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Nano Nagle Place win Council of Europe Museum prize 2022

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It was a great honour to be part of the delegation that went to Strasbourg to receive the Council of Europe Museum Prize for 2022 on the 26 April. The prize was awarded by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to Nano Nagle Place. Shane Clarke, CEO, accepted the award on behalf of the Presentation Sisters and Nano Nagle Place. At the ceremony and reception different people from the European Museum Council spoke about Nano Nagle Place taking the conventional meaning of *museum* to a new threshold. Roberto Rampi, (Italy SOC), passionately described Nano Nagle Place as a place that is unique because it continues to interpret the life of Nano Nagle for today's society by continuing to respond to the needs and be a compassionate presence through the ministries and multi-faceted activities that make it a place at the edge. He also highlighted how the



continuation of a community of Sisters at Nano Nagle Place adds to the difference. This is what makes NNP different and what makes the difference.

It was inspiring and uplifting to hear Nano Nagle Place described as a place that embodies love, compassion, human rights, democracy, diversity, inclusion, a place that gives hope and brings a sense of balance in today's society... The work at NNP honours the values of Nano - dignity, education and caring for the vulnerable.





Jette Sandahl, president of the European Museum Forum, stated that Nano Nagle Place epitomises everything that museums can do and can be - with an impact way beyond their size, and way outside their cultural sector and also way outside their global, regional and national contexts.



Being presented the award in Strasbourg on the anniversary of Nano's birth is significant. Is this not a sign that as we continue to interpret the founding charism, blessings will continue to be bestowed upon us in ways beyond our wildest imaginings, giving us hope and courage to evolve and be open to the new that is emerging?

Nano herself was as at home in the European culture and society of her time as she was in her humble abode in Cove Lane and in her mud-cabin

schools dotted around the streets of Cork as she responded courageously to the promptings of the spirit and dared to risk for a greater award!

May the blessings that we have experienced give us the courage to continue *to go one pace beyond* in this time of uncertainty!

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