



The **FRIENDS** of **NANO**

*The evolving history
of lay association
Our story so far...*

*Nano Nagle worked in Cork with the poorest of
society for over 20 years as a lay woman*

Doing Justice in the Way of Jesus, is our Mission
*(Chapters 96/01) in union with the
Presentation Congregation (PBVM) worldwide*

"We promote the dignity of human persons, so that they can be free to develop their own gifts and participate in the work of liberation and social transformation". PBVM Constitutions C10

Nano Nagle shared a great friendship with Teresa Mulally, a lay-woman from Dublin, who had a similar vision. George's Hill, Dublin is a living legacy of their association.

- 1984** Union General Council introduced Associate Movement to the Congregation.
- 1986** Union General Chapter commission on question of Lay Associates.
- 1987** Synod on the Laity in Rome. Associate Movement was seen as one of these initiatives.
- 1989** **Congregational Leadership called for collaboration in mission.** " '...as equal partners...'. We recognise the charism of Nano ... in many of our lay companions and welcome ... closer bonding with the Congregation"

Echoed in later Chapters

Associate Groups formed in several countries and provinces over subsequent years. They welcomed all who wished to share in the charism, spirituality and mission of Nano Nagle.

In association with the Sisters they share dreams, goals, visions and values, finding ways to be of service to others: especially those on the margins of society.



1718 Childhood in Ireland



c1730 Education and social life on

1996 *“We join with International Presentation Association (IPA), our Associates, lay partners and people of all faiths in the movement towards liberation.”*

2004 Presentation Associate Guidelines

“We believe that the Presentation Associate Movement in our day is a work of the Spirit, who invites its members to an ever deeper living of the Christian life, and empowers them to participate in the Presentation Mission.”

2005 Extract from CLT letter addressed to post Chapter (2001) **Associate Commission** re **‘Presentation Associate Guidelines’**.

“The last Chapter asked the CLT to set up a Commission which would draw up Guidelines for various aspects of the Associate Movement. We encourage all Associate groups to use these Guidelines over the next few years, in the manner best suited to each group, depending on local cultures, circumstances and the years spent in the Associate Movement.”

2009 225th Anniversary of Nano’s death

The Congregational Leadership Team, having reflected on what it means to be associated with the Congregation, concluded an International Gathering (involving lay people from every corner of the Union) would be the way to explore development of an International Network of Friends of Nano.



2011 The first **International Gathering of Friends of Nano**, took place in Ballygriffin, Ireland, between Phase One and Two of the Congregational Gathering 2012: *'Awakening to the Mystery of God ... the Mystery of Life'*.

The Friends of Nano Movement emerged stronger from that reflective process. CG12 endorsed the various groups who share Nano's charism and are associated with the Congregation; proposed they be united in one international body (name yet undecided) and continue organising themselves as appropriate to cultures and traditions. Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) and Unit Leadership Teams (ULT) to encourage their growth and development.

The International Team continued reporting to the CLT. (see First Team: International Coordinating Team)

2013 Every Group and each Unit invited to spend time reflecting on the way forward... Pope Francis declared Nano Nagle Venerable - 31 October - Deo Gracias.

2014 International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission Team (IPLMM) appointed by CLT, initially for 2 years, to continue development of the Movement.

2016 CLT asked Team to continue for a further year.

2017 After due process "Friends of Nano" chosen as 'umbrella' name for the Movement.



1775 Life as a religious



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IRELAND

1775 Founded in Cork

1805 Presentation Congregation formally approved.

1984 General Council present idea of Associates to Congregation.

1986 Proposal formulated at GC - core group to continue process.

1988 Proposals to GC and Provincial Council (SW Province)

1989 Positive responses from "Union" Commission questionnaire. Some Associate groups e.g. Waterford and Kilkenny (SE Province) and Rahan, Portlaoise and Tuam (N Province). In all three Provinces Sisters are primary facilitators for meetings, courses and field days. During 1990s Associate Groups develop throughout SW Province. Core Group established and handbook (1996) for Associate Programme.

