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The PURPOSE

The purpose of Presentation Doorways is to further the mission of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our associates by sharing the news and views of the congregation with our benefactors, families and friends. Through this publication, we hope to share the charism of our congregation and to invite others to become involved in our mission.

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Cover PHOTOS

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 Céad Míle Fáilte (100,000 Welcomes) located on the property of the Presentation Motherhouse at 2360 Carter Road in Dubuque, 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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Openings A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

by RITA MENART, PBVM

One day when I was growing up, I showed my father my report card with all As except for one B. I was looking forward to the words “good job.” My father only said, “What have you done for the person behind you?”

I do not remember my father ever using the term “common good,” but I think the concept was in his question. Getting ahead and being first are not what is important in life. Self-fulfillment is not the goal. God values family and wants all the members to have the opportunity for a fulfilling and wonderful life.

In Scripture, the term “common good” is in some translations, but the concept is in all. Jesus talks of the common good through the values of the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Paul said it in Philippians 2:4, “Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead.” (*The Jerusalem Bible*) The concept continues in the church. St. John Chrysostom wrote, “This is the rule of most perfect Christianity, its most exact definition, its highest point, namely, the seeking of the common good ... for nothing can so make a person an imitator of Christ as caring for his neighbors.” *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, as well as documents of other faiths, speaks of the common good.

The concept of the common good has been around forever and exists in many cultures of the world. Plato and Aristotle talked of it in ancient Greece. The Incas had rules to keep harmony so the community could grow together. Any group of people living together has to have some care and concern for each other in order to advance and stay alive.

The difference between the common good in secular terms and the common good that Jesus taught is the location of the boundary. In secular terms, the boundary is set at my immediate family or nearby community. Politically, the country’s border defines where the common good stops. As followers of Christ, we cannot set a boundary. We need to keep stretching the boundary to include all.

Presentation people have been asking many times how we can best consider other people’s interests. COVID-19 gives us many opportunities as we wear masks and vaccinate, not just for our own safety, but the safety of the world. The immigrants from other parts of the world knock at our border asking that their interests be considered. Those who have traveled to the border to assist and those who have sent resources stretched their boundaries to include them. Climate change demands that we consider all people and beings’ interests or we will all suffer the consequences of a damaged environment. Actions to save water, recycle, cut back, etc. make the inanimate as well as animate world a part of the common good.

In this issue of *Presentation Doorways*, we hope you see concrete examples of people “thinking of other people’s interests.” We hope too that you are inspired to take steps to make the common good real in your heart and world. Perhaps that is the greatest Christmas gift we can give to God, a loving, caring world.

Our God will probably ask me at the end of my life the same question my father did. Do you think God will ask you, “What have you done for the person behind you?”

Blessings to all and Merry Christmas.

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

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Communicators from various religious congregations accept the Outstanding Integrated Campaign award at the 2021 Communicators for Women Religious Conference for their work on the conversation series, “Exploring Intersections: Catholic Sisters on Racism, Migration and Climate.”

Catholic Sisters Launch Social Justice Conversations

by BETH KRESS, PBVM

Spacious love, radical call, discern together – words that reflect the contemplative and collaborative spirit of women religious today. It is with such spirit that Catholic sisters from 24 congregations in four states launched a yearlong, live-streamed conversation series in March 2021 on leading social justice issues titled “Exploring Intersections: Catholic Sisters on Racism, Migration and Climate.”

Dubuque Presentations have been deeply involved in the series as members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), representing nearly 80 percent of Catholic sisters in the U.S., and of Region X, congregations of women religious in eastern Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. A few congregations in Wisconsin joined the campaign.

Each month this series has focused on a different social issue and explored how it intersects with racism, migration and climate in a thought-provoking and engaging conversation. Three panelists from different walks of life, including Catholic sisters, have brought unique perspectives to each session.

We embrace our times as holy, we work with others in a way that reflects the spaciousness of God’s abundant love. We remain inspired by the radical call of the Gospel. We are committed to discerning together the leading of God’s Spirit. We commit ourselves to seeking God.

Leadership Conference of Women Religious

“This series is intended to provide a forum for constructive conversation on the big issues of our day, and how each intersects with the major themes of racism, migration and climate,” says Sister Joy Peterson. “We have looked forward to lively, nuanced conversations among our panelists and to hearing what our audience has to say on multiple topics.”

Through December, topics have included gender equality, care of creation, migration, racial justice, ending human trafficking, eliminating gun violence, economic justice and food security, restorative justice and affordable housing. Educational justice and equitable access to healthcare will conclude the series through March 2022. The live-streamed sessions have been interactive, with opportunities for questions and comments following the 45-minute panel conversation. The series streams live at 3 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Participants can join in the discussion live on Zoom with the option for Q&A or on YouTube. Recorded sessions are available for viewing any time on YouTube or by visiting www.exploringintersections.org.

“I was deeply challenged, informed and awestruck as religious sisters and lay women and men of all ages shared their wisdom and energy on varied but connected issues that confront us on so many levels,” comments Sister Marge Healy, justice promoter for the Presentation Sisters.

Leadership and communicators from the 24 congregations have worked together since early in 2020 to carry out the tremendous task of planning, producing, recruiting the host and panelists, designing communication components, promoting the series and overseeing all technical aspects of the project. All were delighted when Exploring Intersections received the Outstanding Integrated Campaign Award at the 2021 Conference of the Communicators for Women Religious in October in Memphis, Tennessee.

Moderating the monthly series is Charish Badzinski, a writer, public relations consultant whose passions include social justice, human rights and preservation of the planet. She is also founder of Rollerbag Goddess Global Communications.

