# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Radical hospitality holds the power to transform both ourselves and the world.

At its core, it is the deep practice of opening our hearts to others

with love, empathy and generosity.

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# APPRECIATION

Thanks to the ongoing support of you, our partners in mission, we have been able to assist many people through hospitality, service, education and care. Your partnership, prayers and commitment of support makes our ministries possible, and for that we are deeply grateful. Because of your support, we are able to carry out the mission we are so passionate about. For this, you are remembered with special gratitude in our daily prayers. Thank you for being dedicated Presentation partners in mission!

#### **Radical Hospitality: A Reflection on 2024**

"Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for he is going to say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35; Rule of St. Benedict 53:1-2)

The principle of hospitality in the Gospels and reflected in the Rule of St. Benedict inspires the Sisters of the Presentation to live with open hearts. In 2024, we reflected on our call to practice radical hospitality - an invitation to transform both ourselves and the world through love, empathy, and generosity. Our focus embraced four pillars, as mentioned in the 2023 Annual Appeal. These pillars emphasize that true hospitality to others begins with hospitality to ourselves, extending to women and children, and our Earth.

At the heart of our mission is prayer and a deep spiritual life, which fuel our response to global needs. Personal transformation through education and prayer expresses hospitality to ourselves and prepares us to extend care to others. Hospitality to others follows Nano Nagle's example of welcoming the vulnerable and addressing systemic challenges. Hospitality to women and children remains central to our vision. Your support - through financial contributions, in-kind gifts and prayer - empowers us to address issues like poverty, food scarcity, homelessness, human trafficking and abuse. Together, we accompany those facing unjust realities with compassion and advocacy.

We also reflected on our hospitality to Earth and how we could assume responsibility. As stewards of creation, we acted on needs we could fulfill, including adding solar energy, planting prairie grasses and collaborating with St. Isidore Catholic Worker Farm in Cuba City, Wisconsin, by assisting on the farm and learning how to care for farmland and animals.

Your steadfast generosity has been an immense gift to our mission. As we celebrate 150 years of faith and trust, we thank you for being part of our journey. With deep gratitude, we hold you in our prayers.

Sixta Carner Hernandez Sister Rita Menut SMary In Specha Sn. Just Commen

I challenge myself to live radical hospitality by being aware of disturbances within self and life and reframing them as an invitation to change so as to radiate radical hospitality as it flows through my person.

Sister Joetta Venneman

As our partners in mission, we offer you our deepest gratitude for your efforts in advocating for others. No one person can respond to all the needs of the world. however, we can each do something and together, we can do so much more.

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# Hospitality to Ourselves

### Sister Beth Driscoll

I grew up just a block from Sacred Heart Church and School in Osage, Iowa. The sisters warmly invited us to participate in school and parish activities. During the summer months, when they returned to Dubuque, they entrusted us with sacristy duties and playing the organ for daily Mass – a responsibility that left a lasting impression on me.

As a high school student, I witnessed the transformative changes in liturgical practices following Vatican II. The emphasis on greater participation in worship – especially through congregational singing – deeply impacted me as a student and, later, as a music teacher and liturgist.

Serving as the liturgy and music coordinator for the sisters residing at Mount Loretto is a true privilege. Many of them were my former teachers, making this role a meaningful way to give back for all they have given me. It's also a beautiful opportunity to praise God for the countless gifts I have received.

Sister Beth Driscoll enjoys her ministry as liturgy and music coordinator for her Presentation community.

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.

Left to right: Sister Rita Cameron and Lisa Schmidt, Presentation associate, bless one another during a community gathering.



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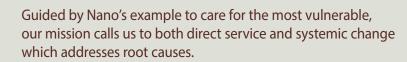
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We open our doors and our hearts to others in an act of radical hospitality. We have welcomed Vietnamese sisters, refugees and neighbors into our home. Mutual learning occurs when we remain open and continue to grow in love and acceptance of all people.

Sister Cheryl Demmer brings the gift of communion to a shut-in, offering a comforting reminder of their connection to their faith community.



# Hospitality to Others

#### Sister Annette Kestel

My ministry journey began as a teacher in Catholic schools, spending many of these years in Mason City, Iowa. I loved getting to know my students and their families. Eventually I left to broaden my education and completed a master's degree in pastoral ministry, opening my eyes and heart to educating in new ways through parish ministry. For six years, I have been back in Mason City, a member of the Epiphany Parish staff, ministering in the areas of Christian initiation, liturgy, funeral preparation and spiritual direction. It has been a beautiful full circle moment in ministry for me.

Sister Annette Kestel, right, brings her heart and expertise to the Epiphany Parish liturgy committee meeting.

