



# Nano's Echo

Newsletter of the Friends of Nano

A Spirit-led initiative of the International Congregation of Presentation Sisters (Union) which celebrates and promotes the charism of Nano Nagle in new and creative ways

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At the heart of our movement lies:

*A partnership with the Divine*

we attend to God each day and our actions are informed by that commitment.

*A passion for the poorest*

we stand with the poorest in society.

*A covenant with creation*

honouring all of creation, we live and promote sustainable lives.

*Nano's Echo is for everyone  
Please share it far and wide.*

## We embrace the future with hope!

Mary-Ann, Maria, and Mildred's term as International Co-ordinators has formally come to an end. We give thanks to God for the privilege of being part of the Team. We have been humbled as we learned of the ministry

undertaken by many of you around the world. We are filled with joy at seeing Nano's story told in so many corners of the globe. We are grateful that we, as a team, could meet and work together. We are in awe and wonder at the technology

that has enabled us, and others, to share ideas and knowledge. We appreciate the support we have been given by the Link Sisters, Unit Co-ordinators, Unit Leadership Teams and the many who have emailed us with words of encouragement. The Congregational Leadership Team have been amazingly supportive and nothing has been too much trouble for them to attend to on our behalf.

We pray with confidence and trust that the Holy Spirit will continue inspiring future generations to continue Nano's mission among those made poor. We are united in our determination to continue working for

justice; our mission to keep influencing others in caring for our planet; our hope that the ideas we have channelled will continue to strengthen communication links between us all.

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We know Nano is ahead of us beckoning us into uncharted territory.

Beckoning us into closer relationships with the Divine and right relationships with all our brothers and sisters with whom we share the planet, our

home. We are called to be in right relationship with all of God's creation.

Nano beckons us to do as she did - she identified the need and made a start. She never gave up when plans did not go as expected. She was prepared to challenge those in authority. She collaborated with others. She was prepared to take calculated risks. She worked out a way to give her great mission some permanence.

To quote Pope Francis we '**look to the past with gratitude, live the present with passion, and embrace the future with hope**'.

Mary-Ann, Maria, and Mildred pbvm

To the Friends of Nano,

During this special Tercentenary Year of the Birth of Nano Nagle, we warmly greet you.

We congratulate you for your participation in exploring a name to encompass all groups and types of membership – resulting in the decision that, going forward, the movement is called the *Friends of Nano*.

We thank you for engaging in Contemplative Dialogues on 'Milestones of Grace' in relation to the Core Values of the Movement and regarding your journey ahead as an international movement. We thank you also for your commitment to *carry the flame of Nano creatively into the future*.

As Presentation Family, let us be united in prayers as we look toward the Congregational Gathering 2018 and beyond.

With blessings and gratitude,

Congregational Leadership Team



# Friends of Nano in action ...



## ... in Africa

### Tercentenary of the Birth of Nano Nagle



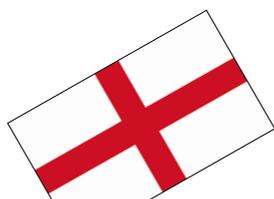
Fifty elderly people were invited from around Malengwa, Zambia to Christmas dinner. This number expanded way beyond fifty and they were all happily fed. It was wonderful to see the happy smiles on the faces of all. The story of Nano was told and the people were clearly moved. There was lots of singing, dancing and sharing of stories.

*Contributor Mr P Tembo*

In February Friends Of Nano in Zimbabwe had a day of prayer and recollection to mark 300 years of her birth. 43 FoN and four sisters celebrated together.  
*Contributor Cathy Shadwell*



Telling the Nano story



## ... in England



### Friend of Nano attends IPA Assembly in Australia

On Brian's return he has been fired with Nano's charisma and spread the messages of the IPA at Province Days in England.



**We used the contemplative dialogue process at the IPA, allowing the Spirit to lead us.**



Attendees from England and Ireland

Srs Ann Pender, Margarita Ryan, Eileen Keating, Sheila Kelleher, Anne Archibald, Pauline Casey, Anne Marie Quinn and Brian O' Toole, (Director of Interprovincial Justice Desk)

At the Assembly we were treated to breakout groups and Sr. Elsa, our NGO representative at the United Nations referred to a delegation of Indian children who spoke at the United Nations. They felt that all nations should behave as they do, including everyone working at the pace of the slowest. In this way the strongest will help the most vulnerable and all will make progress together. It was a strong message delivered with an honesty that could only have come from a child. The message sincerely resonated with all in attendance.

