

# For Reflection & Discussion

The following material can be used in formation sessions with staff or during retreat or reflection days. It is also useful for strategic planning sessions when mission and purpose are discussed.

## MARLETTE BLACK PBVM INVITES LEADERS TO:

“Understand the charism of the foundress Nano Nagle; appreciate the ways in which the Presentation foremothers engaged with God’s mission; observe the ongoing Presentation charism revealed in the work of Presentation Sisters and discern the ways in which the Presentation charism continues to serve God’s mission in response to new challenges.”<sup>13</sup>

## USE THESE INVITATIONS FROM MARLETTE BLACK PBVM TO EVALUATE THE FOUNDATIONS OF CHARISM IN YOUR MINISTRY.

- How do you enhance and nurture the Presentation charism in your ministry?
- How has your ministry adapted the Presentation tradition, spirit, and charism to the contemporary context? What challenges have you faced?
- What are the key indicators of Presentation charism for your ministry?
- How does your ministry keep in contact with the Presentation Sisters?
- How is your ministry connected to the wider work of the Presentation world today?
- What are some of the stories of the local Presentation Sisters which are kept alive in your ministry?
- What are the risks to charism in your ministry? How can these risks be mitigated?
- How well is charism addressed in your strategic planning?
- If you are in a dual charism ministry - how are the Presentation heritage and spirit honoured?
- Now consider the three questions posed by Brien and Hack. Who founded us? What have we become? What are we yet to become?<sup>14</sup>

## HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS?

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