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SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION
DUBUQUE, IOWA

Companioning Our Vulnerable in Distress

The following litany, *Companioning Our Vulnerable in Distress*, composed by Sister Paula Schwendinger in response to COVID-19, is prayed daily at the Presentation Motherhouse and beyond. We share this litany with you as we continue to pray for healing and strength during these difficult times.

Response: Protect them, Spirit of God

For all health care workers who are attending to the needs of those affected by the virus. We pray ...

For all those who are employed in jobs where they put their own health at risk. We pray ...

For the homeless who do not have access to many resources, that they be kept safe. We pray ...

For those in nursing homes, and other health care facilities who are vulnerable and may feel alone because they can't have visitors. We pray ...

For those who live alone and are fearful about their daily needs being met. We pray ...

For those who have lost their jobs due to mandatory closings. We pray ...

For parents who worry for the well-being of their children. We pray ...

For our associates, families, benefactors and friends, who rely and trust in our prayers for them. We pray ...

For all our employees who are taking extra measures to keep us safe, and for their families. We pray ...

For those who have tested positive and are in isolation, that they may remain calm in the midst of the uncertainty. We pray ...



For each of us, as we make decisions each day, may we keep the vulnerable in mind.

Adjusting to a new norm during a pandemic is difficult. The changes required by all this past year demonstrated that we are one world, connected in mysterious ways and responsible for one another. History reminds us that hardships call us to unite, stay strong and make choices knowing we depend on each other, thus offering hope. We have the strength to make sacrifices, act with kindness and set aside differences to care for the vulnerable.

The 2020 report includes sentiments reflected from lines in the litany "Companioning Our Vulnerable in Distress" from sisters who put themselves at risk by continuing to serve those in need; staff members who ensure the health and safety of the sisters living at the motherhouse; and you, our partners in mission, who provide time, talent and treasure to the Presentation Sisters. Your support enables us to continue our mission and maintain active ministries all over the country and Bolivia, following the footsteps of Nano Nagle.

Today, we utilize our time and talents to develop creative ways in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable. Sisters and associates connect through phone calls and texts. Handwritten letters have warmed people's hearts. Newly-learned technological skills bring smiles to those not seen in person. Charitable donations have increased, fulfilling our mission by bringing a bit of light and joy to all in need. The inspiration of Nano's hospitality continues to be a lantern in the darkness.

We ask you to keep the vulnerable in your prayers. Pray for healing and strength through the pandemic and offer each other hope and peace. In this we pray ...

*Sister Carmel Hernandez Sister Rita Morant
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For those who are being treated for the virus, and for their families. We pray ...

For immigrants, refugees, and all people on the margins, whose lives are further interrupted by the virus. We pray ...

Response: Give them wisdom, Spirit of God

For government officials, who are responsible for making laws that they may listen to doctors and those with medical knowledge and act for the benefit of all. We pray ...

That political agendas can be set aside as all lawmakers work together for the common good. We pray ...

For those who are working behind the scenes to increase the supplies needed to test and treat the virus. We pray ...

For those who are using their time and talents to help those who are most vulnerable. We pray ...

For scientists and researchers who are working to develop a vaccine. We pray ...

For corporate and business owners, who are trying to keep their businesses afloat, while thinking of those whom they employ. We pray ...

For each of us, that as we make decisions during this time we may keep the vulnerable in mind. We pray ...

Because of the ongoing support of you, our partners, we, have been able to help many people through presence, service, hospitality and support 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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**For all our employees who are taking extra measures to keep us safe,
and for their families. We pray ...**



Brenda LeMay, Director of Nursing

We are blessed with a compassionate team of hardworking individuals who continue to provide top notch care to the sisters during this unexpected pandemic. We immediately began to follow the safety recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Iowa Department of Public Health. The nursing team banded together, working to fill schedule gaps, putting their own fears aside and taking time away from their families. It is true that by working together, sisters and staff, we have achieved more and have successfully kept our sisters healthy.



Lisa Behnke, Director of Food Service

I would like to start by saying thank you to my wonderful food service staff for going the extra mile to keep our department and sisters safe during the pandemic and stepping up to work extra hours when needed. Thanks to all my helpers for keeping the food line running smoothly. I know it hasn't been easy wearing all the shields and masks. Every little thing that you do is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

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For those in nursing homes, and other health care facilities who are vulnerable and may feel alone because they can't have visitors. We pray ...



