



Nano's Echo

Newsletter of the International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission

(A Spirit-led initiative of the International Congregation of Presentation Sisters (Union) which celebrates and promotes the charism of Nano Nagle in new and creative ways)

CORPUS CHRISTI 2016

At the heart of our movement lies:

A partnership with the Divine

we attend to God each day and our actions are informed by that commitment.

A passion for the poorest

we stand with the poorest in society.

A covenant with creation

honouring all of creation, we live and promote sustainable lives.

The feast of Corpus Christ invites us to reflect on the extraordinary gift of Christ present to us in the Eucharist.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us that 'The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation'; that 'God himself became man and gave himself as food for his creatures' and that the Eucharist 'motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor'.

We know that the Mass and the Sacraments were at the heart of Nano Nagle's schools. Education was a means of giving children the stepping stones to combat the grinding poverty of their time but, for Nano, the priority was catechesis. Sr. Mary Pius O'Farrell tells us that Nano's

pupils 'Fed by the Eucharist ... learned to accept the Gospel's command to live a life of loving care for one another'.

Nano spent hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

In 1777 she gave a Christmas Dinner for 50 beggars. Her hospitality reflected the generosity of Jesus who nourishes our souls in the Eucharist. Nano spent hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. On Holy Thursday night, in 1784, a few short weeks before her death, in spite of much suffering, Nano spent 11 hours before the Blessed Sacrament 'kneeling all the time'.

Nano Nagle was sustained by prayer and by the Eucharist. Her life was one of contemplative action. Nano's faith was the catalyst which inspired so many others to follow her in serving the poor and sharing the fruits of the Eucharistic feast.

 Do I reflect sufficiently on and appreciate the gift of the Eucharist in my life?

 In what ways does my life reflect the nourishment I receive from the Eucharist?

 Do I follow Jesus' Commandment to 'Love one another'?

 Do I live a life of concern for others inspired by the example of Nano?

Margaret Farrell (Ireland)

Nano's Echo is for everyone who may be interested in some of the content. Please share it far and wide.

The **Nano Nagle Commission** give an update on page three with a summary of their **mission, values** and what they are **seeking to do**. Let us support them.

Young Irish Friends of Nano Shine

Many of us watched the Presentation School Choir from Kilkenny **WOW** the judges on Britain's Got Talent.

[Watch them here](#)



In 2015 a junior 'Friends of Nano' group was set up by Sr. Nuala in the secondary school, Presentation College Tuam, Co. Galway. They produced a wonderful podcast on aspects of Nano's life.

Well done girls we are proud of you!!

[Listen to Nano's story](#)
You will need to scroll down

Introducing Amigas de La Nana Nagle from Chile

In Chile there is a centre called Casa Nana Nagle and the women who attend this centre have great devotion to and interest in Nano Nagle. Without any prompting, they have educated themselves about her life and mission and have created instances, both on radio and TV where the wider population hears the story. About five years ago, a group of women calling themselves Amigas de La Nana Nagle was formed. They also are not a formally constituted group and have fluctuating numbers. However, there is a core group of people who have been part of the centre since it opened in 2003 and they are the people who keep the group going. They meet monthly and have had days of reflection and formation. Last year they did a discernment on the area where they wanted to focus their mission.



They decided that they would focus on recycling as there is none in the area where we live. Since then, they have had classes on recycling and using recycled material for art. This year they met with the Mayor and councillors with no success. Now they have decided to educate the community and create a broad coalition of people to promote recycling and care for the earth.

Mary Moloney pbvm (Chile)

Update from Zimbabwe



Friends of Nano in Zimbabwe are involved with many things to do with the environment. On special days they plant trees that the children like to sit under if they are upset. Rubbish is picked up, separated and sent for recycling. Friends of Nano in Zimbabwe teach in primary and high schools so most ministry as a Friend of Nano includes children. On United Nations International Days, and other special days, they enable the children to celebrate and learn about the day and become advocates from a very young age.



Some of the Friends of Nano and children with goods they have collected to distribute to the needy.