“This award is testament to so many hours of divergent thinking, planning, marketing, technical directing, designing, coordinating, studying, coaching, scheduling and just plain hard work that was put into this project,” expresses Charish. “Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of this vitally important and ongoing conversation about issues that matter. I stand in awe of what is being accomplished!”

Sister Mary Lou Specha, executive director of Hotel Hope in New Orleans, Louisiana, was one of three panelists in June on the topic of racial justice. They addressed questions such as:

- How do we deal with our country’s racist history and the long-term consequences?
- How do we support racial justice today and work to become an anti-racist society?
- How does racial justice intersect with the critical issues of migration and climate we also face?

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Sister Marge Healy

Sister Mary Lou has been in New Orleans since 2008. A leader in the nonprofit and civic community, Sister Mary Lou was previously executive director of Café Reconcile, a nonprofit organization committed to interrupting the cycle of generational poverty and violence in New Orleans. At Hotel Hope, Sister Mary Lou along with Sister Julie Marsh, director of operations, and staff serve the most vulnerable in the community ... women.

“Sisters Mary Lou and Julie walk the streets of New Orleans and interact with homeless women and children crushed, but not conquered, by poverty and racism,” adds Sister Marge. “They tell the stories of those they meet and invite them to share their stories, set their goals and build not only a stronger family, but also find a place to call home.”

Sister Richelle Friedman, director of public policy for the Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) in Washington, D.C., was one of two panelists in October. They addressed the topic of food security and the importance of having physical and economic access to sufficient safe and nutritious food at all times to meet dietary needs for a productive and healthy life. Questions discussed include:

- How does food insecurity lead to migration?
- What is the impact of climate change in food production and access?
- How is food security stratified across racial lines?

At CHN, Sister Richelle works with other organizations to promote public policies that address the needs of low-income and other vulnerable populations. She has more than 30 years of legislative experience on a wide range of issues that include food, healthcare, housing, labor, immigration, taxes and the federal budget.

“Around the world and around our local neighborhoods, people and Earth are made poor. Sister Richelle explained how this happens by focusing on the economic crisis many families face related to food security,” states Sister Marge.

Referencing her work “on the hill,” Sister Richelle offered viewers a very concrete solution for action saying, “Contact your members of Congress asking them to support legislation as proposed in the Build Back Better Plan.”

Bren Connors, Presentation associate, was one of three panelists on December 8, to address the topic of affordable housing. Bren is the chief real estate officer of Metro West Housing Solutions (MWHS) where she has worked for 15 years. MWHS is an organization dedicated to providing affordable rental homes in Lakewood, Colorado. With over 20 years of experience in affordable housing, Bren brings valuable insight and expertise to managing the MWHS real estate portfolio, including housing development, compliance and asset management. In addition to ensuring the optimal health and operation of MWHS properties, Bren is committed to advancing Lakewood's vision of inclusivity and fostering strong community relationships.

The basic human need for shelter is often unattainable for those at the mercy of the elements, job layoffs, economic downturns and overcrowded projects. The panel discussed the challenges in addressing the needs of those who, through no fault of their own and with nowhere to turn, simply want and deserve – a place to call home. Questions discussed include:

- How does homelessness connect to racism, migration or climate?
- What roadblocks might persons face in finding affordable housing?
- How can persons of faith address homelessness in our local areas?

In recent years, the term “equity” is more frequently heard, whether with social issues, workplace norms or elsewhere. Earlier, equality was the term that described how best to serve everyone and give everyone an equal shot at success. Equity takes it a step further and tries to address the unique traits or situation of individuals. It addresses how their situation affects the way they engage with the world. While treating people equally is part of being a decent person, equity takes more work from all of us to implement. Most of the time equity is a much better self-sustaining system over time. Instead of crisis management, people get the tools they need to be self-sufficient and strive to be successful. *(Paraphrased from brothersacademy.org)*

As Presentation people, radical hospitality calls us to live through the lens of the common good and to work diligently in addressing social justice issues in our world. We continually ask ourselves, “How can we express radical hospitality intentionally to others and in our daily lives?”

For Reflection:

In what ways can we, as individuals and collectively, acknowledge and address these major issues of our time and radically open our hearts to embrace, care and work for all?



Rachel Dunlap opens the doors of the Sacred Heart Chapel to be welcomed as a candidate into the Presentation community on October 2, 2021.

Welcoming Rachel

On October 2, 2021, Rachel Dunlap was welcomed as a candidate of the Presentation community. During the welcoming ceremony, all who gathered prayed, “May you dance with the God of Delight and be strengthened by the love of your family and all those who claim you as sister and friend. May you be attentive to the stirrings of the Spirit within you. And may you find lasting peace in the sure knowledge that you are precious in God’s sight.”

Rachel reflects, “I am so grateful that, in the midst of COVID-19, I was able to gather with the sisters both in-person and virtually and be welcomed by the Dubuque Presentation community. After knowing the community for seven years, and growing so much during that time, it felt like I was coming home. I know my parents, Teri and Matthew, felt the same and loved meeting so many sisters for the first time.”

Rachel joins Sisters Joan Brincks and Marge Healy in living community. During this candidate year, Rachel will be accompanied by the sisters as she continues seeking a relationship with God and growing in community.

“Over this next year, two of my biggest goals are to grow personally and spiritually, and to be intentional in getting to know the sisters better while I’m living in Dubuque,” states Rachel. “This change in pace from focusing primarily on school and work the past three years to better balancing

ministry, personal and spiritual growth, and growing in the charisma is going to stretch me in so many ways. I am very much looking forward to learning from each sister the myriad ways that this can be lived out as a religious sister.”

