

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



*The Lantern Light is Burning Bright*

*Celebrating the legacy of the  
Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, Iowa*

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT OF APPRECIATION

Thanks to your continued generosity, we stand at a new place in our 150-year journey — strengthened by the past and hopeful for the future. Your partnership, prayers and faithful support sustain our response to today's needs, and for that we are deeply grateful. You are remembered in our prayers. Thank you for being devoted partners in mission as we carry the light forward.

## A Leadership Reflection on 2025

*“The work of God is never done; you must do it anew each day.” Venerable Nano Nagle*

In 2025, the Sisters of the Presentation marked a sacred milestone — 150 years since Presentation foundress Nano Nagle's lantern was carried to Dubuque by Mother Vincent Hennessy and her companions. This anniversary invited us not only to remember our beginnings, but to renew our commitment to carry that light forward with courage, compassion and hope.

Throughout the year, we gathered in prayer, celebration and reflection to honor the relationships that sustain our mission. Community events, including the *Sprinkles of Gratitude* ice cream social, the *Lightbearers' Dinner* celebrating our partners in mission and the tender *Circle of Illumination* on All Souls' Day, created moments to pause and give thanks for those who have gone before us and for all who walk beside us today. These gatherings reminded us that love does not end — it transforms — and that together, our shared light becomes a beacon of hope.

The anniversary year also invited deep renewal. Through the Nano Nagle play *Path Through the Dark*, pilgrimage to Ireland, Community Days, storytelling and shared prayer, sisters, associates and employees reflected on how the Presentation charism continues to evolve in response to today's needs. These experiences encouraged us to open our hearts, take courageous steps and live radical hospitality with imagination and faith.

Transformation took visible shape through our *150 Trees for 150 Years* initiative. With the partnership of schools, parishes, families and friends across 13 states and three countries, we surpassed our goal, and 157 individuals or groups planted living signs of hope for future generations. Ongoing stewardship and renewable energy efforts continue to reflect our responsibility to care for our common home.

Rooted in prayer, we also responded to injustice and human need through advocacy and presence. Border encounters, education, awareness efforts around human trafficking and acts of welcome reminded us that justice is lived faith — expressed in solidarity, compassion and courageous action.

None of this would be possible without you, our partners in mission. Your generosity, through financial support, in-kind gifts and prayer, sustains this shared work. Because of you, Nano's lantern shines through ministries of education, advocacy, healing and hospitality.

As we carry that lantern into the future, we give thanks for your faithful partnership. Your support has been an immeasurable gift during this historic year. With deep gratitude, we hold you in prayer, trusting that together we will continue to bring light wherever hope is needed most.

*Sister Carmen Henneke Sister Rita Marant S. Mary Lu. Speck S. Joella Wemmer*

# 2025 PARTNERS IN MISSION THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the individuals, families, businesses and organizations who have so generously supported Presentation life and ministry. Your partnership supports and strengthens the work of our sisters and all who share in carrying Nano Nagle's lantern forward. Together, because of you, the lantern light still burns bright.

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## Walking in Nano's Footsteps

This anniversary year invited us to experience our beginnings not simply as history, but as a shared journey made possible through the energy, support and participation of our wider community. The one-act play *Nano Nagle, Path Through the Dark* invited us to encounter Nano's courage in a deeply personal way. As the actress brought her story to life, we were transported to the streets of Cork with lantern in hand, reminded that Nano's mission was born of compassion and risk and that her legacy continues because so many believe in carrying it forward.

Our journey deepened when members of our community traveled on a pilgrimage to Ireland, standing at Nano's tomb and visiting the places where her vision first took root. The sharing of sacred stories strengthened our connection not only to Nano, but to all who help sustain this living story. Remembering where we have been renewed our courage to respond boldly, trusting that the same lantern guiding past generations continues to illuminate our way.

## Our Beginnings

The journey of the Presentation congregation began in 1775 with Nano Nagle, a courageous woman who defied unjust laws to educate poor Catholic children in Cork, Ireland. Carrying a lantern through dark streets, she brought hope and comfort to the sick and marginalized.



