



# *Radical Hospitality* *Our Key to Transformation*

**Radical hospitality is the key to transformation of ourselves and the world. The core of radical hospitality is the profound practice of opening our hearts with love, empathy and generosity to others.**

*Annual Appeal 2023*



## *Hospitality to Ourselves*

At the heart of the Presentation mission resides a deep prayer and spiritual life. Prayer, listening and compassion spark conversations about our response to the needs of the world. We believe that structural change is not enough. We need to embrace personal transformation.

Personal growth through education connects us to the ever-changing world. Each sister establishes wellness plans to grow stronger spiritually and physically. Our commitment to honor each other energizes communal transformation.

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*Within the fullness of our days, we make time for various forms of personal and communal prayer. Our faith and commitment to spiritual lives guides our thoughts and actions and animates our hospitality.*

*Sister Dolores Zieser*

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Dear Partners in Mission,

We are thankful for the many ways you support us in our mission. Our Presentation mission is to serve, educate and advocate – serving those made poor, educating the uneducated, caring for the vulnerable and transforming unjust systems through our various ministries.

As partners in mission, your commitment of support makes our ministries possible, profoundly impacting our ability to carry out the mission we are so passionate about.

As we embrace 2024, please know that your partnership is a symbol of hope and love supporting our call to live radical hospitality.

We want to pray for you and your loved ones. You are invited to write your intentions on the attached card and return with the enclosed envelope.

May this season of light inspire you and guide you to share compassion and love with all those you encounter.

Gratefully,

*Sister Carmen Hernandez*

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*Sister Rita Menart*

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*Sister Mary Lou Specha*

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*Sister Joetta Venneman*

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*Congregational Leadership Team*



## *Hospitality to Others*

Guided by Nano's example to care for the most vulnerable, our mission calls us to both direct service and systemic change which addresses root causes.

We open our doors and our hearts to others in an act of radical hospitality. We have welcomed Vietnamese sisters, refugees and neighbors into our home. Mutual learning occurs when we remain open and continue to grow in love and acceptance of all people.



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*My life has been changed by those with whom I minister. Experiencing a different culture enables me to recognize and respect the dignity of each and every person, encouraging me to follow the Good News in my daily life.*

*Sister Therese Corkery*

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# Hospitality to Women and Children

Women and children are a central part of our vision and a common thread of our mission. Our foundress Nano Nagle's desire to walk with the poor, especially women and children, calls us to explore and act in innovative ways.

We support ministries that address the care and needs of women and children. Our sister's efforts focus on educating and advocating for the eradication of human trafficking, elimination of gun violence and the promotion of racial equity and immigration reform. We walk with those facing unjust realities, those struggling with poverty, homelessness and abuse.

Nano never hesitated to address the needs of her time and we are called to do the same, continuing her legacy.



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*The challenge before us is to continue Nano's work in our own time and place. At Hotel Hope in New Orleans, we offer radical hospitality to unhoused women and children, providing a safe environment and intensive case management which guides our guests to self-sufficiency. Nano's unfulfilled dream was a shelter for women - Hotel Hope has fulfilled that dream.*

*Sister Julie Marsh*



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## Hospitality to Earth

*"As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family." Pope Francis, Laudato Si'*

With Pope Francis, we are inspired to continue to respond to the needs of the fragile Earth. Our actions include research on solar energy, conservation of our land and stewardship of all we have been given.



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*I am inspired to cherish our common home, the Earth, by treating it with respect. Plants and trees give us oxygen. Animals are amazing. Keep our Earth beautiful by taking the time to plant seeds, pull weeds and get your hands dirty. You will experience the presence of our Creator.*

*Sister Donna Demmer*

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