

Presentation Associate News

November 2021



Presentation Associates Vision Statement - The Associate Community is a strong, loving, and caring group of people, diverse: ethnically, gender wise, age wise, and economically called by the mission and charism of Nano Nagle. **We support each other in our spirituality and in the following of the Presentation charism as lived out by Nano Nagle and passed on to us. Not words but deeds best expresses it.**

Associate Program Handbook, Sisters of the Presentation San Francisco, September 2020



Associates Explored the Theme of the Divine Heart with Colette Lafia at their Annual Retreat

Associates Sandra Jhung, Rosalie Cabrera, Olga Barerra, Earlene Dutton, Jane Hetherington, Pamela Manick, Ramona Michaels, Nanette Miller, Loretta Nekota, Tina Panelli, Kay Sweeney, and Kathey Valenzuela with Sister Anita Torres gathered at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, CA for their annual retreat in October 9 & 10. It was good to be together as a group after so many months.

Colette Lafia acted as facilitator as we explored our theme of *The Divine Heart*, the subject of her recent book. Many of us had experienced the Divine Heart through our relationship with the Sisters in the Presentation Community. Others had found it in their connection to the Associate Community. Relationships seemed to be the key.

Loretta Nekota provided an opportunity to make our connection concrete through a heart craft project. Everyone spent time involved in using the materials she provided as a means to reflect and make visual the results of our reflection. We each were able to symbolically express our insights. The finished Hearts were passed from person to person to gaze on as icons to be in touch with our fellow retreatants' hearts. They were then gathered together to symbolize our joined hearts.



Thanks to all involved we went away knowing each other a little better.

Associates Reaching Milestone Years Honored at Retreat



Ramona receives her stole.

Loretta Nekota hosted the celebration for Rochelle Ramirez - 10 years, Kay Sweeney - 20 years, Jane Hetherington - 25 years, and Ramona Michaels - 37 years as Associates. Each Associate was invested with a Words not Deeds stole. Each Associate present at the retreat wrote a note of congratulation and gratitude for those being celebrated. Rosalie Cabrera put the notes in a box with a beautiful bow and they were presented to Kay, Ramona, and Jane. Unfortunately, Rochelle could not be present but her box of notes along with her stole and our congratulations will be sent to her. As we said before, it is wonderful to be together to celebrate!

Coming Attractions

BACAR Event: *A Journey to Protect Our Earth, Laudato Si*;

Date: November 3, 2021; Time: 4:00 PM Pacific Time

On the 14th of November, *The World Day of Prayer for the Poor*, the dicastery for promoting integral human development will begin offering Laudato Si Planning Guides.

BACAR will take this journey on [November 3, 2021](#) at 4:00 p.m. PST aligning with the goals set out in Laudato Si by Pope Francis.

For more information: [HTTPS://LAUDATOSIACTIONPLATFORM.ORG/](https://laudatosi.actionplatform.org/)

Let us join the Sisters in prayer as they plan for Chapter...

*Our dear God, who has called us throughout our lives, we put our concerns into Your keeping, into Your heart's deep care. Give us courage, trust, and hope, courage to take each step; trust that you will lead us and our entire congregation well and clearly; hope that we will travel together into Your deepest heart of love in this life and in the next.
Nano, please pray for us. Amen.*

The Associate Team

Gerry, Kathey, Kay, Rosalie, and Sr. Anita