to help deliver Christmas gifts to a Dubuque family. There were several adults and small children living under one roof. As we visited, four of us women sat at a table and the rest of the family sat on the living room floor, because they had no other furniture. In appreciation for the gifts they had received from our associate group, one of the young men played a keyboard and all of the adults sang a song of thanksgiving

to us. I was so touched and humbled by that experience and by this family’s welcoming presence, as they shared their gift of music with us.”

“I continue to be an associate today to support the Presentation mission to take up Nano’s lantern and to go out into the community to help serve and connect to those with few options.”

Sharon Loeffelholz of Bellevue, Iowa: *Associate of 12 years*

“I had the opportunity to work with Sister Carmen Hernandez who has such a calming, loving and peaceful presence. I was looking for this in my life and found it in my associate group. We pray, study and work together to help those in need. Spending time with the sisters is an added bonus as it is always uplifting to see their smiling faces. They are always so appreciative of any small kindness.”



Mary Lou Mauss of Dubuque, Iowa: *Associate of four years*

“Thinking of Nano Nagle’s commitment and struggles makes any of my difficulties seem so small in comparison. Getting together with sisters and other associates reinforces the goal of assisting those in need. Besides all that, it’s a really fun bunch!”



Linda Dolphin of Dubuque, Iowa: *Associate of 18 years*

“One of the reasons I was drawn to the Associate Partnership was my admiration for Nano Nagle. Through reading her letters, I realized how much I wanted to be a part of her mission to welcome and care for the poor and marginalized in society. As an associate, I am invited to participate in activities, with the sisters and in my parish, that further her mission. I feel grateful and blessed to continue in the Associate Partnership.”



Ali January of Chicago, Illinois: *Associate of four years*

“There were a number of things that drew me into the Associate Partnership. I think first and foremost, the Sisters of the Presentation that I know have always struck me as strong women rooted in their spirituality and committed to social justice, and the associate relationship offered me a small way to identify and partner with those amazing women. Along those same lines, I think that meetings with the Presentation Sisters and other associates have also provided a unique space that includes deep reflection and good conversation, but also lighthearted laughter. I think this is a dynamic that is so hard to come by, but so needed!”



Welcoming Our Newest Associate

Janine Idziak, became the newest Presentation associate on September 17, 2018. Janine lives in Dubuque and is professor emerita of Philosophy and director of the Bioethics Center both at Loras College. She also serves as consultant for health care ethics for the Archdiocese of Dubuque.



Janine believes that the Presentation mission and direction statements speak to her own life commitments to confront injustice and work for peace. To this end, she is attentive to legislative action alerts and serves on the Human Life and Dignity Committee of the Iowa Catholic Conference. She also teaches classes on Catholic social teaching for the diaconate formation program. Janine recognizes that her desire to become more involved in hands-on service fits with the Presentation charism of radical hospitality and with the life and example of Nano Nagle. She looks forward to the community dimension of the Associate Partnership. The Presentation community welcomes Janine!

In Memory of Marilynn Jacobs

November 16, 1927 - October 12, 2018

Associate, Marilynn Jacobs, died on Friday, October 12, 2018, at home. Marilynn taught elementary school in Eldon, Iowa, before marrying Paul Jacobs in 1950. Marilynn and Paul had eight children, and Marilynn spent the next years as a full-time homemaker. Paul died in 1976.



Marilynn’s faith was important to her, and she was very active in her parish, Saint Columbkille in Dubuque, playing the piano and singing in the choir. She was also involved in Cursillo, Christian Experience Weekends (CEW), Marriage Encounter and various Bible study groups. Marilynn became a Presentation associate on September 18, 2004, and was passionate about social justice issues. She was a founding member of the Community of the Living Word and faithful to the meals program at the Dubuque Rescue Mission for over 35 years. Marilyn wrote a column for *The Witness* called “Family Alive,” and was dedicated to her work with spiritual formation and social justice for Our Lady of the Sioux parishioners in Ogalala, South Dakota.

Marilynn’s family brought her great joy, especially her 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She knew how to make everyone feel special and enjoyed writing letters and sending cards for every occasion. Marilynn truly went “one pace beyond” and will be missed by many.