2000 Ballygriffin to Callan (birthplace of Bl. Edmund Rice) Millennium Walk and visit of English Associates to South Presentation Convent.

2015 N and SE Province form North Eastern Province with eleven Associate Groups: seven led by Sisters; three by Associates; one joint leadership. The five SW Province Associate Groups are Sister-led. Groups meet monthly and for Annual Associates Gatherings.

The Movement draws energy and inspiration from 2011 Ballygriffin Gathering and the Core Values are guiding principles.

NE Province Leadership and Committee appoint Development Officer to liaise with Associates and IPLMM team: widening the tent to include all people inspired by the legacy of Nano Nagle.

2017 Appointment of a Development Officer, for NE and SW Provinces, to work closely with the Presentation Leadership Teams in Ireland, the IPLMM and local Friends/Associates groups.

All developments will interact collaboratively with other activities e.g. promotion of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation and the cultivation of a contemplative stance in action.



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

1833 Founded from Galway.

1983 Prayer around Associate Relationship Movement followed by many years of dialogue.

1998 Unit Leadership Team (ULT) appoints committee of Sisters and non-vowed to develop Associate Relationship Process. Relationship seen as mutual support with men and women living and affirming Charism and Mission of Nano.

1999 Formation of Associate Relationship Process approved by General Chapter. Host Communities initiated to monitor prospective Associates.

2001 First Associates across Province with two Sisters as Co-directors.

2009 Committee of Sisters and Associates initiated request for a Sister, free from ministry, to facilitate Associate process and recommend Associate be employed to share responsibility.

2010 Two Co-Directors appointed: One Sister and one Associate.

2014 First Biennial Inter-Congregational Conference attended by Sisters and Associates.

2015 In a consultative process ULT appointed three regional Lay Coordinators to work as a team with the Sister Coordinator.

2017 Associates on Presentation and Mercy Sisters Speaker's Forum planning committee.

2018 Tercentenary Pilgrimage to Ireland including eleven Associates.

Currently 76 Associates collaborating in Mission and Ministry of the Province.



ENGLAND

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- 1836** Sisters sent to Manchester from Clonmel, Ireland.
- 1898** Buxton founded.
- 1927** Matlock founded.
- 1989** Presentation Associate group formed in Redditch.
- 1995** Justice and Peace Core group formed to promote action and provide materials for study and prayer.
- 2001** Sixteen autonomous groups of two hundred and twenty-two members (twenty-nine men) in partnership with Sisters and sharing Nano's charism.
- 2003** Associates support Children's Project in Kaoma, Zambia.
Over the years many orphans have been helped with over £83,000 raised.
- 2011** 'Friends of Nano' introduced but most groups use 'Presentation Associate', many make a Commitment and receive an emblem. Associates join pilgrimages linked with Nano, visit Zambia and Ireland.
- 2013** English Unit Leadership Team appoint two Associates as Coordinators: to work closely with the Unit Link Sister, the Core Group and Unit Leadership.
- 2015** One Coordinator (Associate) appointed.
- Monthly Meetings contain *Lectio divina*, market place and justice and peace matters. Formation underpinned by Justice and Peace Network; Cluster meetings; regular Mailing of News and Resources. Many Groups are linked to a Convent – some continue to meet after Convent closure.
- The Annual Assembly provides Associates the opportunity for formation and friendship. New Associates are enrolled and all renew their Commitment.



INDIA

1842 George Town, Madras (Chennai), founded from Rahan and Maynooth, Ireland. In 1850 Mullingar convent sent more sisters.

1896 Missions to Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir State, Goa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi. (Convent in Kashmir: 17th March 1936 and Delhi: 8th December 1939).

1947 Partition and the founding of the nation of Pakistan. Rawalpindi became part of the Pakistan Unit.

1949 Sisters from the Indian Unit volunteered for mission abroad - now serving in Zambia, North America, Thailand, England, Slovakia, Palestine, Cambodia and Ireland.