“We are grateful for Sister Jessi Beck’s guidance as vocation director, members of Rachel’s affiliate group and all others who connected and walked with Rachel these past several years,” says Rita Cameron, initial membership co-coordinator. “We are attuned, as was Nano, to God’s call coming to us from the depths of our own experience. We celebrate the continued unfolding of our Presentation story as we journey with Rachel. May she come to see life as God desires it for her.”

Rachel’s Entrance
Tethered to the stirrings
of the spirit
and readied by prayer
a discerning seeker
knocked at our door
to journey
into newness of time and
place
in her quest
for the living God

Corine Murray, PBVM



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CATHOLIC SISTERS ON RACISM, MIGRATION AND CLIMATE

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Join Catholic Sisters for a yearlong, monthly conversation series “Exploring Intersections: Catholic Sisters on Racism, Migration and Climate.” Each month, panelists will explore a social issue and how it intersects with racism, migration and climate in a thought-provoking and engaging conversation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 10, 2021: Gender Equity
April 14, 2021: Care of Creation
May 12, 2021: Migration
June 9, 2021: Racial Justice
July 14, 2021: Ending Human Trafficking
August 11, 2021: Eliminating Gun Violence
September 8, 2021: Economic Justice

October 13, 2021: Food Security
November 10, 2021: Restorative Justice
December 8, 2021: Affordable Housing
January 12, 2022: Education Justice
February 9, 2022: Equitable Access to Healthcare
March 9, 2022: Navigating the Road Ahead

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Left to right: Visitation Sisters Bernadine Curoe, Joanne Sullivan, Paula Maloy and Patricia Clark outside their home at 2950 Kaufmann Road.

A Treasured Friendship Lasting Over a Century

by CARMEN HERNANDEZ, PBVM and ELENA HOYE, PBVM

**Visitations
Heart to heart
daughters of Nano
welcome each other
and beckoned
by lantern hospitality
tend the fire
in word and deed
for mission, community
and Earth.**

Corine Murray, PBVM

The words from the poem entitled “Visitations” by Sister Corine Murray sum up our affection for Visitation Sisters Paula Maloy, Patricia Clark, Joanne Sullivan and Bernadine Curoe as the Presentation community welcomed them to Mount Loretto on September 1, 2021. For the last time, Sisters Paula, Patricia and Joanne packed up their belongings and left their home that was nestled on a lot at the back of the Sisters of the Presentation property. Due to health reasons, Sister Bernadine arrived earlier to Mount Loretto. Going forward both the Presentation and Visitation Sisters will call 2360 Carter Road home.

The friendship shared between both congregations began long ago. In 1874, at the invitation of Bishop Hennessy, four Presentation Sisters arrived in Dubuque, Iowa, only to find the home promised to them was not ready. With open arms the Visitation Sisters invited the Presentation Sisters to stay with them in their home on West Third Street, not far from the present rectory of St. Raphael Cathedral, until their home was prepared and complete. What seemingly appeared a misfortune turned into the beginnings of a long and lasting friendship.

“For almost 150 years, Visitation and Presentation Sisters have been part of the heartbeat of the church and civic communities of Dubuque,” states Sister Lynn Fangman. “Our early encounter with the Visitation Sisters wasn’t a coincidence. We were deeply blessed when they opened their doors to us in 1874, and now we are gifted and privileged to open our doors in welcome to these four wonderful women as we continue our journeys together in prayer, community, service and friendship.”

Nearly 120 years later, the Presentation Sisters were delighted to have the Visitation Sisters settle on a lot at the back of their property. By November of 1995, the Visitation Sisters moved into their new home at 2950 Kaufmann Road.

The charism of the Sisters of the Visitation is expressed primarily through the practice of two virtues – humility and gentleness. Both of these virtues have been and continue to be expressed by these remarkable women.

Sister Patricia Clark, more affectionately referred to as Trish, attended both Visitation Grade School and High School. With a major in music from Clarke University (formerly Clarke College), Sister Trish set out as an elementary school teacher and later as principal. She worked in parish ministry at Nativity Church in Dubuque and student housing at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Sister Trish utilized her degree in music as she directed the women’s choir at Notre Dame. She currently serves as president of her community.

Sister Bernadine Curoe, born on a farm between Cascade and Fillmore, Iowa, attended Visitation High School and Clarke University. After one year of college, she joined the Visitation community. Sister Bernadine was always immersed in the lives of her students. For over 25 years, she worked as head of the counseling department at Loras College in Dubuque where students affectionately called her “Sister B.” The words of one Loras student best describe Sister Bernadine, “From the first moment I met this incredible lady, she has inspired me to believe in myself, dream big and always be there for others. Sister B sees in us what we have trouble seeing in ourselves. What a wonderful gift we, too, can share with those around us.”

Sister Joanne Sullivan joined the Visitation Sisters after graduating from Visitation High School and Clarke University, later receiving her master’s degree from Catholic University of America. She taught at Nativity Grade School in Dubuque, Iowa, and Beckman High School in Dyersville, Iowa. Sister Joanne’s love of art was expressed in her work for the Dubuque Franciscan Sisters’ gift shop and her participation in a local art group. She worked in the finance office at Resurrection Parish and also served on the leadership council for her Visitation community. Since the writing of this article, Sister Joanne has passed away. Her presence and great sense of humor are greatly missed.

Born in Bernard, Iowa, Sister Paula Maloy attended a one-room schoolhouse for eight years before enrolling at

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Sister Lynn Fangman

Visitation High School. She attended Clarke University for one semester before she joined the Sisters of the Visitation community. Sister Paula has served as elementary teacher, principal and in leadership for her Visitation community. She was head of catechetical services for the Archdiocese of Dubuque from 1973-1995.