Sister Jane Conrad, Chaplain, South Dakota

In my hospital ministry, I have seen many people suffer with COVID-19. My heart goes out to the nursing staff. They are not used to seeing so much death day after day. Every time I go into the ICU unit, I try to speak to each staff member and offer encouragement and support for all they are doing for their patients. We have many tears when there are several deaths in one day. Yet there are joys when the patient's favorite song is being played as they are leaving the unit. This time has been a growing experience for all of us in the medical environment.

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For the homeless who do not have access to many resources, that they be kept safe. We pray ...



Sisters Julie Marsh and Mary Lou Specha, Hotel Hope, Louisiana

At our ministry, love and hospitality guide the daily interactions with guests, volunteers and staff. Families experiencing homelessness face many uncertainties as they navigate a safe place to stay. We serve the most vulnerable in our community, women with children who only want the best for their family. We believe sharing our light helps dispel the dark days many of us have faced this past year.

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For immigrants, refugees and all the people on the margins, whose lives are further interrupted by the virus. We pray ...



Greg and Stacey Lickteig, Omaha, Nebraska

COVID-19 or not, Stacey and I give to the Sisters of Presentation in gratitude for the role they played in my elementary and secondary education in the 1970s and 1980s in Algona, Iowa. Moreover though, the sisters are a model of servant leadership. They are a source of inspiration and hope for the Church and the world at large as an advocate for those less fortunate, especially the poor and the immigrant. They speak out to protect the environment and are a brave voice for change. They live lives in aspiration to be living testaments to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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For each of us, that as we make decisions during this time we may keep the vulnerable in mind. We pray ...

Anonymous, Sequim, Washington

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Ben and Radie Roberts
Jeff and Kathy Roberts
Norman and Coral Robinson
Joseph and Marilyn Rochford
Bonnie Roder
Stephen and Kris Rodham
James and Mary Ann Rogge
Daniel and Kim Rohner
Luis Rojas and Dora Serna
Sister Theresa Rolling, OSF
Thomas Rolling

For those who are using their time and talents to help those who are most vulnerable. We pray ...



Susan Murphy, Dubuque, Iowa

As a Presentation associate, employee and partner in mission, I feel connected to the sisters in many ways. At various times of the year, I make special occasion gifts for the sisters and the employees. My husband, Dwayne and I work as a team. I come up with an idea, Dwayne creatively works on the design, then I craft them. Receiving these little touches of kindness mean more now than in the past. The joy and appreciation on their faces makes me smile.

Donald and Carmela Romac
 Beth Rosenthal
 Drew and Shirley Roskos
 Reverend Steven Rosonke
 Doris Roth
 Ann Rottinghaus and John Mayer
 Chuck and Kirsten Rottinghaus
 Clair and Catherine Rottinghaus
 Collette Rottinghaus
 Dixie Rottinghaus
 Paul and Margo Rottinghaus
 Teresa Rottinghaus
 Vince and Debra Rottinghaus
 Sue Rowen
 Leonard and Peggy Ruby
 Sherry Ruden
 Craig and Julie Rust
 Carol Ryan
 Margaret Ryan
 Mary Ryan
 Rose M. Ryan
 Alice Rydz
 Darlean Sabers
 Pat Sackville
 Sacred Heart Church, Rockwell, IA
 Georgia Satter
 Stephen and Barb Sauser
 Francis and Gerianne Savage
 Thomas and Elizabeth Sawle
 Joseph Scally
 Mark Scally
 Curtis and Jennifer Schares
 Larry and Helen Schaul
 John Scherrman
 Madalyn Schilling
 Verilyn Schilling
 Ronald and Julie Schlader
 Mary Jo Schlapia
 Gary and Bridget Schlichtmann
 Alfred and Rosalea Schmelzer
 Mary Schmid
 Timothy and Charla Schmid
 James and Mary Schmidt
 John and Nancy Schmidt
 Lisa Schmidt
 Regina Schmidt
 Rosanne Schmit
 Marian Schmitt
 Richard Schmitt
 Terry Schmitt
 Therese Schmitt
 Schoen Family Charitable Trust, Neenah, WI
 Reverend William Schreiber
 Steve and Sharon Schroeder
 Vincent and Marjorie Schuster
 Judith Schwartz and Beth Artico
 Merlin and Paula Schwebach
 Janet Schwendinger
 Joseph Scieszinski
 Kevin Scroggins
 Marvin and Mary Seegers
 Richard Selander

For all our employees who are taking extra measures to keep us safe, and for their families. We pray ...



Jean Lange, House Coordinator

Elizabeth Edwards said, "Resilience is accepting your new reality, even if it's less good than the one you had before. You can fight it, you can do nothing but scream about what you've lost, or you can accept that and try to put together something that's good." This is what the Mount Loretto staff has done from day one of COVID-19, pulling together to make something good in order to keep sisters and employees safe. With dedication and concern for all, employees showed up day after day, ready to do all they could to protect and serve.