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A GIFT OF MUSIC

Sister Matthew Cunningham

May 24, 1920 - September 1, 2018

by BETH KRESS, PBVM

Her earthly father passed when she was quite young, and her mother after she entered religious life, yet Sister Mary Matthew Cunningham was gifted by the love of her heavenly Father. She was surrounded by the love of her brother Don, her sister Joan, her aunts, uncles, cousins and her Presentation community.

She spent a lifetime learning to give her best – to rise above her faults, to let her tenacity change to humility, to receive graciously, to trust others and to believe that all she had to do was to let go and let God lead her to the Kingdom.

Sister Matthew's pathway to God was that of music. God gave Mary Catherine Cunningham the gift of music in childhood. Music became the work and prayer of her life, first by working for the Sisters of the Presentation in Clare, Iowa, so that she could receive music lessons, then, by joining them in religious life and sharing that gift with others.

Sister Matthew's life-mantra became, "I will give glory to God through music." It was as if she were an instrument in God's hands, in God's voice. Music revealed her soul and she was most comfortable with music as her inner voice.

A talented pianist and organist, Sister Matthew enjoyed many kinds of music – classical, liturgical, folk, popular and jazz. She learned to play a variety of instruments, focusing on piano, organ and violin and developed the gift of music in students for over 50 years. She loved working with others, preparing them as cantors, choir members and instrumentalists for liturgies. She once stated, "I could make a difference in their singing and that was a great joy to me."

Sister Matthew cherished the standard and traditional hymns, and she enjoyed gospel songs and contemporary Christian music. She moved with the flow and changes in liturgical music through the years after Vatican II. Whether accompanying or providing instrumental versions, she sang, played and danced the music in her soul.

Through the years, Sister Matthew mixed humor and creativity by writing parodies for many occasions. As a trained musician and wordsmith, she had high standards for rhythm and rhyme. All the rest of the community had to do was perform her works as perfectly as they could!

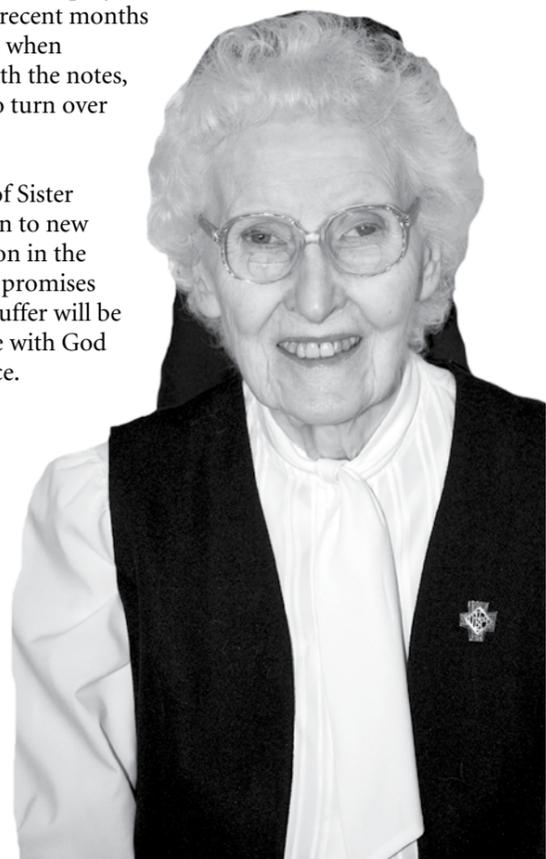
Sister Matthew enjoyed word puzzles and the Chicago Cubs. She maintained friendships. She kept in touch with relatives, friends and former students via email, about which she was known to have said, "not bad for a woman of 80-plus years young!"

She was very proud of her brother Don and his work in the U.S. government. She loved time spent with her sister Joan Cunningham, a Sister of St. Joseph from Orange, California, especially when they traveled to 10 European countries including Medjugorje, Yugoslavia.

Prayer and her relationship with God were always important to Sister Matthew. She loved the Blessed Virgin Mary. Praying often and in many ways, she fingered the beads of her rosary, observed traditional Presentation devotions, attended local prayer groups and enjoyed Mother Angelica and the Eternal Word Television Network. There was a hunger in Sister Matthew's soul.