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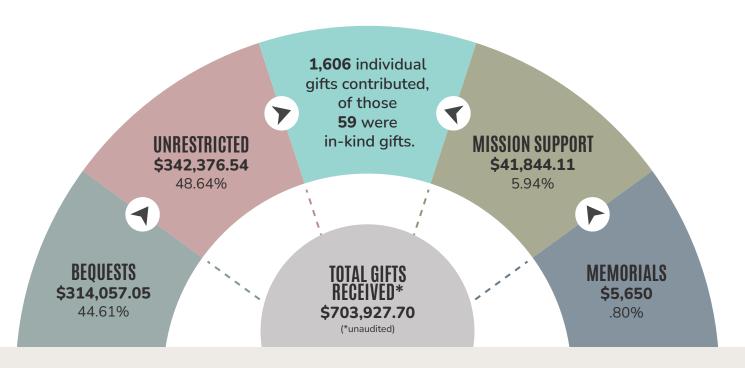
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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

# FINANCIAL REPORT

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# **Gifts Received** January 1 - December 31, 2024





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



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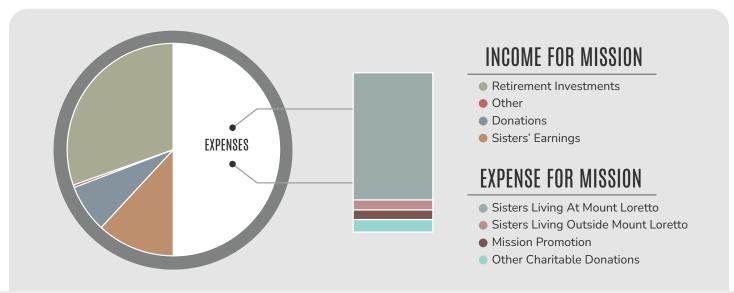
Recurring gifts can be given once a month, bimonthly or quarterly through various convenient payment options.

In 2024, more than \$0.95 of every dollar given to the Sisters of the Presentation went directly to support mission and ministry.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

# STATISTICS OVERVIEW







#### **ONLINE GIFTS**

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



#### ANNUAL APPEAL

Due to your generosity, to date we have received 291 gifts toward the 2024 Annual Appeal.

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# Hospitality to Women and Children

### Sister Martha Donnelly

I volunteer three days a week at the Dubuque Food Pantry, where I assist shoppers as they navigate the store – which truly resembles a small grocery market. When I'm not helping customers, there are plenty of other tasks, like shelving food, checking expiration dates and restocking the produce cases.

What I love most is connecting with the customers and building relationships. It's heartwarming to hear someone say, 'Thanks for helping me!' or 'You helped me last time!' Sometimes, they share pieces of their lives, and I simply listen. These moments of connection are deeply meaningful and transformative.

Sister Martha Donnelly carefully organizes the pantry so shoppers can find produce easily.

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 sisters' 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.

Members of the Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking accept the proclamation declaring January 2025, "Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month" in the city of Dubuque.



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Pope Francis reminds us, "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the

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.

Presentation Sisters, associates and employees take time to clean up the Mount Loretto grounds in celebration of Earth Day.

# Hospitality to Earth

#### Sister Rita Menart

We are all indigenous to Earth and need her for healthy lives. To care for Earth, I participate in the Land Justice Futures movement. We listen to increase consciousness of Earth and peoples harmed by viewing land as a commodity and work to heal those relationships. We strive to look at Earth, not as "mine" or "yours," but "ours" for the good of all.

Sister Rita Menart (left) and Dave McDermott, Presentation justice promoter, participate in a Land Justice Futures workshop to learn about the history of local land and the people who occupied the land before European colonization.



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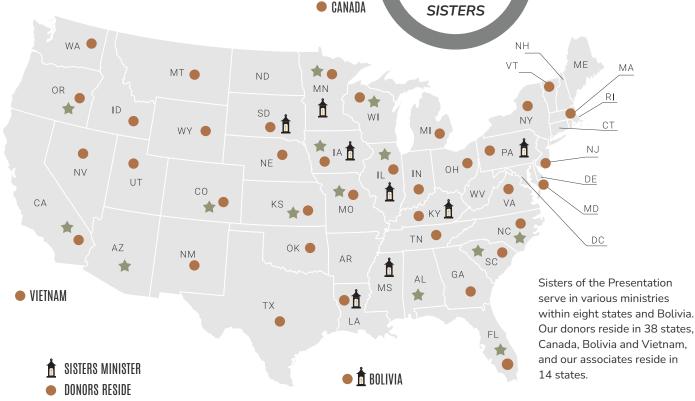
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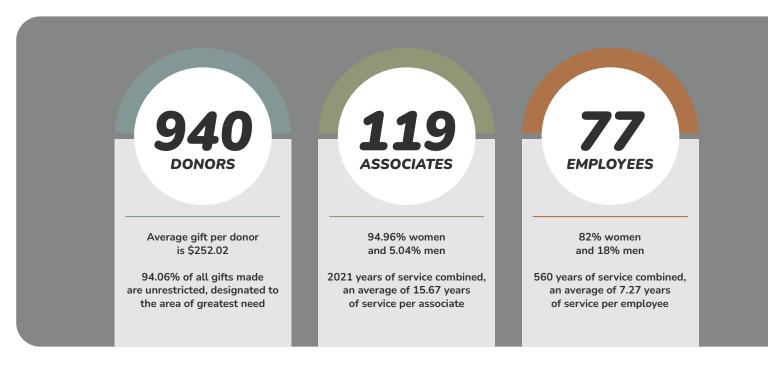
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