Linda Brown, Director of Housekeeping

Our housekeeping staff members have taken additional steps to ensure the health and safety of sisters and employees. They are cleaning high traffic areas more often, disinfecting high touch surfaces and keeping sanitizer stations full. A challenge we had, especially early on, was the struggle to find toilet paper and necessary cleaning supplies. Thankfully, local organizations and individuals made contributions of masks, face shields, toilet paper and even sanitizer! Because of these donations, your ongoing support and our highly dedicated housekeeping staff, we are able to do our best to keep Mount Loretto safe.

Kathleen Sexton
 Patricia Shaw
 Michael Sheehan
 Jean Shey
 Maurice and Diane Shields
 Glenn and Pam Sibbel
 Maureen Siegert
 Mary Beth Siegert-Hinz
 George and Dorann Simon
 Kathleen Simon
 Sandy Simon
 Thomas and Beth Simpson
 Gary and Kathleen Sislser
 Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, IA
 Sisters of St. Francis, Dubuque, IA
 Sisters of the Presentation, Employees,
 Dubuque, IA
 Michael and Sandra Skahill
 Sarann Slattery
 Daniel and Janice Smith
 Daniel and Rebecca Smith
 David and Patricia Smith
 John Smith
 Mary Smith
 Steven and Debra Smith
 Frank and Alice Somodji
 James and Mindy Sorensen
 Robert and Julie Ann Soule
 Stephen Spates
 James and Rose Sprout
 Rita Stanley
 Mary Stanton
 Donald and Elizabeth Staudt

Donavon Staudt
 Paul and Jean Staudt
 George and Heidi Stavnes
 Clement and Mary Jane Steele
 Florian and Karen Steffen
 Paul Steier
 John and Sandra Steighner
 Honore Steimel
 Reverend Craig Steimel
 Dorothy Steinberg
 Rich and Michelle Stender
 Randy and Constance Stoffel
 Jon Stork
 Straka Johnson Architects P.C., Dubuque, IA
 Sister Mildred Streif, RSM
 Donna Trief
 Orville and Maureen Strothman
 Rob Strycker
 Merlin and Mary Jo Studer
 Kevin Deeny and Megan Stull
 Laddie and Carol Sula
 Richard and Patti Sulentic
 Cheryl Sullivan
 G. Robert and Ruth Ann Summers
 Joyce Summers
 Larry and Mary Jean Svendsen
 Donald and Virginia Swanson
 Jack and Bonnie Sweeney
 John and Stacey Takes
 Judith Takes
 Mary Taylor
 Julie Tebbe
 Kenneth and Marlene Tekippe

Nancy Michels Tesdahl
 Theisen Supply Co., Dubuque, IA
 James and Marita Theisen
 Edward and Linda Thelen
 Adam and Theresa Thielen
 Helen Marie Thielen
 Paul and Jane Thier
 Dorothy Thoma
 Ramona Thomas
 William Thomas
 Mary Thompson
 Donald and Linda Thul
 Louise Thurn
 Reverend Monsignor Thomas Toale
 Patricia Toepfer
 Jody Tomkins
 Patty Tomlinson
 Sister Theresa Marie Tran, SCC
 Anthony and Mary Jo Tremmel
 Eileen Trimble
 Todd and Karen Tuecke
 Mary Tujetsch
 Ruth Turnis
 Stephen and Arlene Turnis
 CJ and Carla Tuthill
 Lorelle Ulfers
 Unified Therapy Services, Dubuque, IA
 Union-Hoermann Press, Dubuque, IA
 University of Dubuque, Dubuque, IA
 Jerome Urbain
 Betty Jean Vader
 John and Ann Van De Wiel
 James and Marilyn Van Pelt
 Brenda Van Wert
 Elaine Van Zile
 Helen Varner
 Lenore Vasey
 Wayne and Colleen Venter
 Archbishop John Vlazny
 Mary F. Vogel
 E.J. Voggenthaler Co., Dubuque, IA
 Joseph Voss
 Mary Judith Wadle
 Robert and Donna Wahler
 Dennis Waldron

**For those who live alone and are fearful about their daily needs being met.
 We pray ...**



Sister Cheryl Demmer, Director of Faith Formation, Iowa

During the pandemic I have written over 130 notes to healthcare workers and to parishioners who are in nursing homes or who live alone in an effort to offer compassionate support. In June, we lost a parishioner who died of COVID-19. At her burial, only 10 people could be in attendance and I was blessed to be one of the 10. I asked the woman's son if he saw his mom before she died and he said, "I saw her through the window." That was gut wrenching for me.