## Voices of Lived Experiences

Through storytelling, pilgrimage and reflection, many experienced a personal encounter with Nano's spirit, an encounter shared by all who support and walk alongside our Presentation mission. These encounters remind us that our beginnings are not distant memories — they are sustained by a community committed to tending Nano's light. The voices that follow reflect this shared spirit and how Nano's legacy continues to guide how we listen, respond and move forward.



*Creating the play and getting to know Nano and the Presentation community has enriched my life in ways I could not have possibly imagined ... When life becomes challenging, I find myself thinking, 'What would Nano do?' ... a quiet and certain solution presents itself, and I find the courage to act.*

JUDIE CHALMERS, ACTRESS, NANO NAGLE, PATH THROUGH THE DARK

*These days of walking in Nano's footsteps have been truly awakening ... As we walk her path, I carry Nano's words with me: 'If I could be of service in saving souls in any part of the globe, I would gladly do all in my power.'*

LAURIE NOEL, ASSOCIATE, PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



Judie Chalmers, actress portraying Nano Nagle, gently held the hands of Sister Dolores Moes. In this blessed exchange, the lantern light is not only remembered ... it is renewed.



In a quiet and sacred moment, Presentation associates Kris and Jerry Hermesen placed their hands upon the resting place of Nano Nagle during their pilgrimage to Ireland.

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## The Path We Share

Throughout this anniversary year, we paused to reflect on the journey that continues to shape us — a shared path sustained by the relationships, generosity and commitment of our wider community.

Gatherings filled with conversation, prayer and celebration created space to reconnect with one another and to express our charism of radical hospitality. Events such as *Sprinkles of Gratitude*, the *Lightbearers' Dinner* and *Circles of Illumination* brought sisters, associates, employees, partners and friends together, not only to celebrate 150 years, but to remind us that transformation unfolds through relationships.

Together, we honored ministries that grew from classrooms into healthcare, pastoral care and advocacy. These moments revealed that our journey is not simply remembered, it is lived and rooted in listening to the needs of the time.

### Our Journey

*In 1874, Mother Vincent Hennessy answered a similar call, bringing Nano's lantern of hope to Dubuque, Iowa. Alongside three companions, she overcame many hardships to establish the Sisters of the Presentation. Their unwavering faith, resilience and dedication to educating immigrant children laid a foundation that continues to inspire the Presentation Sisters today.*



## Voices from the Heart

Moments of celebration reminded us that change begins when hearts gather with intention and shared purpose. We are called to welcome each person we meet with hospitality and love, trusting that in these simple encounters our mission takes root. With conviction, we carry Nano's light forward, confident that even small flames, joined together, become a beacon of hope, lighting even the darkest of places.

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*Place in our hearts the desire to use the energy from this meal to make a difference ... guiding us to create tables of welcome and love ... With God and each other we can bring light into the darkness.*

SISTER RITA MENART

*May this flame remind us that the light we bear matters — that it has power to welcome, to heal and to transform.*

SISTER CARMEN HERNANDEZ

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*At an event filled with gratitude and joy, our partners in mission rose to the occasion and introduced themselves — each story a reflection of generosity, compassion and shared purpose.*



*The Lightbearers' Dinner was a truly magical evening, one of welcome, gratitude and heartfelt connection, opening both our hearts and our home to our cherished partners in mission.*

