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ANNUAL REPORT
OF
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SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION
DUBUQUE, IOWA

Known as the "Lady of the Lantern," Presentation foundress, Nano Nagle, devoted her life to lighting the way for the lost, the sick, the elderly and the marginalized of Cork City, Ireland, by offering hospitality, compassion, love and hope.

Today, 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 spirit and mission of Nano 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.

Because We Love God

by Kathy Sherman, CSJ

Why do you feed the hungry? Why do you comfort those that sorrow? What is the source of your passion, your joy? Why are you calm in a storm? Why do you hunger for justice? Why do you give your heart away to the weary, the poor, the unloved, the unfree? Why do you do what you do?

REFRAIN:

Because we love God; because we love God and all that belongs to God. Because we love God we are who we are and we do what we do because we love God.

Why do you forgive those who hurt you? Why do you call the stranger friend? What is the hope that you cling to at night? Why is your dreaming so bold? Why are you friends with the outcast? Why does your table welcome all? Yes, and why does your fire never burn out? Why do you do what you do? *(Refrain)*

Why do you bless the children? Why are you concerned about the future? Why do you protect Earth and all her creatures? Why is your vision so wide? Why do you love without boundaries? Why is your song a song for all? And why do you dare to believe that all are one? Why do you do what you do? *(Refrain)*



“Because we love God; and all that belongs to God. Because we love God, we are who we are and we do what we do.”

Kathy Sherman, CSJ

These words come from one of the hymns that our Presentation community regularly sings at Mount Loretto. We have used it for profession ceremonies, jubilees and community meetings because it so powerfully summarizes the heart of our mission as Sisters of the Presentation.

Over the past years as more and more of you have become our partners in mission, you have joined us in this heartfelt song. Some of you have sung it in your parish communities as you visit the sick and lonely. Others have sung it in your workplace calling for just wages and benefits. Or, it might have happened in time given to local food pantries or shelters. Many participate in the annual garage sale by helping sort donations or standing for hours helping the hundreds who find bargains in clothing and housewares.

Through your generosity as our partners, our Presentation Motherhouse is able to host public school workshops, young adult retreats, prayer groups, anti-trafficking committee meetings, work teams from a variety of organizations, as well as family gatherings for our sisters. Your gifts have helped our vocation director involve young women in service in New Orleans. They have also assisted in providing our wonderful staff with wages and benefits that honor their dedicated service. With your help, our sisters in need of skilled care live in security and safety.

In preparation for this year’s annual report, we invited several partners and sisters to choose a line from the song and explain how they “do what they do” for love of God. We are thankful for their reflections and know you will be touched by their stories. Our communal call to “Radical Hospitality” challenges us to reach out in welcome, inviting the guest in our midst to contribute to the unfolding of an adventure. As we learn from each other in the dance of radical hospitality, we rely on your partnering with us and we are grateful beyond words for your kindness and generosity.

Sister Carmen Homaneky Sister Rita Mannert Sister Joy Peterson Sister Marilyn Breen

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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Partner in Mission, Canton, SD

"We love God and all that belongs to God."

This phrase reminded me of something my Dad used to say. When we or anyone would say "thank you" to my Dad, his response was always the same. "Don't thank me, thank God you got it." He always did it with a chuckle and smile. I believe that's called a joyful giver.



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Presentation Sister, Dubuque, IA

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"Why do you give your heart away to the weary, the poor, the unloved, the unfree?" ... because I feel I am blessed beyond most in our world. In the spirit of Jesus and Nano, I must share my privilege and blessings. I feel my Presentation Sisters' missions are first-hand serving many hurting brothers and sisters.



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Presentation Sister, Dubuque, IA

"Why do you comfort those that sorrow?"

My current ministry includes facilitation of grief support groups. The ministry offers many opportunities to love, show compassion and be supportive in whatever way the need shows itself. Listening with an accepting heart and listening without making judgments are necessary as I hope to support and nurture those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It is not possible to take away the pain and the sorrow, but it is possible to walk with those who are experiencing the pain and the sorrow and respond with kindness, compassion and love.