Presentation Associate groups and Friends of Nano established:

1998 Groups began in Orlim and in Vasco da Gama, Goa.

2003 The movement started in Perambur, Chennai, with thirteen members in two groups (Tamil and English speaking).

2004 Egmore, Chennai, seven members.

2005 Theni, Tamil Nadu, with ten members (now 20).

2006 Delhi-6 fourteen members (now 20); Colachel ten members (now 20); Kodaikanal seven members (now 13); Rohtak seven members (now 10).

2008 Jammu twelve members (now 15).

2010 Vepery five members (now 14); Avedem, Goa, eight members.

2011 George Town community five members.

2012 Royapuram four members (now six) and Church Park twelve members.

2014 First National Gathering of Friends of Nano organised in Church Park, Chennai.

2015 Friend of Nano appointed to Nano Nagle Commission.

Friends of Nano share and act with the charism of Nano in various projects. Time is spent understanding Presentation ways before making a Commitment. Groups are self-funding.



PAKISTAN

1895 Rawalpindi (then part of India) was the first foundation: a school for Christian children, sons and daughters of army personnel, British and Irish.

1908 Seven would-be postulants arrived from Ireland.

1947 Following Partition, the Sisters responded to the needs of the times and Muslims, Hindus and other non-Christian students were admitted to the Presentation schools.

1954 First two Pakistani Sisters made their First Profession.

1998 Mission to Thailand.

Teachers and students have been partners in mission since the Sisters first arrived in Pakistan: sharing the spirituality and Charism of Nano regardless of Faith, Creed, Culture.

“We are privileged to share Nano’s Spirit and Charism with colleagues, students and parents.”

Over the years formation of Friends of Nano established: Sargodha 2009; Jhelum 2009; Josephabad 2010; Peshawar 2012; Risalpur 2013; Tando Allah Yar Pindi 2017.

Groups meet monthly: sharing the life of Nano as they carry the flame of Nano to those who are made poor.

Pakistan is an Islamic country so promoting our mission and charism can be difficult. Vast Geographical distances make meetings and annual (national level) gatherings challenging.

2016 First Assembly for Friends of Nano held in Rawalpindi with fifty participants.

2017 A four-day Retreat for Friends of Nano in Murree with twenty-two participants full of zeal and enthusiasm. New Lay Coordinator appointed.

We shall be widening the tent in the future.



PHILIPPINES



1960 Four Sisters arrived on Negros Island from Kilkenny Convent, Ireland.

1981 They brought the lantern to the island of Cebu, one of the central islands in the country.

1985 Sisters encouraged Associates to become organized, thus the 'Parolitas' (lantern bearers) was formed in Himamaylan, then in Binalbagan.

1989 Parolitas worked by themselves with no supervision from the Sisters.

1992 Revitalisation and new members from Binalbagan.

1995 Two chapters formed - Parolitas joined Sisters on retreat seminars in addition to reflection seminars and monthly meetings.

1995 Two Parolitas attended IPA Assembly in Cebu City

1999 New members. Preparation Programme for Associates prior to Commitment on Presentation Day.

2000 Cebu Chapter of Parolitas formed - the majority are mothers and grandmothers. Many Parolitas from the other Chapters work in the Presentation schools and college.

All chapters were able to gather together for a two-day recollection.

2001 A Parolita lived in community with the Sisters in administering Scala Retreat House. (Until 2009, there were five Parolitas who each lived in community with the Sisters for a period of time).

2011 Silver Jubilee celebration (April).

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2013 } Parolitas participated in the RUAH Programme in Ireland.
2015 }

Ongoing Continuation of Formation; involvement of Parolitas in Presentation Mission areas and outreach programmes.



AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

1951 Sisters arrived in Taita from Tuam, Ireland.

1954 arrived Dunedin from Kerry; Paraparaumu from Thurles.

1989 Associates initiated by people approaching the Sisters who enthusiastically responded and a co-responsible, intentional, collaborative way of being and sharing the charism was born. Three other groups were formed where the Sisters lived and widened out to other areas too.

1992 Associate newsletter Lantern Flame launched. Associates start joining with Sisters for a variety of PBVM formation. Collaborate with CLT to action Congregational Gathering decisions and provide feedback as requested.