*Contributor Brian O'Toole*



## ... in India

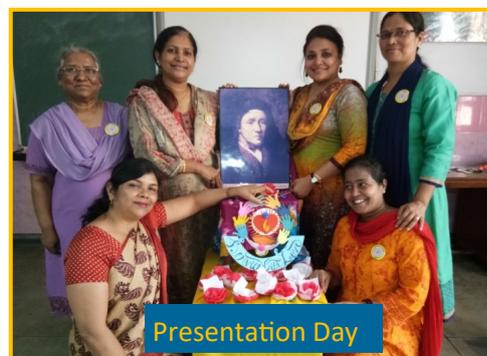
### Some of the many ministries North and South



Providing school uniforms for children

About 250 people, mostly picked up begging in streets, have been accommodated at the Murray orphanage. Some have mental illnesses and others are physically disabled. Friends of Nano visited and prayed with them and provided entertainment. Residents were given clothes and snacks. Friends of Nano also contributed funds for their welfare.

*Contributors Alice Victor, Sancta Maria*



Presentation Day





... in Ireland



### Celebrating significant events

The Friends of Nano Meditation Group gathered in 'Little Lantern' Childers Estate Dungarvan on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 to celebrate the group's first birthday. We met at our usual time for meditation followed by light refreshments. Tom, one of our members, commissioned a very special cake in honour of the occasion. We meet every Friday night, in our sacred space to meditate for an hour led by Sr. Gertrude. We are a very committed group, we met every Friday during our first year. We look ahead to 2018, 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nano's birth as we continue to develop the Core Value - **Partnership with the Divine**

Contributor Anne Dwyer



... in South America

### Amigas de Nana Nagle

Contributor Mary Moloney pbvm

La misión de las Amigas de Nana, ha sido unirse en el corazón y colocado todo nuestro amor en el cuidado de la Tierra. El año 2017 postulamos a un proyecto del Ministerio de Medio Ambiente del Gobierno de Chile con un monto de \$4.500.000.- llamado "Mujeres Sembradoras y Sanadoras de La Pampa de Alto Hospicio" este proyecto lo ejecutaremos durante 6 meses con promoción del medio ambiente y el cuidado de la tierra, además de cultivos para huertos domésticos.

All the marvels of nature enjoyed though circle energy, meditations and gratitude for life.



The mission of the Friends of Nano has been to unite our hearts and to devote all our love to the care of the earth.

... in Newfoundland and Labrador

### Collaboration in mission

Contributor Bridget Doyle



When Hurricane Maria devastated Dominica on September 19, 2017 where the NL Presentation Sisters have been ministering over the past

twenty-five years, our NL Associates listened and responded to the call for help. The generous response from parishes, direct donations from the larger communities as well as personal donations was evidence of the love and commitment to Nano's mission in Dominica. It gave deeper meaning to the Spirituality of Being in Communion and the feeling of being One. Nano's dream lives on!



Knitting Santa hats to sell in December. Proceeds were donated to the Gander and Area Food Bank. In Christmases past the hats were in big demand so we decided to knit them all year to be ready to make a larger donation to the Food Bank next Christmas. Contributor Barbara Barron

... in Aotearoa New Zealand



Contributor Regina Daly pbvm

Helping to save the planet one coffee at a time

Friends of Nano have made a commitment to honour all creation and to live and promote sustainable lives. We strive to live rightly and reverently so that all God's creatures who come after us might share in the earth's riches. One way is continuing to find new ways of recycling and reusing and influencing others to do the same. One member started a trend at her workplace by refusing paper takeaway coffee cups and taking her own reusable cup. Many of her colleagues have followed her example.

Contributor Trixie Campbell

Taking time to enjoy each others company



... in Pakistan



Ministry in action



Visitation to the sick



Class for dropouts



Presentation Day



Gathering to do Contemplative dialogue



Contributor Carol Sohail

... in Philippines

Helping to make Nano known



Tree planting by Binalbagan Catholic College faculty (including Parolitas) to commemorate the Tercentenary of Venerable Nano Nagle.



Contributor Athena Sayson

The Friends of Nano are selling souvenir items (mugs, key chains, magnetic fridge deco, & button pins) to help make Nano known.





... in USA

## Reaching out to the peripheries



Friends of Nano in the US engage with Sisters during meetings which include contemplative dialogue, as well as during retreats or other spiritual devotions. They spiritually, physically, and financially support Presentation Sisters' ministries and many actively work in the Presentation Learning Center in Watts, California, and the Presentation Ministry Center in San Antonio, Texas, both of which provide English, citizenship, exercise, sewing, gardening and many other learning and sharing opportunities for immigrants. They also join forces with the Interfaith Welcome Coalition in San Antonio to assist asylum-seekers en route to their sponsors. In Fargo, North Dakota, Associates serve in numerous ministries: teaching refugees English, feeding the homeless, participating in a friendship program for individuals with intellectual disabilities and becoming listening companions for the elderly. They are active members of the Prayer Center Board, Partners in Housing, Interfaith Dialog initiatives, and the Social Justice Collaborative, which has hosted an annual Rejuvenation event since

2009 to facilitate sharing on critical issues such as human trafficking, immigration reform, the rights of indigenous people, and the role of the Sustainable Development Goals in community justice efforts.

