

Presentation Associate News

March 2022



We, as Presentation Associates, stand in partnership with the Sisters of the Presentation, who share in the charism of their foundress, Nano Nagle. We reach out in faith in a spirit of hospitality, compassion and simplicity to all of creation. - Presentation Associate Handbook

Report on February Zoom Coffee Hour by Pat Diaz

At our **Annual Associate Gathering** on September 4, 2021, it was decided to look into the possibility of adopting a cause. The theme for the February 19th Coffee Hour was ***“Do Associates want to have a cause that everyone supports?”***

Kay Sweeney was the facilitator and opened with a beautiful prayer song aptly titled ***“Companions on the Journey,”*** which helped set the tone for the meeting

Those enjoying their coffee on this sunny Saturday morning were **Olga Barrera, May Barisone, Rosalie Cabrera, Pat Diaz, Gerry Fagoaga, Christa Hanson, Jane Hetherington, Julie Merrill, Yolanda Santillan, Sister Anita Torres, and Kathey Valenzuela.**

There was much heartfelt discussion on the topic, with everyone sharing their thoughts and opinions with pauses for reflection and group discernment. It was interesting to find that the terminology used of **“cause”** meant different things to many. A change in the wording was suggested - to perhaps use **“project”** instead. **What the group did have in common was that we were all coming from the stance of what would Nano want, or think about this?**

The issue bears deeper and further discussion and will entail future meetings, including the selection format (if applicable), logistics, etc. Meeting date announcement will be forthcoming.

Once we concluded, a Jeopardy Game coordinated by **Kathey**, with Nano Nagle as the theme was played. Everyone was a bit rusty in their **“Nano knowledge,”** or perhaps we needed more coffee. **One thing for sure we all need a little remedial study or brush up for the next round!**



Spotlight on Ministry: Following Nano - May Barisone

My first memory of the Sisters of the Presentation was September of 1960 when I started first grade at the School of the Epiphany. There I met

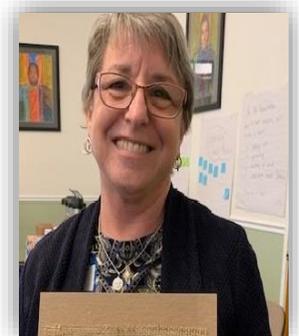
Sister Michele O'Connell, Sister Michaeline O'Connor, Sister Constance Madden and Sister Helen Matosich with Sister Kathleen Griffin as principal. Wonderful women and teachers.

After Epiphany I followed my closest friends to Presentation High School where we had an absolute blast. We are still very close and dear friends. Sisters Rosina, Joan, Georgina, Sylvia Hamilton and both Virginia's were all a big part of my years at Pres.

I mention all these women because they all taught me what it means to be Presentation women. They all had a part in shaping the person I am today. They taught me so much more than academics and I want to be sure that they know what an impact they had on their students. I was first taught how to say *non vox sed votum* (Not words but deeds) at a very young age and later taught how to live it.

In 1988, I met Sister Rita Jovick while working on an Epiphany Reunion. Rita invited me to explore Association and I joined the program in 1994.

Over the past 27 years I have been involved in many Associate activities. My biggest gift from Association is the dear and wonderful women with whom I have journeyed. I served on the Associate Team, co-chaired Associate Picnic with my dear friend Pilar Delfino and later with Loretta Nekota. I've helped with hospitality and attended as many functions as possible. I am now following in Earlene Dutton's footsteps as *The Sunshine Girl*, sending cards to Sisters and Associates on their birthdays and am part of the Companion and Profiles Committees.



If you were to ask me what my ministry is I think I would have to say *hospitality*. I try my best to follow in Nano's footsteps by being aware of the needs around me and doing what I can to fill them. This is in my everyday life. If a friend or neighbor needs a hand, I do whatever it takes to help them. If I make a dessert, I make extra for an elderly neighbor. When the bad weather means we lose power, I check on the neighbors. I call friends who live in remote areas to see if they are okay. I send a handwritten note to someone who is having a hard time. I smile and say hello to someone who is looking sad. Actually, I say hello to everyone I pass. I share information about Presentation ministries with friends. I am passing on my awareness. I love a positive trickle effect!