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Presentation Sister, Muscatine, IA

"Why do I bless the children?" I bless the children (the young ones, the youth, the adults and our senior adults) because I treasure the gift of being a teacher of confirmation, RCIA, young parents preparing their child for baptism and helping youth with liturgy. Because I care so much about the future of our church and because I love God so very much, my inner fire never burns out even as I minister pastorally to God's children.



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"What is the source of your passion, your joy?" and "Why do you hunger for justice?" We tutor at the Presentation Lantern Center because we believe we are called to treat others with dignity and respect, including those who are making the difficult transition into our American culture. This has been a source of joy for us as we've developed friendships with these hardworking and loving immigrants.



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Presentation Sister, Dubuque, IA

"Why do you do what you do?" I do what I do by visiting the elderly in the parishes. For some I'm the only one who visits them for weeks. I provide a sense of empathy as many would be lonely, many would not have someone to talk to or pray with, activities to participate in and, perhaps most importantly, many would not have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist, which they cherish. I do this because they love God and I surely get my strength and grace from my Maker - God Himself.



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"Because we love God and all that belongs to God, we are what we are and do what we do." I support the Sisters of the Presentation because they have been an important part of my life. I appreciate who they are and what they do and what they have done for me in the past. My four children went to Resurrection School in Dubuque and they were taught by these great sisters. They helped me prepare my children to learn about our God and our Catholic teachings.



I also appreciate their great hospitality. Every time I stop in for something they are so welcoming. When I enter their home, I know I am on holy ground.

ANN COOPER

Partner in Mission and Presentation Associate, Dubuque, IA

"Why do you bless the children?"

Children are dependent on adults and some need more help than their family can provide. As a Presentation associate, I help children through funds raised by our annual garage sale, and by my small associate group called the Lantern Lights who support a young girl in Costa Rica to give her a chance to be educated.



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"Why do you hunger for justice?"

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Presentation Sister, Monticello, MN

"Why do you do what you do?" I pray my ministries are a blessing for others and myself. In giving supportive presence and accompanying catechumens on their spiritual journeys, we come to a deeper understanding of discipleship. Additionally, in providing liturgical guidance and painting icons there are many opportunities to walk with others on our path to God.



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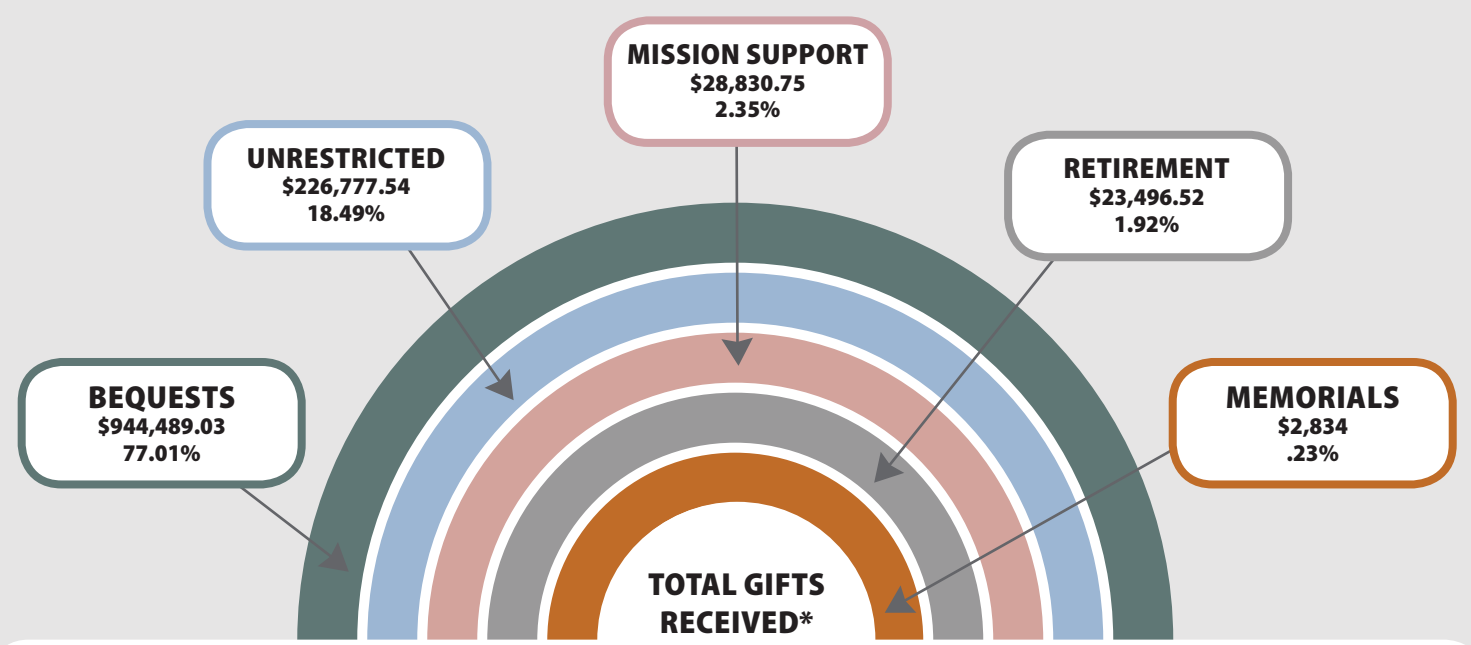
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2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

