

The Ongoing Cause of Venerable Nano Nagle

Recording Favours

Greetings once again from the desk of the Postulator.

Recently, I stumbled on the following text written by the late Paul Molinari SJ. He wrote, *the careful presentation of one who has lived a life so like our own and yet given to Christ, has proven time and again to be the trigger of new Faith and new Hope*. Venerable Nano Nagle is a true example of such wholehearted response to her baptismal call through her daring faith and hope and her willingly risked all.

The life and work of Nano, who lived in one of the most ungoverned countries of the earth in 18th century Cork, with its multiple obstacles – social, religious, legal and political was recognised by the Church when in 2013 she was declared Venerable by Pope Francis.

The next stage in her process is her declaration as Blessed. For Beatification the Church requires one miracle. When a person is declared Blessed, s/he is proposed to the local Church for veneration and imitation.

In the process of verifying that a miracle has occurred, through the intercession of a Servant of God (for example Nano Nagle), the Church follows a very specific and detailed process. It begins with the assurance that the case being studied meets a number of criteria.

An Alleged Miracle

In the case of an alleged miracle, the same process used in the examination of the candidate's life is used to investigate the alleged miracle. A reported cure must be studied in Medical and Theological aspects.

1. THE MEDICAL ASPECT

- Scientifically inexplicable,
- in the investigation of a physical miracle, claimed as a miracle, it is important that the person cured be examined to ascertain the completeness and permanence of the cure.

In the medical study of an alleged miracle the following points need to be proved;

- that the physical condition did in fact exist prior to the cure;
- that the malady/illness no longer exists;
- that the cure was spontaneous/instantaneous;
- that it was not brought about by curative medication or surgery;
- that it is **instantaneous** (instantaneous or at least takes place over a period of time that is outside what would be ordinarily expected for the illness in question (and is not a spontaneous remission);

- it is complete and permanent.

2. THEOLOGICAL STUDY:

- ~ In the theological study of an alleged cure, it is important to show that the cure is the result of **earnest petition for a cure through the intercession of Nano.**
- ~ Faith and trust in God are essential...the individual must believe and pray that if it is God's will, he/she will be cured through Nano's intercession. It is usual that the person is blessed with Nano's relic.
- ~ A campaign of prayer – where the relatives, friends and the wider community join in faith-filled trust in God for a cure.

Record Keeping

I am aware that devotion and intercession through Venerable Nano for one kind of favour or another is very active worldwide. **However, what is urgently needed in furthering Nano's cause is that we have written records of testimony** made by a person/s who has received the favour from God through the intercession of Venerable Nano Nagle .

As Postulator, in order to further the cause of Venerable Nano, I need to have a copy of such testimony made by an individual who has received such a favour.

To this end and to further the cause towards Nano's beatification, I ask you to please keep a record of the circumstances of the cure e.g. your own observations of the changes of the patient's disposition (as well as any official medical records which will also be required).

Make a note of people, the time, place and who was present. Keep a record of the time of blessing with the relic if that happens. **Campaign of Prayer:** record when the specific prayer began, who was present and how long it continued.

Bear in mind that medical personnel are not partial to miracles! The question to be asked of the doctor is, *Can this cure be explained through medical science?* It is essential that the doctor/medical consultant be convinced that this cure did not arise from the medical intervention or through natural causes and is willing to testify to this.

The Finger of God

Thank you for all that you are doing in your part of the world to continue to make Nano Nagle known and loved. I ask you **to please send copies of any favours received.** They are vitally important and as Postulator, without these written records, I cannot work to advance the cause of Venerable Nano to the next stage – her Beatification.

The Glory of God...the will of God was uppermost in Venerable Nano Nagle's own life. This and this alone is at the heart of any miracle...**digitus Dei**...the finger of God. We pray that it will be so.

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