After retiring Sister Matthew enjoyed playing piano and organ to accompany at Eucharist and prayer. She practiced piano up to recent months until she realized that, when struggling to bring forth the notes, she was being called to turn over the keys to the Lord.

With the celebration of Sister Matthew's resurrection to new life, we take consolation in the Book of Wisdom as it promises hope that those who suffer will be found worthy to abide with God in love and know peace.



A LIFE WELL-LIVED

Sister Janice Hancock

September 11, 1939 - September 29, 2018

by JOAN LICKTEIG, PBVM

Sister Janice Hancock, only daughter of Doris Meehan and Freeman Hancock, entered eternal life on September 29, 2018. Her life spanned 79 years. September proved to be a significant month for Janice with her birth date, her death date and the month she joined the Sisters of the Presentation. She is survived by her twin brother, Jack, and his wife Gayle, in addition to three sisters-in-law. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and one sister-in-law.

Sister Janice lived most of her life in Dubuque on Mount Loretta Avenue, which was the same street the motherhouse of the Sisters of the Presentation was located. Janice attended St. Columbkille School from kindergarten through high school graduation.

When Janice entered the Presentation community in 1957, she began her college program. Following graduation from Clarke College, Sister Janice embarked on her career in elementary education, teaching in Osage, Waukon, Bankston, Humboldt, Sheldon, Dubuque (Resurrection and St. Columbkille) and Mason City, all in Iowa, as well as Oregon, Illinois, and St. Paul Minnesota.

Following 30 years of teaching, Sister Janice demonstrated her multiple talents and versatility of skills in a variety of ministries and areas of service in the business arena as switchboard operator, receptionist, photo editor, reprint corrections coordinator, proofreader and as administrative assistant. Her people skills and gifts flourished during these times of varied ministries in multiple organizations and locations. Sister Janice took delight in staying connected with the people in her life and ministries. When she celebrated her 60th jubilee, she was still meeting regularly with her high school classmates.

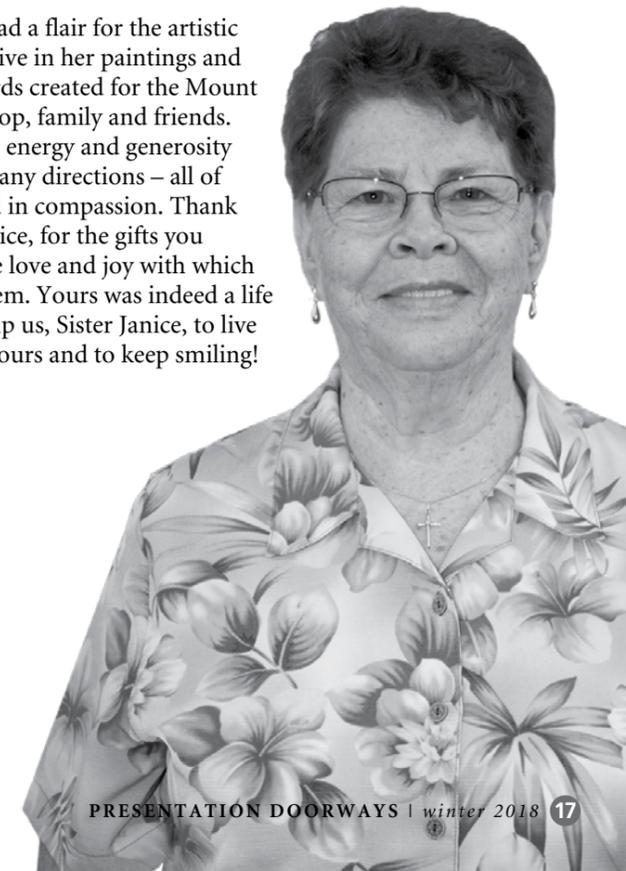
Sister Janice's ministries culminated in 10 years of service with Catholic Charities of Dubuque. It was this latter venue that offered a perfect ministry match for her. Sister Janice had a heart for the poor and underprivileged. Throughout her lifetime she took every opportunity to show compassion, becoming her most authentic self, when like Nano Nagle, the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation, Sister Janice advocated for and ministered to the less fortunate. What a privilege it was for her to walk in the shadow of Nano's dream.