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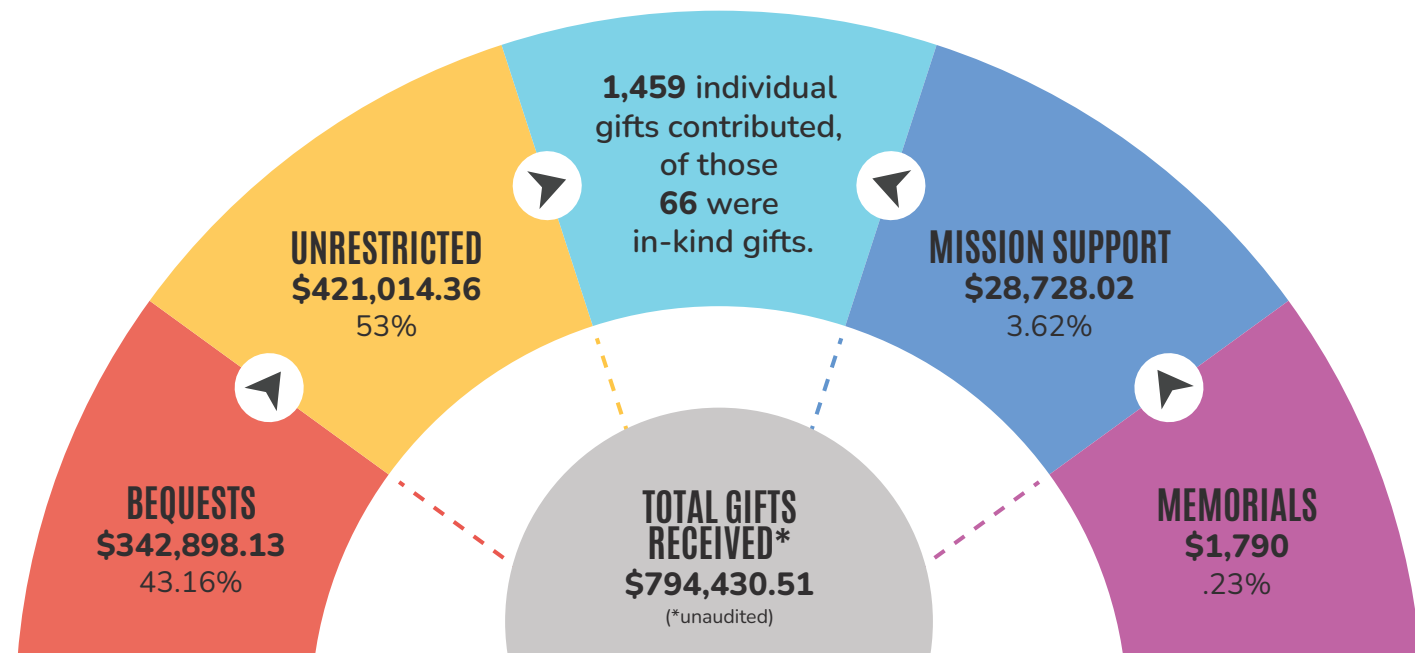
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# FINANCIAL REPORT

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.

## Gifts Received January 1 - December 31, 2025



# STATISTICS OVERVIEW

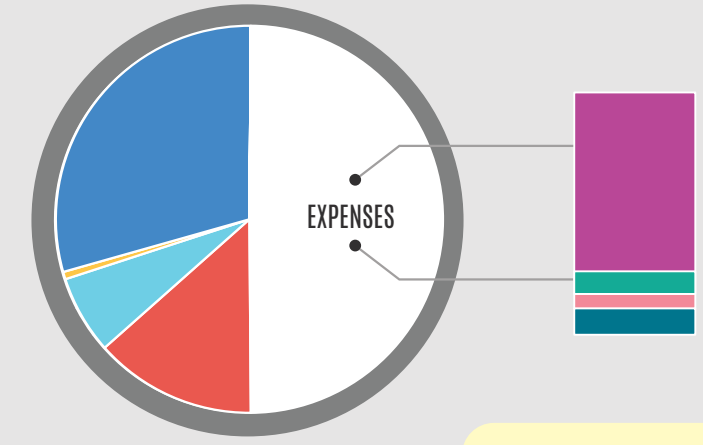


### INCOME FOR MISSION

- Retirement Investments
- Other
- Donations
- Sisters' Earnings

### EXPENSE FOR MISSION

- Sisters Living At Mount Loretto
- Sisters Living Outside Mount Loretto
- Mission Promotion
- Other Charitable Donations



### LEGACY OF LIGHT

We honor our partners whose legacy gifts and bequests strengthen the future of our Presentation mission and ministries. Their thoughtful generosity helps ensure that Nano's light continues to shine for generations to come, supporting education, advocacy, hospitality, justice and care for creation wherever the need is greatest. We are deeply grateful for all who choose to include the Sisters of the Presentation in their estate plans and carry the light forward through their lasting commitment.