The words of a prayer given to the Visitation Sisters in 1610 by their founder St. Francis de Sales give credence to the faith each sister displayed during this time of uncertainty. “Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow, the same everlasting Father, who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.”

We thank God for the presence of these beautiful women, for their witness of letting go and for the wonderful opportunity to share our lives together in a new way. It is with great joy and hope we greet our new companions!



Visitation motherhouse located on the Sisters of the Presentation property.



Left to right: Associate Partnership co-directors, Radie Roberts and Colleen Venter enthusiastically display donated Thanksgiving food items. Collected food items are organized at Mount Loretto prior to delivery; Western Dubuque students, Shelby Rice, Julia Zalaznik, Ellie McDermott, Danielle Ploessl and Natalie Meyers work with Colleen Venter in loading up donated food items provided by Presentation people; Radie Roberts, Resources Unite director Josh Jasper and Western Dubuque teacher Cris Tipple pose together before addressing the group of volunteers delivering the Thanksgiving bags.

Working for Change

by RADIE ROBERTS and COLLEEN VENTER, ASSOCIATE PARTNERSHIP CO-DIRECTORS

On Thursday, October 28, the Presentation Associate Partnership Office invited all Presentation people to help fill Thanksgiving bags for local needy families. This mission was a joint project with Resources Unite and Western Dubuque High School, with the goal of providing a bag with everything a family of six needs to sit down and enjoy a holiday meal together. Each bag included green beans, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, a packet of gravy, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, a pie and a ham.

Participants were given three ways to help: purchase food items and drop off at the Presentation motherhouse, volunteer alongside Western Dubuque High School students to deliver bags to the homebound on November 13, or make a monetary donation. All monetary donations went towards purchasing hams from the local Hormel plant.

Presentation people rose to the challenge and raised \$490 which along with food donations received will feed roughly 50 families.

“From my early childhood, I always remember the excitement and joy of going to my grandparents house for the holidays, knowing precious time and care was given in preparing a spread of delicious food. Gathering together and enjoying good food and company has always been important to my family,” states Jane Buse-Miller, director of communications. “I’m so grateful and I want to help make sure others are able to have such warm holiday memories filled with happiness and warm food on the table.”

On Tuesday, November 9, five Western Dubuque students came to the Associate Office to receive the food donations that had been generously collected from sisters, associates, staff and neighbors for the Thanksgiving meal project.

West Dubuque senior Ellie McDermott says she has been involved with this project since she was a sophomore. “Seeing the impact we make on the families when we deliver the food to them is why I do it.”

When asked why she chose to be involved with the project, Sister Lynn Fangman shares, “It’s absolutely wonderful. It’s what we, as Presentations, are all about.”

Associate Janine Idziak adds, “It’s a matter of Presentation hospitality. In providing Thanksgiving meals, we are making the recipients our dinner guests.”

“It has been an honor to work in partnership with Resources Unite and Western Dubuque High School in providing support to our local community,” adds Jane. “It never gets old seeing the amazing difference we can make in the lives of others when we work together.”

For Reflection:

Every day we are given small opportunities that can make a significant difference in one’s life. Ask yourself, “What am I doing for others?”

In Memory of Rita Swinton

August 22, 1931 – August 30, 2021

Rita Swinton became a Presentation associate on September 18, 2010, after connecting with the Presentation Sisters through her sibling, Sister Carla Popes. Rita was a member of the Lantern Flames group located in the Charles City area.



Rita graduated from Nashua High School and attended Mount Mercy College, where she studied to be a legal secretary. Rita married Charles Swinton on March 31, 1951, and they raised three children, Linda, Curtis and Clair. Rita loved her children and adored her four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Charles passed away in 2019, but Rita didn’t slow down. She continued to work one day a week right up until her 90th birthday. Her yard remained beautiful, her work ethic remained strong and her commitment to her family and friends never wavered.

Associate Lisa Zwanziger fondly remembers, “Rita was a small woman in stature but had the biggest heart! She loved her church and everyone who went there. Rita and I read for Palm Sunday Mass for many years. She would often ride with me when our associate group met. We had some amazing conversations. I miss her.”

Associate Sue Baldwin recalls, “Rita was a dedicated lifelong member of St. Michael’s and was always there to lend a hand. Her many God-given talents are missed, but she is at rest in the loving arms of her Savior.”

We Welcome Our Newest Associate

On September 8, 2021, Deborah Barrett celebrated her associate commitment ceremony with the Presentation community over Zoom. Deborah felt called to being an associate through her years of friendship with Sister Raeleen Sweeney and Associate Sister Virgie Luchsinger. She states, “I experienced the light shining brightly from Nano’s lantern at Community Days in July, where I was inspired, healed and invigorated.” Though Deborah now calls Costa Mesa, California, home, she grew up in Bettendorf, Iowa, and feels an affinity for an Iowa-based Midwestern community.



Deborah teaches Zen awareness meditation and mindfulness at the Zen Center of Orange County. She is also a part-time pastoral counselor in private practice. Deborah is the conservator and care manager of a special needs adult, Jill, whom she considers her family. Past experiences include being an adjunct professor at local colleges, a hospice chaplain, attorney and a high school teacher in West Africa.

Deborah shares, “During this pandemic year, and as my 70th birthday approaches, I have felt called to deepen my Catholic spiritual roots. I believe that this association with the Sisters of the Presentation will help me to grow in faith. I have a lifelong devotion to Teresa of Avila for her leadership in prayer, and to Mother Cabrini for her ability to create organizations (schools, hospitals, orphanages) to help those in need.”

