

# For Reflection & Discussion

Nano Nagle's story is the foundation stone of formation and mission work in Presentation ministries. It can be used in many ways with staff, leadership teams and the wider community.

**AS WELL AS DISCUSSING THE QUESTIONS WHICH FOLLOW, YOU COULD CONSIDER USING THE STORY AS THE BASIS FOR A MINISTRY MURAL, FOR A DIGITAL REPRESENTATION OF THE MINISTRY FOUNDATIONS OR IN DRAMA AND MUSICAL ACTIVITIES. YOU COULD INVITE PRESENTATION SISTERS TO SHARE WHAT INSPIRED THEM ABOUT NANO NAGLE'S STORY.**

- What part of Nano Nagle's story has the most impact on you?
- How can Nano's story be used to inspire new generations of people working in Presentation ministries?
- Nano faced many challenges and struggles in her work. What can she teach us about dealing with setbacks and difficulties?
- Nano's story reveals the consequences of institutional oppression and injustice. How does your ministry advocate for those impacted by unfair policies and restrictions?
- Nano gave her energy, passion, health, and fortune to help the most vulnerable in her society?  
  
Who might Nano be helping if she was walking in your community today?
- Nano's story also highlights the importance of relationships. Nano made personal connections with the poor, the children in her schools, those she visited in prison. Her kindness changed lives. Imagine how the lonely elderly would have felt as they saw her lantern heading towards them in the gloom. How can your ministry ensure that relationships are the heart of everything that you do?
- Nano was also supported in her own life. She grew up in a loving family. She had a close and loving relationship with her sister Ann. She enjoyed the support of her brothers and her uncle in her ministry. Who supports you in your work? Who are the people you are grateful for in your life's journey?
- Nano's work inspired others and her legacy lived on through the fledgling religious congregation she founded and the work of the Presentation foremothers across the world.
  - What made her work and her vision appealing to others?
  - Who are our contemporary Nanos, challenging social and political paradigms and practicing radical mercy and compassion?
- Who could you support in your life and work? Like Nano Nagle's family, are there people who you have blessed with presence, encouragement or practical help?
- Nano knew that the future of her schools needed to be secured beyond her lifetime. How is your ministry future-proofing its Presentation identity?

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