### SOURCES OF GIFTS

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

**69**

**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION GIFTS**

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

**90%**

**GIFTS UNDER \$500**

Every dollar, regardless of size, is appreciated by our ministries.

**152**

**GIFTS OVER \$500**

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

**99**

**FIRST TIME PARTNERS**

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

**104**

**RECURRING GIFTS**

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

**378**

**ONLINE GIFTS**

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

**19%**

**ANNUAL APPEAL**

Due to your generosity, to date we have received 273 gifts toward the 2025 Annual Appeal.

In 2025, more than \$0.95 of every dollar given to the Sisters of the Presentation went directly to support mission and ministry.

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## Planting Transformation

This year invited us to experience transformation not as an idea, but as something we could grow, in the earth and in one another. The *150 Trees for 150 Years* initiative became a visible expression of our shared commitment to care for creation. Schools, families and partners joined in planting trees that will shelter future generations, reminding us that tending Earth is sacred work and a hopeful act of faith.

These efforts unfolded alongside gatherings filled with gratitude and connection, where we celebrated the relationships that sustain our mission. Whether planting roots in the soil or gathering around shared tables, we witnessed how transformation begins in simple acts of caring for creation, community and the future.

*Sister Diana Blong and Sister MaryFlora Gabriel Mroso from Tanzania shared a moment of pure joy and sisterhood that knows no borders.*



## The Will to Transform the World

*Our ministry reaches far beyond traditional classrooms, embracing diverse forms of outreach across the United States and in Bolivia. We address immediate needs through direct service while also working toward systemic change. We engage in social justice advocacy, affordable housing and immigration services, always guided by our mission to serve where the need is greatest, transforming lives and communities.*

## Voices of Transformation

This collective effort revealed that change is nurtured through participation. As we honored 150 years of mission, we were reminded that every intentional act, whether planted, spoken or shared, carries the power to renew hope and shape the world we are called to serve.



*It was moving to see so many partners in mission support the 150 Trees for 150 Years initiative with such generosity. The strong response spoke clearly of our shared dedication. Revisiting former ministry locations for the plantings was exceptionally meaningful.*

SISTER MARILYN BREEN

*Our 150th anniversary was a time to renew our resolve to make present love, justice and equity through service in our local and global communities.*

SISTER JULIANNE BROCKAMP



*Presentation Sisters and associates gathered to plant a tree in honor of the 150 Trees initiative in Epworth, Iowa, where sisters ministered from 1923-2009.*



*During a recent gathering of prayer and reflection, the lantern's flame is passed to a single candle — a quiet symbol of light shared, hope renewed, and the journey carried forward together.*

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## Standing in Solidarity

This year, our pursuit of justice became deeply embodied through solidarity with migrants and continued advocacy against human trafficking. When Presentation Sisters and associates traveled to the border for the Binational Encuentro, they stood with communities experiencing displacement and fear. Their presence testified to our belief that dignity must be defended through action.

Closer to home, education and coalition work addressing human trafficking reminded us that injustice often hides in plain sight. These experiences grounded justice in relationship — seeing faces, hearing stories and responding with compassion. Standing at the border and within our communities, we carried the lantern into spaces where hope is urgently needed.

*Presentation people accompanied immigrants at the Homeland Security Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa — offering quiet presence and steadfast support.*



## In Pursuit of Justice and Peace

*Our commitment to justice is integral to our mission to embody God's hospitality, confront injustice and promote peace. Our efforts range from offering educational scholarships, to environmental stewardship and a dedicated commitment to eliminate human trafficking and support its victims with compassion and care. We consistently respond to the needs of the times, advocating for social justice, empowering women and children and protecting Earth.*

## Voices of Witness

Those engaged in justice ministry this year gave voice to why community matters and why our commitment to advocacy must remain steadfast. There is a deeper purpose behind education, coalition work and public witness: justice rooted in dignity and belonging. The lived experiences shared invite us to embody a faith that moves beyond words into action. When we walk in solidarity with others, the lantern shines where dignity is most vulnerable, calling us forward with courage and compassion.

