

# Associate Partnership

**SHARING OUR STORIES**



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## Initial Gathering Sharing Our Stories

### Welcome/Introductions

- Name
- Something about yourself and your family
- Connection you have with the Sisters of the Presentation

### Prayer

*Light a lantern and enter into prayerful meditation.*

#### Leader

Be still ... Place your fingers on your wrist ...

Be aware of your pulsating heart ...

Close your eyes and be at peace ...

Be attentive to your heartbeat ...

Imagine God's heart beating within you ...

Be in solidarity with God's heart and the beating hearts of people around the world as we sit in silence.

*Brief silence (1-2 minutes)*

#### Leader

Gracious God, your daughter, Presentation foundress Nano Nagle, had your law of love written in her heart as it is written in ours. Open us to the wonder of your presence in the hearts of each one gathered as we share our stories. Amen.

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## Shared Reflection/Discussion

*(Choose from the following questions.)*

- What have been some of the main influences on the formation of your faith?
- As you reflect on your faith journey, which events or experiences stand out to you?
- How would you describe your present experience on your journey of faith?  
Is there an image that might help to describe your present experience?
- When do you feel closest to God?
- As you begin this part of your life's journey, how do you describe your call to the Associate Partnership?
- What expectations and hopes do you have regarding this process?

## View Our Story: Sisters of the Presentation

- <https://youtu.be/L8jVTun0HXU>

## Closing Prayer

### Read Together.

To Nano Nagle

Take down your lantern from its niche and go out!

You may not dwell in firelight certainties,

Secure from drifting fog of doubt and fear,

You may not build yourself confining walls

And say: 'Thus far, and thus, and thus far shall I walk,

And these things shall I do, and nothing more.'

Go out! For need calls loudly in the winding lanes

And you must seek Christ there.

Your pilgrim heart

Shall urge you still one pace beyond.

And love shall be your lantern-flame.

*(Raphael Consedine, PBVM, Song of the Journey)*

*Share aloud a word or phrase from the total gathering or from the above passage.*

*This word or phrase may be used during your prayer until the next gathering.*

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## **Preparation for the Next Gathering**

- Determine next gathering date and time
- Read and reflect on *One Pace Beyond*
- Upcoming gatherings or events at Mount Loretto or other venues

*(An important piece of the associate partnership is to make connections with sisters and associates and to continue to grow in understanding of the Presentation mission. When possible you are encouraged to participate in the various opportunities that are offered.)*

## **Tour of Mount Loretto**

*(If not meeting in Dubuque, view the Presentation motherhouse tour at [bit.ly/PBVM\\_motherhouse](https://bit.ly/PBVM_motherhouse))*

## **Additional Resources to Consider**

- Sisters of the Presentation Youtube  
([https://bit.ly/dbqpbvm\\_story](https://bit.ly/dbqpbvm_story))
- Sisters Spotlights on Sisters of the Presentation website  
([https://bit.ly/pbvm\\_sisterspotlights](https://bit.ly/pbvm_sisterspotlights))
- Tour of the Sisters of the Presentation motherhouse  
([bit.ly/PBVM\\_motherhouse](https://bit.ly/PBVM_motherhouse))