“I have discovered Nano Nagle and am drawn by a woman walking at night with a lantern, responding to the needs of all she encountered,” adds Deborah. “I believe that regular prayer and dialogue with the sisters and associates in the Presentation community will help me to meet the needs of those I encounter. The commitment to ‘radical hospitality’ resonates with my involvement with the special needs community here in California.”

Deborah states, “As I commit to the challenges ahead, I take courage in Nano’s words: ‘The best works meet with the greatest crosses. I comfort myself with this thought ...’” (Letter XVI)

We welcome and congratulate Deborah. We have no doubt our lives will be enriched by the many gifts and excitement she brings to the associate partnership.



Left to right: Partners in mission, Bob and Carol Besch enjoy a visit with Carol's sister, Sister Rosalyn Ulfers.

Utilizing the Recurring Gift Program Now That Was Easy!

Report from KAREN TUECKE, PARTNERS IN MISSION COORDINATOR

To accommodate the needs of our mission and ministries, the Sisters of the Presentation developed a recurring gift program. The creation of the recurring gift program has provided a sense of sustainability in the programs offered by the ministries in the communities the sisters serve and support.

“My automatic monthly donation helps the sisters carry out Nano's mission.”

Sharon Loeffelholz, Presentation associate and partner in mission



What is Recurring Giving?

Recurring giving is when a partner in mission elects to make a regular, ongoing donation to Presentation ministries instead of making a one-time gift. Recurring partners give monthly, but can also give weekly, quarterly, yearly or as frequently as they would like.

“Bob and I were both taught by the Presentation Sisters so our monthly gift is a way of saying thank you to them for all they gave us. Also my sister, Sister Rosalyn Ulfers, has been a member of the Presentation community for over 60 years now so we give thanks that she is a part of our life ... God has been good to us.”

Bob and Carol Besch, Presentation partners in mission

One way to gift is through our monthly donor program. This program allows you to make a monthly donation directly to the Sisters of the Presentation through a bank issued check, an electronic withdrawal from your bank account or by credit card. You can gift any amount that is comfortable for you and you can change your monthly donation at any time by sending us a written notice or giving us a call.

“Every month I give \$20 to the Sisters of the Presentation. Why? Because my husband's aunt was a sister there. The hospitality and caring of the sisters was made manifest to me by them for over 50 years. They prayed for us and for all. It is time for me to give something back.”

Barbara Leifker, Presentation partner in mission

Our recurring gift program also allows you to determine how long your donations will recur or set a number of times to give, such as 12 times or quarterly. Every month, your gift is made automatically without having to remember to revisit our website. And it's a win-win for both the Sisters of the Presentation and for you, our supporters.

“I was lucky enough to attend St. Mary Catholic School in Humboldt, Iowa, where I was taught by the Sisters of the Presentation. I find that giving through a monthly deduction to the sisters is a simple way of saying a small ‘thank you’ for the wonderful early education that has served me well throughout my life. It's part of my monthly budget, and I am thus able to contribute to God's work which the sisters are engaged in.”

Jim Cole, Presentation partner in mission

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Julie Blomme, Presentation associate and partner in mission



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“I'm so grateful to be able to support the ministries of the Sisters of the Presentation. The sisters have been a huge blessing in my life and I love the chance to be a tiny part of supporting the important work they do.”

Nancy Buntrock, Presentation partner in mission

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“I initially started giving occasionally because three of my aunts, Sister Michael, Sister Anthony and Sister Rosanne Rottinghaus were Presentation Sisters. Then as I looked through the Doorways publication and saw all of the good works the sisters are involved in, I decided I wanted to be more than an ‘occasional contributor.’ My monthly donation is an easy way to participate in their ministry.

I remember when we lived in the Washington, D.C. area and my three aunts came to visit on several occasions. On their first visit they took my van and went sight-seeing on their own. At the dinner table that night I said, ‘I know Sister Anthony drives and Sister Rosanne navigates. What do you do, Sister Michael?’ Without hesitation, she replied, ‘I pray a lot.’ Lots of laughs. They were great. We sure miss them.”

Larry Clark, Presentation partner in mission

Your partnership is vital to our ministry. Because of the ongoing support of our partners, we have been able to help many people who would not otherwise have received assistance. We simply could not do the work that we do without your partnership and prayers. We are grateful for your support of our mission.

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Leaving Our Footprints

by HERMANN PLATT, PBVM, ARCHIVIST

Nano's lantern continues to bring the light of Christ in places where Sisters of the Presentation have ministered, even after they are no longer physically present.

ST. GERMAINE PARISH AND SCHOOL, OAK LAWN, IL

What began as a new venture for the Dubuque Presentation Sisters became a 41-year partnership between Dubuque, Iowa, and Oak Lawn, Illinois. This first Presentation mission east of the Mississippi was located at St. Germaine Parish in a neighborhood comprised of people from a variety of national and cultural backgrounds. Many changes of perspective and attitudes marked the orientation process for the sisters who had previously ministered in places where there was little loyalty to national origin and where everyone "sounded the same."

Coming to St. Germaine from an educational background, the sisters found that the beginning of the school year presented a familiar routine. Sisters Mary Philip Jasper, Magdalen (Kay) Cota, Emilie Bormann and Richard Marie (Carol) Kane soon became accustomed to hearing various accents in the classrooms and halls.

In the first year, the school encompassed grades one through four; additional classrooms were added until the full span of eight grades was reached.

The presence of the sisters in the school ended in 1998 when Sister Beth Driscoll was assigned to the initial formation program for the Presentation community in Dubuque. Meanwhile, in 1995, Sister Sheila Ann Dougherty had begun parish ministry at St. Germaine. Her leaving in 2005 signaled the end of Presentation presence in the area. A total of 42 Presentation Sisters served in Oak Lawn, 41 in the school and one in parish ministry.