Contributor Karen Sacre



## The Congregational Leadership Team say 'thank you'

It is with heartfelt gratitude, we say 'Thank you' Mary-Ann, Maria, and Mildred for your voluntary commitment to build on the past and further support and strengthen the International Friends of Nano Movement across the twelve Units of the Congregation.

During your three-year term as the Coordinating Team, you facilitated processes across the Units to *Explore a name that will encompass all the levels of membership of this Movement (CG2012)*. Following which, you informed us that the Movement has come to the agreement on an umbrella name – *Friends of Nano*. We applaud you and we believe that this name encompassing all the levels of membership of this Movement and the *brief history of the Friends of Nano Movement to date* which you have compiled will further the Internationality of this Movement.

The quarterly newsletter *Nano's Echo* introduced by you captured the hearts of many. In your report to the Congregation, you have rightly stated, "*Nano's Echo as a tool has given a global perspective, providing network links, strengthening the movement and providing basic formation*".

We are hopeful that the updated *Guidelines for the Friends of Nano Unit Coordinators and Link Sisters* will

further the space for networking and collaboration within and between Units.

*Your collaboration with the Nano Nagle Commission greatly enhances the possibilities of making Nano known as a woman for our time among Friends of Nano Movement.*



Once again we express our appreciation for your valuable contribution to the Movement to date and we wish you every blessing for your journey ahead.

Srs Mary Deane, Julie Watson, Frances Murphy, Anne O'Leary, Fatima Rodrigo

Congregational Leadership Team



You are invited to spend 13 minutes to sit with the 'Eucharistic Prayer of the Cosmos'. A beautiful video clip that embraces our core values. The video would be wonderful to use when you come together as a group.

Simply click on the picture at the left and it will spring into life.

# Nano Nagle Commission

Coming together of the Nano Nagle Commission and the Friends of Nano International Co-ordinating Team in New Zealand 2016.

L to R: Sr Betty Rae Lea (Newfoundland), Sr Mildred Soldevilla (Philippines), Sr Anne Lyons (Thailand), Margaret Rosair (India), Bishop Leonard Boyle (RIP), Mary-Ann Greaney (New Zealand), Maria Owen (England), Srs Noreen McGrath and Veronica Casey (New Zealand).



The Nano Nagle Commission (NNC) congratulates the Friends of Nano International Co-ordinating Team on your wonderful work bringing together the Friends of Nano across the globe. We have very much enjoyed our journey with you as we follow in the footsteps of Nano.

### Our Appointment

On appointment to the Nano Nagle Commission in 2015 we were given a broad brief which has been the compass for our work: guiding our journey in promoting Nano Nagle’s Cause and the preparations for the Tercentenary Year. We come from diverse parts of the world but have worked well together: acknowledging and drawing on each other’s strengths. Our face-to-face meeting (New Zealand, February 2016) played a significant role in forming the firm foundation for our working relationship and the fruits of our collaboration.

### Looking Towards the Future

The next NNC will require people with energy, initiative and the motivation to be engaged at this level. The current NCC has no shortage of such passion and commitment. Face-to-face meetings are vital in providing meaningful and life-giving time. There needs to be a continuing strong link between a future Nano Nagle Commission and Friends of Nano Team. The

engagement of all Units, to assist and enhance the work of the Commission is essential. Without support all the planning done by NNC is weakened.

### Nano, an Icon for all time

As the members of NNC, we appeal to all Presentation Schools across the Congregation, to share with students and alumni, the profile of this wonderful woman. She is an inspiration, an icon of hope to people who are at times searching and adrift on life’s journey. Our young students look for role models in their lives, especially as they reach the threshold when High School ends and their future is full of competing and alluring voices. This is a ‘kairos’ time, to share with them in a creative and interactive manner the story of the power of One: Nano Nagle: one woman, one daring and courageous person, who risked all, her one wild and precious, life. She went to the margins and lived her life on the ‘razor’s edge’. Why? Because Love seized her heart in a radical way; influencing how she lived and ultimately how she died. Let us commit to seizing this vital opportunity to share what God had done in and through his chosen one, Venerable Nano Nagle, and in so doing offer to people an icon and role model for all who are in search for a way.

*Contributor Veronica Casey pbvm*

### Pope Francis and the Letter-writing Campaign

We are very pleased with the uptake of the letter-writing campaign although aware some areas did not seem to participate. This was one of our biggest disappointments and seems related to communication difficulties.



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If you have not yet seen the Prayer Resource, **Praying our Journey**, watch Sister Fatima presenting it to teachers in the North East Province of Ireland