



Union of Presentation Sisters

(Drawing upon excerpts from the Union Web Site)

As Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to follow Christ in the spirit of our Foundress, bringing the Good News to the poor by promoting God's kingdom of truth and goodness, justice, love and peace.

Our Presentation Congregation was founded by Nano Nagle in Cork, Ireland, in 1775 with three other sisters. From such small beginnings, the Presentation Sisters spread throughout Ireland and around the world. Most new convents developed independently but the particular charism of our Foundress has always been a source of life and unity.

Following the Second Vatican Council, many of these autonomous groups of Presentation Sisters came together in 1976 as the Union of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a Congregation today of approximately 1300 women, we are working internationally, including in the USA, England, Slovakia, India, Pakistan, Ireland, Zambia/Zimbabwe, Thailand, Philippines, New Zealand, and in Latin America in Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador and Peru.

We had been divided into thirteen Provinces or Units, with NL, Canada, having been added as of November 1, 2014 as another separate Province or Unit. Each Province or Unit takes responsibility for its own life and mission in response to the direction of the Congregation, united by our common vision and charism.

**“We trust in the Spirit of God
who calls us to live by *Our Way of Life.*”**

Our Way of Life, which embodies our Constitutions and Directives as approved by the Congregational Gathering 2012, expresses our yearning for union with the Living God, present in the mystery of the unfolding of Creation, in its magnificence, beauty and wonder, as well as in its darkness, pain and woundedness. We are called to awaken to the Spirit of God present and active in all that exists, to a spirituality of being in communion, and to participate in the universal mission of Jesus Christ. (C 3)