These murals, created by local artist Kathy Vorderer, hang in the dedicated Presentation Room at St. Germaine. These murals feature Mount Loretto in Dubuque (top) and the school buildings and church in Oak Lawn, Illinois (bottom).



"Hope is like peace. It is not a gift from God. It is a gift only we can give each other."

Elie Wiesel

Our Presentation foundress and Irish philanthropist, Venerable Nano Nagle, made it her mission to care for others. During Nano's time, she paid close attention to what was going on in Ireland and around the world. Nano set forth to make a difference, sacrificing her fortune for the impoverished in Cork, Ireland. In partnership with you, the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque would like to do the same in 2021.

This holiday season, in lieu of your financial support to us, we invite you to advocate for others by giving the gift of hope, love and peace for the common good in your local area.

Give Hope. Our mission calls us to provide immediate assistance through direct service to others and to work toward systemic change that addresses deeper causes. In 2020 and 2021, we made the commitment of using the unexpected stimulus money to give to organizations helping others in need of hope. This year we invite you to give to organizations you care deeply about in your area instead of giving to the Presentation Sisters.

Show Love. The pandemic has caused financial stress and hardships, poor health or health condition worries and other concerns beyond our imagination. Have you noticed people in your locale who need assistance? This year we invite you to share your generosity to meet the ongoing needs of your community.

Build Peace. Our continued mission is serving those made poor, educating the uneducated, caring for the vulnerable and powerless, and transforming unjust systems through our various ministries. Consider making a gift to a charity of your choice that supports this mission through a local organization that needs your help rather than making a donation to the Presentation Sisters this year.

We hope that these local donations will be seeds for a better future for all.

With hearts overflowing in gratitude, we pray for peace in your homes and in our world.

May you have a joyous holiday season.

Reflections on the Journey Sister Marie Barth

by MAURA MCCARTHY, PBVM

Marie Catherine Barth is the oldest of six siblings born to Frederick Joseph Barth of Bibilis, Germany, and Veronica Croatt of St. Lucas, Iowa. Marie's parents spoke German fluently and Marie still has some phrases committed to memory like, "Es ist zeit fürs bett! – It's time for bed!" Marie grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, on Rush Street near St. Columbkille Church and School. She reminisces humorously that some Irish roots grafted on, like doing the Irish jig for programs. Marie recounts that she took on adult household and child care responsibilities as the eldest of her siblings since her mother managed her father's auto collision shop.

Marie studied piano with the Presentation Sisters. She was encouraged in her art and music pursuits by her parents. In August of 1950 after graduation from St. Columbkille, Marie joined the Sisters of the Presentation with a class of nine young women. She studied both music and art at Loras College, preparing to teach music. The music teachers of the time taught private lessons, organized the liturgy, led choir rehearsals and provided organ accompaniment. Sister Marie did follow-up art classes during the summer at the University of Notre Dame.

After 18 years of liturgical ministry and teaching music, Sister Marie completed a master's degree in religious studies at St. Mary College in Winona, Minnesota. She became religious education coordinator in the Garnavillo/Elkader/Monona cluster from 1969-1974 and the Charles City/Roseville cluster from 1975-1981, all in Iowa. She was then appointed associate director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Her duties caused her to travel widely throughout the state of Iowa. After a time, Sister Marie struggled with the administrative duties of this work, yearning passionately to express herself artistically. Her colleague, Sister Paula Maloy, SVM, urged Sister Marie to "Go where your energy leads you!"

Sister Marie entered a human growth program that renewed her overwhelming call to express her creative impulses in art, comprising the natural beauty of the created world and the delicate vulnerability of the human process of maturation.

She began a sabbatical year dedicated to the arts, choosing spontaneously a variety of classes at Macalester College and St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. Sister Marie experimented with many art forms: sculptures in wood and clay, charcoal, oils, water colors, acrylics, tempera and ink wash among



Left to right: Presentation associate Karen Freiburger and Sister Marie Barth share a moment of planning for their card ministry and distribution of art resources for employees' children and grandchildren.

others. Her art gives expression to the universal and incessant pathway from brokenness to wholeness. Evoking her words to the children, "There are no mistakes in art, you just imagine a new viewpoint to observe it." Her vast selections of art have been displayed in many venues around Dubuque and beyond.

For the following 10 years, Sister Marie was on the preaching team with the Missionary Oblates at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota. She was also liturgy coordinator for retreats, including pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to St. Paul's second missionary journey sites in Greece and Turkey.

In 2001, Sister Marie experienced the call to bring artistic experiences to sisters, associates, friends and acquaintances in the Dubuque area. She offered weekly classes in many art genres followed by notable art exhibits. She also traveled 10 summers to Okolona, Mississippi, to offer art and music opportunities to the African American students there.

Particularly animated by the new cosmic creation story, racial issues, anti-human trafficking and other pro-life causes, one of Sister Marie's favorite Scripture quotes is from Psalm 139, "I will praise You because I have been fearfully and wonderfully made."

TENDING THE LIGHT

Sister Joan Lickteig

January 2, 1929 - August 18, 2021

by BARBARA RESSLER, PRESENTATION ASSOCIATE

Sister Mary Joan Lickteig, daughter of Rose and Ambrose, was born Patricia Ann on January 2, 1929, in Sexton, Iowa. She entered eternal life on August 18, 2021 and is survived by her brother Donald, sister-in-law Evelyn Lickteig, and beloved nieces, nephews, Sisters of the Presentation and friends.

Sister Joan's vocation and Presentation community rooted her life. She loved life. Rarely was she without a smile or contagious enthusiasm. Woman of welcome and deep faith, she was always quick to attribute all good things to God. "God is good," or "It is the Lord," were linguistic staples.