As Friends of Nano and together with the children they collect food, clothes, and sundries during Lent, winter, and Christmas to distribute to orphanages, the elderly, and needy. For spiritual growth they participate in retreats.

Everyone in the schools is involved in Friends of Nano activities from auxiliary staff, teachers, and administration so no-one is left out. For the auxiliary staff everything is done in their own language to enhance full understanding and participation. From information provided by Naume Pesipamire (Zimbabwe)

We are grateful to Fatima Rodrigo pbvm for taking this delightful video clip of some of the Friends of Nano in Zimbabwe. The words to the song are *We cannot express ourselves adequately our gratitude to God. Mary help us to find words to thank God our Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.*



[View Video](#)



Nano Nagle Commission

2015 — 2018

Mission Of the Nano Nagle Commission

The role of the Commission is to facilitate creative ways of making Nano known, loved and proclaimed as a woman for our time now in collaboration with our Sisters, Friends of Nano, Associates, Co-workers and Students. As carriers of the dream of God, of Jesus and of Nano the challenge is to re-energise Nano in our world and to carry the invitation to draw people to her charisma.

Values

- ◇ Faithfulness to the Universe Story, the Gospel and the recent Papal documents.
- ◇ Emphasis on the Venerable Nano in today's world by providing formation on a global, inter-faith level with all partners.
- ◇ Mary and Nano allowed the dream of God, the Spirit and the Gospel Jesus, to transform their very beings. Because they had the dream of God for our world, they, in turn, became carriers of the dream in their day and time.

The lives of great men and women all remind us we can make our own lives sublime ...

As we share the deep desire for the beatification and canonization of Nano let us reflect the reason. The holiness of Nano is a reflection and mirror of the Holiness of God. Seeking to give prominence to this is itself an act of worship to God, for all holiness is a gift from God. If Nano was a saint it was because God made her one, and it is to Him all praise is due.

Let us pray for her Sainthood in the Church, that the whole world may come to know her, as we do, that other people will be inspired by her life to do something great for God.

The road to sainthood—what is required?



http://nanonagle.org/?page_id=1361

We Seek To

...

- ◇ Capture the charism and spirituality of Nano.
- ◇ Emphasize the contemporary, cultural expression/face of Nano today.
- ◇ Promote Venerable Nano as a Woman for the World, not solely for the Presentation Family.
- ◇ Model the contemplative stance as faithful disciples and agents of transformation.
- ◇ Provide formative experiences on a global, interfaith level.
- ◇ Work collaboratively and with hospitality of the heart with all partners

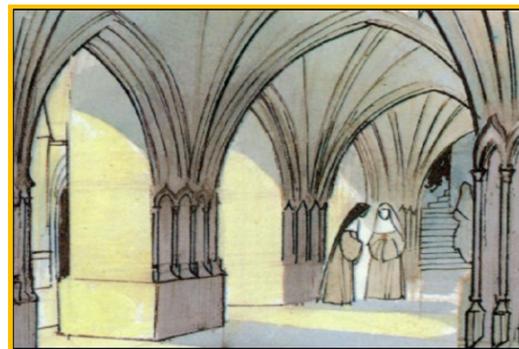
We Request

Your prayers and suggestions for the successful and effective working of the Nano Nagle Commission.

Near 40 years did she (Nano Nagle) spend in that very laborious, but most meritorious occupation — she died in the odour of sanctity a victim of her zeal and charity to the poor.
Bishop Moylan 1788



Exploring the idea of Movement



****IPLMM = International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission**

Where is Nano’s heart calling us? What difference do we make to the world by being Friends of Nano? Where is our movement taking us? We would love to hear from you about the difference it is making in your neighbourhood.



Nano’s first actions in Cork began as **Movement** - she recognised God’s call to return to Ireland and teach the children. But her schools were only part of her work: ‘When the work of school was over **she turned her steps** to the lanes and alleys to bring comfort to the poor, the aged and the infirm. It was said of her that there was not a garret in Cork that she did not know. She built on LOVE.’ T.J.Walsh

Small steps that led to other steps

Every small step begins a Movement. Nano’s decision to ensure the future of her work by founding the Presentation Congregation could be described as the Nano Movement. It was established on her vision and charisma and, over time, became an institution.....