1995 Associate guest at National Associate Gatherings in England and Australia. Interaction with some Irish groups. Invited to participate in PBVM assembly with Sisters.

1997 NZ Associates hold first National Gathering with almost a hundred percent turnout. Residential weekend, facilitator from Australia and attending Sisters financed by Associates.

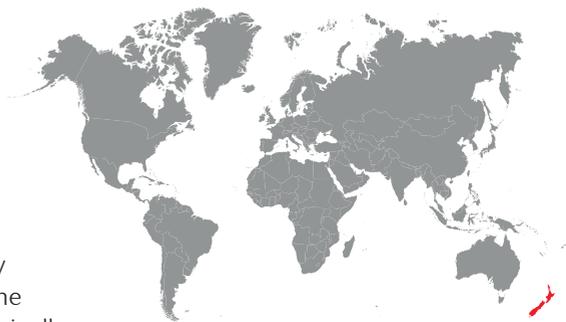
1998 Teen parent school and early childcare facility founded.

2002 PBVM Associate initiated National Inter-Congregational gatherings for collaboration and networking. Associate invited to be member of PBVM Formation team.

2011 Associates and Sisters collaborated together and created a Nano Nagle Pilgrimage celebrating sixty years of PBVM in NZ.

2012 Associate represented PBVM at Rio+20 UN summit on sustainability. Coordinator meets regularly with Unit Leadership Team to continue visioning of weaving life together.

2015 Sisters sponsor Associate to Ruah.



AFRICA

Zimbabwe

1949 Four Sisters invited to Southern Rhodesia, from India, by Bishop Aston Chichester. More Sisters (nurses and teachers) were sent from Matlock, England - Presentation Schools established. During the Liberation War some rural missions closed for safety.

1980 First African Sister professed. Independent Zimbabwe. Associates/Co-Workers working with Sisters in three areas.

Zambia

1970 After Nigerian/Biafran Civil war, Buxton (England) asked for Sisters to work with Holy Cross Sisters in Mongu, W Province: 27 Nutrition depots were established.

1973 Southern Province Zambia/Kasiya from Ireland (Kerry) to run Secretarial College in Kasiya. Ministries develop in Health Care, Catechetics and retreat work locally and in diocese.

1975 Sisters invited to Kaoma, West Province: Teaching, Nursing and Pastoral work.

1983 Two Sisters return to Mongu to run Cheshire Home. Southern Province Sichili Mission set up (from India) ministering on edge of Kalahari desert. Nursing, Teaching and all aspects of Pastoral work.

1986 Three units agree to work together. Formation process begins for young Zambian women.

1989 New Vice-Province of Zambia established with Co-Workers ministering in all areas alongside the Sisters.

2013 Zimbabwe and Zambia unite to form the Africa Unit.

2015 First African Unit Assembly.



USA

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- 1976** Union of PBVM Sisters formed: including seventeen separated groups with branch houses in California, Alabama, Colorado, Mississippi, Louisiana and Utah.
- 1978** SE Region formed: Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.
- 1978** Western Vice-Province formed: California and Utah.
- 1981** First Associates received in Fargo, N Dakota, when separate Congregation.
Crosshaven joined Union and their communities in Arizona joined W Vice-Province.
- 1982** San Antonio, Texas, joined Union and W Vice-Province.
- 1984** North Presentation, Cork, joined Union together with their houses in Georgia and Florida.
- 1989** W Vice-Province and SE Region formed one United States Province.
- 1996** One Sister appointed as Director of Associates in Fargo, ND.
Associate Movement introduced to nine women in Whittier, CA (Associates received 1998); in Elmore, Alabama (1999); Montclair, CA (2000); San Antonio, TX (2001); Mesa, AZ and San Lorenzo, CA (2003); Sacramento, CA (2004); Long Beach, MS (2007).
- 2002** One Sister appointed as Union Director of Associates and another in 2006 as Director of U.S. Union Associates.
- 2008** Friends of Nano formed: Presentation Ministry Center, San Antonio, TX.
- 2012** U.S. Friends of Nano Movement meeting held in San Antonio, TX.
- 2013** Fargo, N Dakota joined Union fusing with U.S. Province.
One Lay person and one Sister appointed as Directors of Friends of Nano.
- 2014** Friends of Nano formed: Whittier, Cypress, Orange, Upland, Huntington Beach and Presentation Learning Center, Watts, CA.
First Lay Director appointed in Fargo, ND.
- 2016** New Unit Link Sister and Unit Lay Coordinator appointed.