Sister Joan's loyalty to her vocation paved the path of her life and ministry. She loved her community with unceasing faithfulness. No matter the request, when community leaders asked Sister Joan to consider taking on a new direction or responsibility, she did so. When asked to serve as the first principal of Resurrection School and teach first grade as well, she did. When she was invited to participate in the Teacher Fellowship Program in reading, she did, earning a master's degree. When she was requested to pursue a doctorate, something to which she had not aspired, she did, earning it in one year. When she was elected to serve as congregational leader, she did so, stepping in and out, without attachment.

Sister Joan modeled servant leadership before the term existed. During her leadership term, when people asked her the nature of her current ministry, she answered simply, "I work at the motherhouse." Sister Joan wore the garment of humility every day. Her modus operandi, "Ask for nothing, refuse nothing."

Sister Joan earned various professional recognitions: recipient of the *Meneve Dunham Award for Teaching Excellence* while at Clarke College and professor emeritus designation upon leaving Clarke, even the *KWWL Gold Star Teacher Award*. But the title she most cherished was Sister of the Presentation.

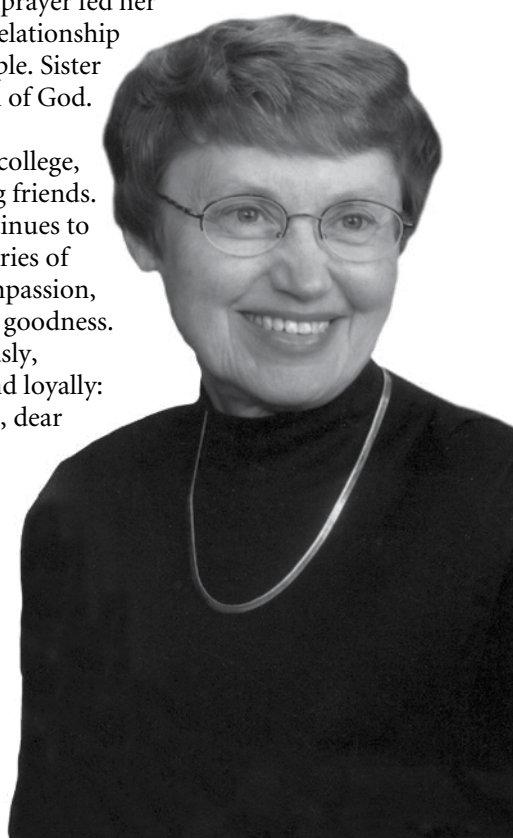
After many happy years of educational ministry, all in Dubuque, Sister Joan was set to retire. Again, she received an invitation – write an informal history of the Dubuque Presentation Sisters. Though she found it a daunting task, she did it. Dutifully, she tussled with the text for two years. Its title, *Tending the Light*, not only names the text; it illumines the manner in which she lived her whole life, *tending the Light*.

While Sister Joan found work meaningful, whatever form it took; she longed for the leisure of retirement.

Even in retirement, Sister Joan worked: serving on numerous committees; tutoring; visiting sisters in the infirmary and the hospital; writing articles for *Presentation Doorways*, jubilee talks, memorial reflections, numerous letters or cards, all carefully selected (or recycled), to family and friends, old and new. Many noticed the great care she took in selecting stamps that matched the stationery or held significance for the recipient.

Sister Joan loved teaching and she loved everything reading-related. Engaging in professional study via participation in conferences, reading books and journals assisted her in helping herself and others to teach reading. These activities were part duty and part pleasure. Spiritual reading also fed her. Though she often commented that she wished she had more time for reading, she was rarely without a book. A voracious reader, she also took copious notes and delighted in sharing with others the ideas, meaning and truths she discovered. Reading and prayer fed her soul and nourished her relationship with God and God's people. Sister Joan couldn't get enough of God.

Taught by Sister Joan in college, she and I became lifelong friends. Since her death, she continues to teach me through memories of her lived example of compassion, kindness, gentleness and goodness. Sister Joan lived judiciously, intentionally, lovingly and loyally: in that, her many friends, dear family and Presentation community can take notice and solace. Joan, we love you and trust that your radically hospitable heart resides in warm welcome in the light of God's face.



GRACIOUS AND GRATEFUL

Sister Agnes Marie Lynch

August 31, 1932 - August 24, 2021

by MAURA MCCARTHY, PBVM

Sister Agnes Marie Lynch, daughter of Agnes (O'Halloran) and Raymond Lynch, was born Delores Jean Lynch on August 31, 1932, in Rockwell, Iowa. During a life-changing, eight-week sabbatical offered by the St. Joseph Sisters of Concordia, Kansas, Sister Agnes Marie came to love Mary Oliver's poem, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Sister Agnes Marie often expressed admiration and gratitude for her mother's ability to adapt to the loss of her father before Agnes Marie was two years old. The strength it took for her mother to move to New Hampton to practice her nursing profession while caring so commendably for her young family.

When Delores Jean was graduating from high school, her aunt, Sister Alberta Lynch and Sister Basil Taylor, both Presentation Sisters, recognized Delores' interior search. "They would tell me about life at Mount Loretto and I became interested in convent life. I found the Presentation Sisters to be so warm and friendly – a small, close-knit community."

Delores joined the Presentation Sisters in August 1950, and received the name Sister Agnes Marie. She chose the food service occupation, one she had already mastered in her family. Her diminishing eyesight would have made study to become a teacher quite difficult. She attended a course in food management at St. Louis University and took charge of food provision at Mount Loretto for five years, and later in Charles City, Iowa, for five years.