Notes from input from Jerry Rosario SJ at Ballygriffin 2011

In order to flourish every Movement needs common **Perspectives** and agreed Core Values.

It must be **Process** orientated ... focused on be-coming ... within loose boundaries.

Must look a **Phase** beyond -always striving to go one step beyond.

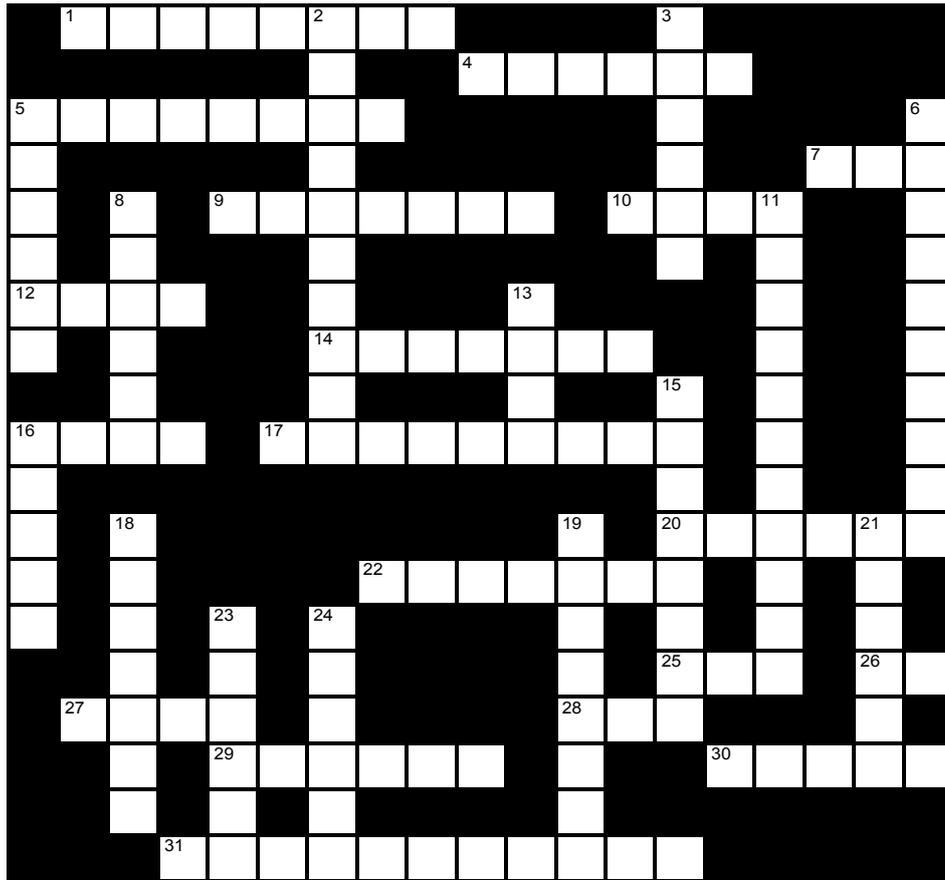
Praxis - implementation of a Movement takes place through the community and must be based on analysis, on reading the signs of the times—treatment follows diagnosis. It must be Spirit-led.



Zimbabwe share why they like to be called Friends of Nano

Why friends? They say ‘show me your friends and I’ll know the type of person you are!’ So we chose to be called **Friends of Nano** because we want to emulate the work that was done by Nano Nagle. We know that we may not be able to reach everyone in every corner but the little we do is a step in the right direction. To be a **Friend of Nano** and participate in various things to help people that have been made poor brings a sense of satisfaction in us all. We hope that *Nano’s Echo* will continue to illuminate in us and enable us to do more. Naume Pesipamire (Zimbabwe)

Sustainable Development Goals



Have a go at the crossword puzzle. You may like to try it either in a group or on your own. If you want the solution e-mail m.greaney@wn.catholic.org.nz and it will be sent to you.