SOUTH AMERICA

The Latin American Unit has six missions in three countries: Chile, Peru and Ecuador.



Chile

1982 Chile founded when a group of Irish sisters from New Zealand start a mission in the rural region of Lo Valdivia.

1992 Iquique, Chile, founded. Casa Nana Nagle attended by women who call themselves *Amigas de La Nana Nagle*. An informally constituted group with fluctuating numbers who meet for monthly gatherings, days of reflection and formation.

2015 *Amigas de La Nana Nagle* discerned their mission as promoting care of the earth by encouraging education at all levels for recycling and cultivating plants for home cooking as well as for medicinal use. They also promote care of water in domestic and industrial use.

Ecuador

1983 Sisters from SW Province, Ireland arrive in Ecuador.

1988 Quito founded.

1993 Chone founded.

Peru

1993 Sisters working in Latin America establish mission: Eucalyptus de Villa, Lima.

1995 Mariategui, Lima founded. Two centres: *Centro Nano Nagle* and *Corazón (heart) de Nana*. *La Familia de Nana Nagle* meet, reflecting on and celebrating Nano's life through drama, art and mime.

Although not formally organised, Nano is loved and deeply appreciated by the children and adults and they share her mission to the most marginalized.

The Latin American Spiral officially formed in 1996.



FIRST TEAM: INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING TEAM

July 2011 : Two members of the Planning group, with four others (nominated by the International Gathering) formed the International Team. They developed and sent every Unit and Group (after approval by CLT) Guidelines for the Movement. A temporary Logo was adopted and circulated with the prayer. The triple spiral represents the Core Values with Nano's Lantern Flame in the centre to show how her charism and example inspires us to give life to those values wherever we live.

To build strong communication network, each Team member tasked to liaise with 'their' Units and encourage local news for website and Blog. Resources developed - e.g. leaflets for local level meetings addressing an aspect of charism, or core values.

Team invited to continue role until **December 2013**.

One proposal: the appointment of a Lay Networker (for three years). Unit Teams to encourage conversations.

After feedback, CLT appointed **International Presentation Lay Movement for Mission** team for two years.

First edition of quarterly **Nano's Echo** published **Easter 2015**: circulated by IPLMM via the CLT, ULTs, Link Coordinators and Link Sisters.

February 2016 IPLMM Team and Nano Nagle Commission met in New Zealand. The CLT asked IPLMM team to continue to 2018.

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INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS OF NANO GATHERING

Ballygriffin, Cork, 25th June - 2nd July 2011

The CLT wished to encourage development of a framework to link Friends of Nano across the globe: people inspired by Nano's story who are drawn in their own lives to work towards creating a more compassionate, just and sustainable world. Men and women who walk the journey with the Sisters; those who actively participate in living the mission of Nano, such as Associates, Co-workers in Presentation places of mission and others familiar with, and inspired by, Nano's story and the on-going work of the Congregation. Each Unit sent two delegates.

CORE VALUES (these lie at the heart of our movement):

A passion for the poorest (we stand with the poorest in society)

A partnership with the Divine (we attend to God each day and our actions are informed by that commitment)

and a **covenant with creation** (honouring all of creation, we live and promote sustainable lives).

Practical expression is given through Nano's charism:

- **Compassion** for those most in need
- **Commitment** to our aims, perseverance with our work
- **Courage** in the face of setbacks and difficulties
- **Confidence** in Divine providence
- **Creativity** on entering an uncharted course and devising innovative solutions
- In **communion** with our fellow Friends of Nano and others.