According to Sister James Marie Gross, "She moved heartily into the food preparations and enjoyed the social life of the kitchen staff. She engaged with passersby so that her stories of convent antics provided evening entertainment for her sisters."

Sister Therese Corkery, working in home economics during these years, relates, "It was my privilege to work in the kitchen with Sister Agnes Marie during 1964 and 1965. She was always cheerful, willing to help me and understood the needs of the senior sisters who had special dietary needs."

In the years following, Sister Agnes Marie provided food service to three other missions before she became aware of another hunger among the people of God, "a hunger to be

heard, to share their lives, to pray with another and to receive the Eucharist."

She completed a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at Independence, Iowa, preparing herself for pastoral ministry. She served as a pastoral minister in Madrid, Iowa, then in Waukon, Iowa, and later in Oak Lawn, Illinois. These years were gifts for her, enabling her to be "a living reminder of Jesus, going among the people like Nano Nagle."

Sister Agnes Marie attended workshops on pastoral ministry, wellness and aging, always eager to "go one pace beyond." From 1989 to 1996, she served as retirement director for her Presentation community, creating lively activities for the senior sisters. She especially loved working with others on jigsaw puzzles – seeing jigsaws symbolic of life, "Just a lot of loose pieces and then all of a sudden the pieces start to fit together – and that is life!"

After her retirement in 1999, Sister Agnes Marie volunteered with Hospice of Dubuque and in the emergency area at Finley Hospital. She was honored by both for her valuable service. She contacted the Tri-State Society for the Blind, serving as a member of the executive board. She felt especially privileged to do eldercare for her mother for two years before her death.

Sister Agnes Marie's "one wild and precious life" on this earth ended with her best loved prayer, "Thank you Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the prayer that I raise ..."



WOMAN OF WISDOM

Sister Ellen Mary Garrett

November 11, 1943 - September 23, 2021

by LOUISE SCIENZINSKI, PBVM

Wonder is the beginning of wisdom.

Socrates

Sister Ellen Mary, born Patricia Ellen Garrett on November 11, 1943, was the oldest child of Mary (Adams) and Morris Garrett. Her siblings include brothers Robert, Larry, Jerome, James and sisters Barbara Rose, Mary Beth and Teresa. Her family bond was a source of personal joy and belonging. This love was a constant support throughout her life. Some lifelong and life-giving qualities learned in younger years included openness, wonder, awe, delight and hope. These became a mainstay throughout life.

After graduation from St. Mary High School in Storm Lake, Iowa, Ellen entered the Sisters of the Presentation on September 8, 1961, and made her final profession on August 22, 1969. She earned a bachelor's degree and later a master's degree, both from Clarke College (now Clarke University), which prepared her for 44 years of ministry as a teacher and principal in elementary education.

The invariable work of wisdom is to see the miraculous in the common.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sister Ellen Mary's years of ministry in elementary education were packed with moments of excitement for learning. She herself was an avid, lifelong learner who thrilled at seeing a child's mind expand with wonder, understanding and possibility. She spent extensive time preparing classroom activities and student engagement projects, never seeming to notice the hours of work entailed. She could foresee the students' delight and progress, whether in religion or relationships, math or art, science or reading, language or music. She cared deeply about nature and Earth, and considered these core learning for students.

Patience is the compassion of wisdom.

St Augustine

Sister Ellen Mary welcomed each day with self-possessed calm. She gave all her energy and effort, recognizing the possibilities and challenges, holding out for their promise and hope. She offered all she could through support and engagement, woven together in her own words, witness and demeanor. Hers

was a presence of precision, aptness and purpose, mixed with insightful humor, a tinge of glee and plain fun. She was a grand champion at quiet mischievous pranks and jokes, puzzles and games, challenge and strategy.

Who is wise and understanding among you?

Let them show it by their good life, good deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 13:3

Sister Ellen Mary's world was large and her perspective vast. When she moved to Mount Loretto in 2010, she gave full attention to the library. To be a librarian was one of her childhood dreams, and it came true for her. She was especially happy to connect a sister with a book, even if it meant ordering it. She reveled in the availability of books for others and herself, and personally lost herself in the joy of reading a variety of genres. She enjoyed many hobbies, particularly art, and anything that included dark chocolate. Sister Ellen Mary also dedicated time to work in the Partners in Mission Office, again always with a quiet manner and cheerful attention to detail.

Amid all her jobs and involvements, daily Mass and prayer time were an unspoken priority. She consistently pursued every possible opportunity for fun from card games and puzzles to a readiness to don a costume for a party or indoor parade while in her wheelchair. Her attitude of acceptance was visible during her years of physical challenges, suffering, and pain as her energy waned. Her kind words and presence are missed by all who knew her.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Matthew 25



Mount Loretto AND BEYOND

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

Rosaries for Mission

For years, Don Diers has been gifting Sister Hermann Platt with hundreds of rosaries every time she visits her hometown of Algona, Iowa. The Diers and Platt families were neighbors who became good friends.



Don's daughters were taught how to make mission rosaries through their association with the Junior Catholic Daughters of America. They were often given supplies to make rosaries at home. Inspired by his daughter's creations, Don quickly became interested in learning. In 1993, Don suffered a terrible work accident, finding himself homebound for many months. Making rosaries kept him occupied and busy while healing.

When Don retired after 40 years of working, rosary making became his full-time passion. Over 10,000 mission rosaries have been made by Don and his wife, Kathy. Mission rosaries are never sold, rather always given gladly where needed, many gifted to the Sisters of the Presentation for their projects for example. Recently Don's youngest granddaughter, Emily, asked if she was old enough to make them, another generation to share this special project.

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Pope Francis

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