Across

1. Achieve gender ... (8)
4. ... desertification. (6)
5. Promote ... learning. (8)
7. Access to justice ... all. (3)
9. End ... in all its forms everywhere. (7)
10. Promote well-being for all at all ... (4)
12. Reverse ... degradation. (4)
14. ... nutrition. (7)
16. Decent ... for all. (4)
17. Sustained ... economic growth. (9)
20. Take urgent action to combat climate ... (6)
22. We can all help the world ... the goals. (7)
25. Protect, restore and promote sustainable ... of terrestrial ecosystems. (3)
26. Eradicate poverty ... 2030. (2)
27. Achieve ... security. (4)
28. Sanitation for ... (3)
29. The goals are promoted by the ... Nations. (6)
30. ... resilient infrastructure. (5)
31. There are seventeen Sustainable ... Goals. (11)

Down

2. Foster ... (10)
3. Sustainably ... forests. (6)
5. Build accountable inclusive institutions at all ... (6)
6. Full and ... employment. (10)
8. End ... (6)
11. Promote ... agriculture. (11)
13. Halt biodiversity ... (4)
15. Promote ... societies. (8)
16. Empower all ... and girls. (5)
18. ... inclusive and sustainable industrialization. (7)
19. Access to affordable ... modern energy for all. (8)
21. Revitalise ... partnerships. (6)
23. ... inequality within and among countries. (6)
24. Conserve the oceans and ... resources. (6)

How much do you know about the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**? You will find the crossword easy to do by going into the link.

[HELP FIND THE ANSWERS](#)

The **Congregational Gathering 2012** calls us to be immersed in the lives of the poor and marginalized people, who open us to the Mystery of Love, and to be prophetic voices with them for the transformation of unjust systems locally and globally

The **Congregational Gathering 2012** calls us to nurture our call, personally and communally, by entering the still spaces within, acknowledging and befriending both our blessedness and brokenness.

The Deep End

Do not try to save the whole world or do anything grandiose. Instead, create a clearing in the dense forest of your life and wait there patiently, until the song that is your life falls into your own cupped hands and you recognise and greet it. Only then will you know how to give yourself to this world so worthy of rescue.

Martha Postlewaite



An extract from *The Life of Miss Nano Nagle*

by Dr William Coppinger

(Dr Coppinger was a contemporary of Nano's and familiar with her and her ministry. This extract is taken from an address he gave to a group of Cork philanthropists after her death. The full address may be found on page 384 *Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters* by T.J. Walsh.)

...She never spared herself, nor suffered any inconvenience to prevent her personal attendance. She acquired strength from her very fatigues; her constitution sprung up anew as from its own ashes, and she certainly was hardier now, than at any former period. The parching heats of summer, the piercing cold of winter had no effect on her; the schools were her shade, and her refreshment... The seasons however, as they change, was never permitted to spare her; her own regularity, as it did not change, was never permitted to spare her. The same laborious occupations recurred every day, and no day could charge her with ever having flinched from them... The chapel, the schools, and her apartment for the rest of her life divided her presence between them. At chapel every day during the divine sacrifice, how unaffected in her appearance! - silent - motionless - absorbed in recollection! - a lively transcript of her own perfect faith, and a new credibility to all those that beheld her... in converse with the Great Teacher she advanced in the science of the saints.



IPA Direction Statement



As Presentation people impelled by the radical gospel of Jesus and on fire with the spirit of Nano, we consciously choose to be drawn more deeply into the mystery of God, the mystery of Oneness and the reality of people and Earth made poor. Energised by this evolving consciousness we engage in expansive partnerships that move us to personal and systemic transformation.



Mary-Ann

Maria

Mildred

Feedback and suggestions are welcome.

The Co-ordinating Team are easy to contact via e-mail.

Maria Owen

maria.E.owen@gmail.com

Mildred Soldevilla pbvm

mildsol@yahoo.com

Mary-Ann Greaney

m.greaney@wn.catholic.org.nz