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*Our advocacy to bring about a reality where everyone thrives — no exceptions — is more important now than ever.*

SISTER RICHELLE FRIEDMAN

*Being with this large group of people reminded me of what the church represents ... Their radical hospitality showed by walking with us in pilgrimage and being united by a shared faith in God and love of neighbor. There were no strangers, just a common ground of kindness.*

DORA SERNA, ASSOCIATE

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*Members of the Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking expressed their appreciation to area technology professionals who work every day to keep students safe online.*



*Sister Marge Healy and Associates Dora Serna and Billie Greenwood embodied radical hospitality at the border — offering compassion, presence, and prayer to immigrants facing deportation.*

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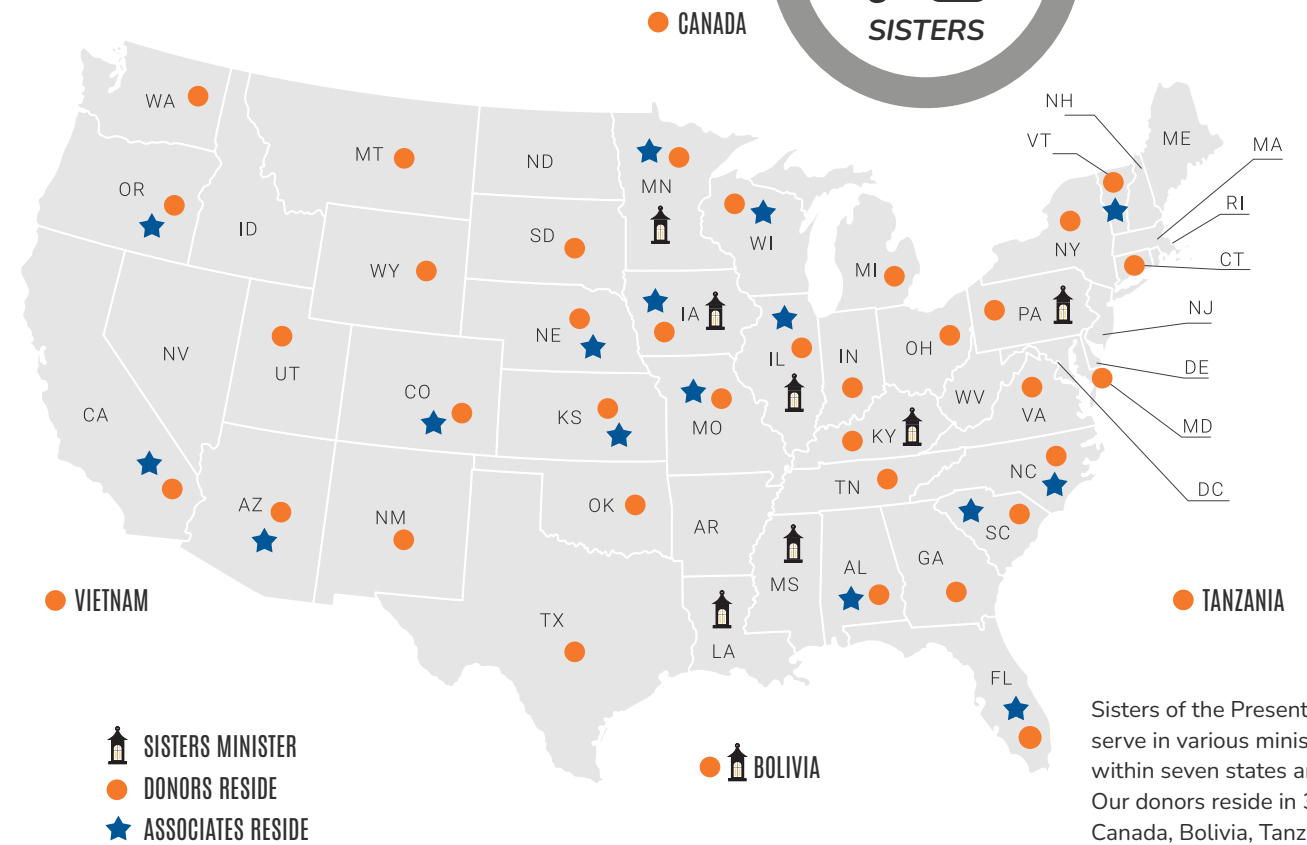
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