Sister Janice enjoyed a good time wherever she went, whatever she did. Always a bit of a trickster, a prankster, a joker she offered

entertainment and provided laughter. One of her favorite "acts," her authentic bird chirp, often to her delight, sent children all over a room looking for the bird.

Jack, her twin brother and constant companion, not only accompanied her as they walked to Mass each morning; he was also the one with whom she made the most mischief. She and Jack were among the first selected when sides were chosen for neighborhood games. Having spent her elementary school years playing sports with the boys in the neighborhood, it was no surprise that Janice was an avid sports fan. Her favorite teams included Iowa Hawkeyes, Chicago Cubs and Green Bay Packers. Sister Janice so enjoyed the camaraderie of the sports scene and valued the development of character gained in being a team player that, in addition to teaching full-time, she attended classes at Northeast Iowa Community College in Mason City to obtain a coaching certificate. Subsequently, Sister Janice successfully coached girls' volleyball and basketball in Mason City and girls' volleyball and softball at St. Columbkille.

Sister Janice had a flair for the artistic which came alive in her paintings and in greeting cards created for the Mount Loretta gift shop, family and friends. Her creativity, energy and generosity extended in many directions – all of them wrapped in compassion. Thank you, Sister Janice, for the gifts you shared and the love and joy with which you shared them. Yours was indeed a life well-lived. Help us, Sister Janice, to live the life that is ours and to keep smiling!



Relationally SPEAKING

Sisters, Associates, Family, Friends in Brief

Honoring Sister Kathleen Dolphin

In the Scriptures, as well as the history of the church, many women have unfortunately remained invisible. Along with the men, brave women from Europe, North America and the Caribbean, and sometimes their spouses, have served as faithful disciples, missionaries, teachers, nurses and those who did all manner of “women’s work” to spread the good news of the risen Christ. Their gifts, sacrifices and accomplishments are important and their names must not be forgotten. Recalling their stories and their life-sustaining partnerships nourishes our vision of an inclusive community.



Currently at Trinity Theological College, Legon, Ghana, the Talitha Qumi Centre is being constructed to not only house these stories of women in mission and keep their memories alive, but also to facilitate the training of African women in religion and culture in an ecumenical environment.

The community of Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, where **Sister Kathleen Dolphin** served as the director of the Spirituality Center and members of the New Voices Seminar, a project initiated by Sister Kathleen that for several years gathered and nurtured groups of younger women theologians have honored Sister Kathleen’s memory with the purchase of a brick for this new center, a brick that bears her name. As a model of and an advocate for other women disciples, this honor speaks to the essence of who Sister Kathleen was and of her enduring influence.

La Luz Hispana Receives Award

La Luz Hispana, in Hampton, Iowa, was honored with The Dan Chavez Beyond the Horizon Organization Award in recognition for the center’s advocacy on behalf of immigrants, refugee and non-English speaking people of Iowa.



Sister Carmen Hernandez (right) accepts an award from Ellen Pickhinke on behalf of La Luz Hispana.

“La Luz Hispana is a place where you will receive a friendly smile and a hug. This is the universal language of Sisters Carmen Hernandez and Maura McCarthy,” states Ellen Pickhinke, principal at Northside and Southside Elementary Schools. “This center has made a significant difference in our schools. Through their advocacy and partnership with our schools ... our immigrant families have been heard. Without the leadership and support from La Luz Hispana, our community and school system would not thrive and embrace its diversity.”

New Executive Director at the Presentation Lantern Center

The Presentation Lantern Center recently announced **Megan Ruiz** as its new executive director. Previously, Megan served as an academic advisor and disability services coordinator, as well as an instructor for the University of Dubuque.



“Megan comes to us with a wealth of skills and a heart for our mission,” states Tim Moothart, board president of the center. “She will be a blessing for all of us at the Presentation Lantern Center.”

The Presentation Lantern Center offers hospitality, advocacy and education to adult immigrants, including tutoring in English language skills and citizenship test preparation. The center has helped more than 1,000 adult immigrants from 65 countries achieve their goals, including 83 permanent residents who successfully passed their citizenship interview and test.

“I’m thrilled to be working with English language learners, immigrants, refugees and community members in need, in addition to growing community partnerships and much more,” states Megan.