Patricia Walker
 Clement and Judy Wallaser
 Geraldine Walsh
 Patrick and Carol Walsh
 Thomas and Anne Walther
 Tom Walton
 Marty Wathier
 Reverend Douglas Wathier
 Marlene Weber
 Anna Weigel
 Denis and Marlene Welch
 Caroline Welsh
 Ann Wertz and George Sztajer
 Bonnie Westendorf
 Wexford Rosary Society, Lansing, IA
 David and Judi Weydert
 Lee Whalen
 Mary Whalen
 Donald and Jeanne Wiedner
 Les and Phyllis Wildin
 Reverend Monsignor Lyle Wilgenbusch
 Daniel and Joyce Willenborg
 Jack and Marilyn Willey
 Doris Williams
 Joseph and Margaret Williams
 Roger and Kay Wilson
 Lynn Wingert
 Monte and Wilma Wingert
 Larry and Linda Winkelbauer
 Fred Wirtz

Thomas and Carol Witry
 Steven and Marjorie Wojan
 Mary Kay Wolfe
 Michael and Judy Wollner
 Rob Woodin and Jenni McCarthy
 Phyllis Woods
 Anthony and Susan Wright
 Marilyn Wubben
 Andrea Wygle
 Robert and Denise Wyland
 Brad Wynn
 James and Joellyn Yeast
 Kathryn Yetmar
 David and Maureen Yocum
 Bonnie Colwell Young
 Garry and Patricia Young
 Leonard and Margaret Young
 *Vivian Zalaznik
 Joe and Lori Zalaznik
 John and Mary Anne Zang
 Colleen Zematis
 Anne Dudek Zibell
 James and Mary Jane Zieser
 Marilyn Zieser
 Michael and Ginny Zimmerman
 Larry and Arratta Znaniecki

Feel free to contact us at any time.



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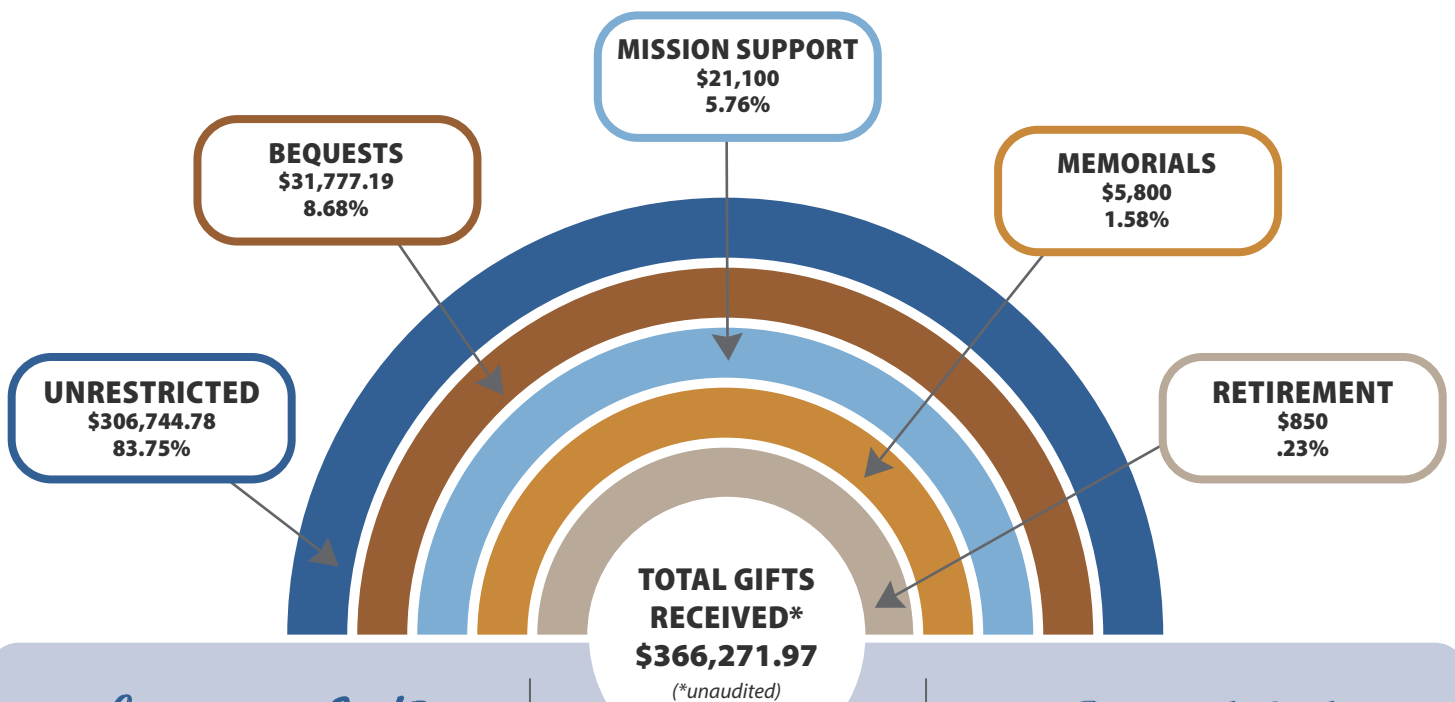
Partners in Mission Office