The goal of the Partners in Mission Office is to enable the Presentation community to minister today and to be prepared for the ministries of tomorrow through partnership and collaboration with those who share in the mission of the Sisters of the Presentation.

Thank you for being Presentation partners in mission!
 Your partnership and support is vital to the success of our ministry and the work of our sisters.
 We share our gratitude with you, as together, we work toward a more just and loving world for all.

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1,777

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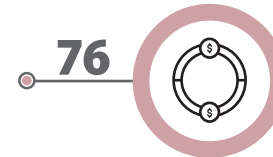
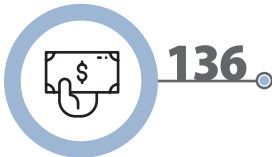


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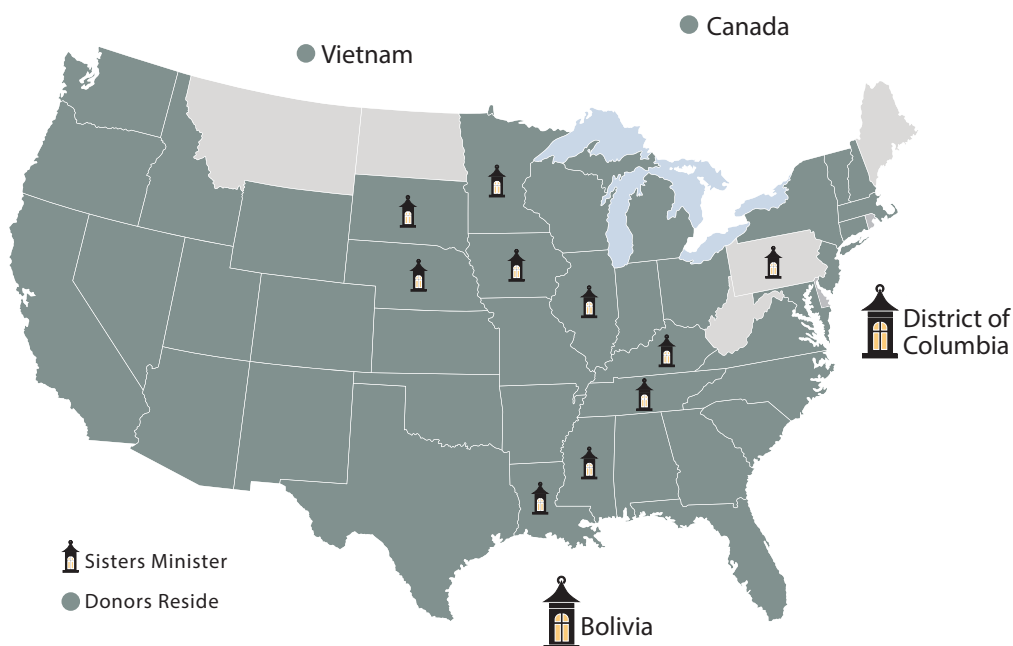
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