A Dream of Revitalization

On Saturday, September 8, **Sister Suzanne Gallagher** rang the bell at the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the recently renovated Oil Springs School in Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Sister Suzanne has been an integral person in assisting in the revitalization of Harpers Ferry. She led a committee in researching the needs of the community, thus identifying the need for a splash pad, assisted in refurbishing the schoolhouse and so many dreams for the future.



Sharing Nano’s Story and Vision

In honor of the 300th anniversary of Nano’s birth, **Associate Bernie Graves** gave a presentation titled “The Venerable Nano Nagle: The Lady with the Lantern” at the Keeler Women’s Center in Kansas City, Kansas, on September 13. The presentation was in conjunction with their Holy Women series. Thank you, Bernie, for spreading Nano’s story.



Mount Loretto AND BEYOND

Featured below are special times in the lives of Dubuque Presentation Sisters and associates, near and far.



Just to Live is Holy

Left to right: Sisters Kay Cota, Marie Barth and Carrie Link are among several women religious featured in the art exhibit, "Just to Live is Holy: Women Religious and a Tradition of Art, Faith and Justice" at the Dubuque Museum of Art. This exhibit highlights regional artists who have made a unique contribution to our understanding of art, faith and social justice. The exhibit runs through January 6, 2019, so be sure to check out their beautiful pieces. For more information, visit www.dbqart.com.

Light

is a sign of God's presence among us.

We are called to be people of light,
to be a light of blessing, peace,
hope, comfort, strength, joy
to all who are a part of our lives.

Adapted from a poem by Carrie Miller, SLW

MAY WE BE FILLED WITH
WONDER AND JOY THIS HOLY
SEASON AS WE CELEBRATE THE
PRESENCE OF GOD AMONG US.

SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION
DUBUQUE, IOWA

You are invited to join us.

December 25, 2018
Christmas Mass
9:00 a.m.
Sisters of the Presentation
Sacred Heart Chapel
Dubuque, Iowa

January 28, 2019
February 25, 2019
Centering Prayer
5:30 p.m. Evening Meal
6:15-7:00 p.m. Prayer
Sisters of the Presentation
Sacred Heart Chapel
Dubuque, Iowa

March 16-23, 2019
Service & Discernment Opportunity
New Orleans, Louisiana

For updated information about the activities and events of the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, please visit our website at www.dubuquepresentations.org or call 563.588.2008.

Please pray with us.

December 15, 2018
Christmas Dinner with guests from
Dubuque Rescue Mission and Hope House
Sisters of the Presentation
Dubuque, Iowa

February 2, 2019
World Day for Consecrated Life

February 6-11, 2019
Mount Loretto Retreat

March 8-14, 2019
National Catholic Sisters Week

April 6, 2019
Conference of Associates and Religious
of the Midwest Area
Dubuque, Iowa

21st of each month
Pray for Vocations

25th of each month
Mass for Benefactors

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Nano Nagle and Her Legacy

Nano's contemplative spirit and the sum of her attributes guided her understanding of her own life and call, her relationship with others, with her world, and with life itself. As we continue to celebrate the 300th anniversary of her birth, may we, too, be women and men of welcoming hearts, whose words and actions continue to speak the language of the heart each day. Through small everyday activities, let us use our voice, our prayer, our ability, our actions and our relationships to act in partnership with others for global justice. Everything we do has a global effect.



Photo credit: Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Co. Cork

Visionary ♡♡

To see the future with imagination or wisdom; to bring revelation, be an innovator.

- Speak to others from the heart.
- View mistakes as lessons, not as excuses to give up.
- Don't take "no" for an answer when pursuing your dreams.

Hope ♡♡

Directed intentionality and anticipated fulfillment of intention; to trust in, wait for, look for or desire something or someone.

- Accept people for who they are, not for what they do.
- Acknowledge when someone is stressed, sad or lonely.
- Act as a light for others looking to change their lives.

Integrity ♡♡

Having strong moral principles and core values and then conducting your life with those as your guide rather than based on personal gain.

- Prioritize honesty in everything you do.
- Look deeper into what you value.
- Break down social barriers to assert the worth of all people.

Zeal ♡♡

A strong feeling of interest and enthusiasm that makes someone determined to do something. Great passion in pursuit of a cause or an objective.

- Promote peace through non-violent language.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you.
- Look at obstacles from a new perspective.