2020 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.

Gifts Received January 1 - December 31, 2020



Sources of Gifts

- Annual Appeal
- Bequests
- Guest Gifts for Hospitality
- Memorials & Special Occasion Gifts
- Monthly and/or Online Gifts
- Presentation Doorways
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QRD)
- Stocks/Bonds

In 2020, more than \$0.92 of every dollar given to the Sisters of the Presentation went directly to support mission and ministry.

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 in 2020.

Your Gift Truly Makes a Difference

CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2020

TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED

\$366,271.97

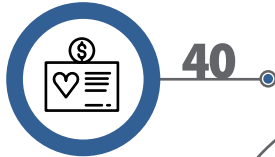
to the Sisters of the Presentation

1,752

individual gifts contributed, of those 89 were in-kind gifts

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION GIFTS

Careful planning allows for gifting while living through an IRA or foundation.

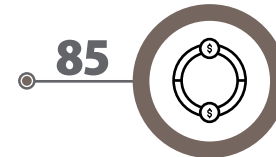
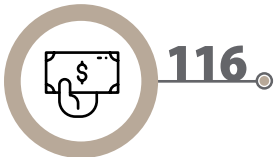


FIRST TIME PARTNERS

The number of new partners continues to gradually rise each year due to our dedicated partners.

GIFTS OVER \$500

Our partners believe in our mission and ministry and we are grateful for their gifts.



RECURRING GIFTS

Recurring gifts can be given once a month, bimonthly or quarterly through various convenient payment options.

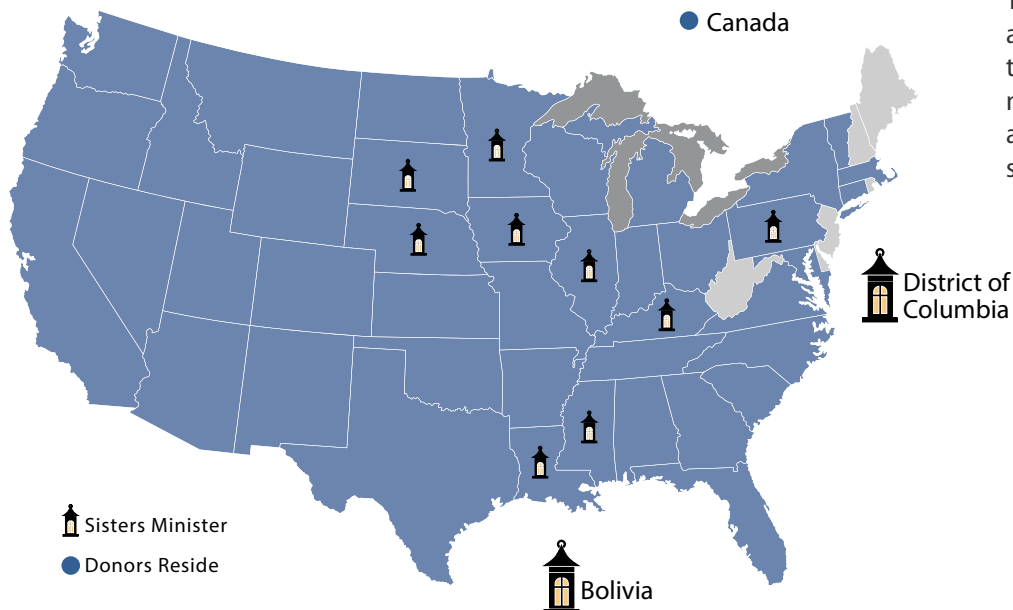
ANNUAL APPEAL

Our annual appeal runs from November 2020 through October 2021.



ONLINE GIFTS

Online giving offers a flexible, secure and sustainable way to contribute a one-time gift or monthly donation.



The support of our partners has allowed the Sisters of the Presentation to serve in various ministries within nine states, the District of Columbia and Bolivia. Our donors reside in 42 states and Canada.

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