The most important thing I have learned from being a Presentation person is to be aware of everything around me, people, nature, the needs of others. Awareness opens my eyes and heart to what is needed and to how much there is to be grateful for.

Associate Leadership Team Participates in Day Retreat



Associate Team members (Left to Right) Gerry Fagoaga, Kathey Valenzuela, Kay Sweeney, Sister Anita Torres and Rosalie Cabrera gathered for a retreat day with Sister Carol Quinlivan CSJ at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino CA. Their purpose was to build team spirit and sharpen their skills to better lead the Associate program. They learned a lot about each other which will help them work together as a team. They were glad to gather in person. They came away feeling renewed.

Spiritual Reading Circle News

Please join us. Get a fresh look at the story of the land. Our next meeting is on **March 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be sharing our thought on sections *Tending Sweetgrass* and *Picking Sweetgrass* of our book *Braiding Sweetgrass*. The last essay in *Tending Sweetgrass* is *The Honorable Harvest*. There is a TED talk on YouTube by the author on the *Honorable Harvest* that is worth listening ([Reclaiming the Honorable Harvest: Robin Kimmerer](#)). If you do not have the book and have not read the selection, you are still invited to attend and will be able to participate in the sharing.

Other books to follow: May Barisone - *Let Us Dream: Conversation with Pope Francis*; Pat Diaz - *Radical Saints: 21 women for the 21st Century*; Yolanda Santillan - *Saints and Sinners in the Christian Way*, and Tina Panelli - *The Long Loneliness: Autobiography of Dorothy Day*

So please, consider joining us by emailing nanetteolga00@gmail.com.

Ramona's Back in Town



As you can tell from Ramona Michael's smiling face, she has moved back to the Bay Area. The photo shows her visiting all her friends at Most Holy Redeemer.

Olga Barerra reports that she has been visited by Most Holy Redeemer friends in her new home in a Senior Residence in Santa Clara. They report that she has her own apartment, the place is bright and cheery, and she is busily making new friends.

Her address is 1675 Scott Boulevard, #301, Santa Clara, CA, 95050. She would love to have you visit!

Help Wanted Ad Answered - Nanette Miller

Pat Diaz has volunteered to work with Nanette on creating materials to invite new associates. She joins Nanette on the short-term committee to explore the materials available that can be used by Associates and Sisters to invite people they see as good candidates for membership and organizing them in a way they can be useful. Contact Nanette at Nanettelmiller13@gmail.com if you would like to join them.

BACAR Report - Christa Hansen

See information under Coming Events for information on the upcoming BACAR Synodal session. It will give you a chance to share your views from an Associate perspective.

On the Associate Calendar for March

We know that many of you like to plan ahead, so we have included the Calendar of Associate activities planned for the next months. Most will be on zoom as we have found it makes it possible for many more Associates to attend. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Lenten Sharing on **March 4, 25, and April 8, 2022**

Register: associates@pbvmsf.org

Associate Leadership Team Meeting on **March 2, 2022** - Canceled

Spiritual Reading Circle on **March 24, 2022**

Other Events of Interest

Southern California Workshop from Associate Pat Cane and Capacitar

Pat Cane has designed a new Advanced Formation Class on Self-Care in Challenging Times and that will be held in-person on **March 26 and 27, 2022** at Holy Spirit Retreat Center (Encino, CA).

This class is a new curriculum based on our need for support and self-care at this time in history. The in-person training will focus on:

- Capacitar's commitment to supporting those impacted by Covid;
- Accompanying Climate Activists;
- Dealing with Eco-Anxiety and Climate Depression, especially among youth;
- Capacitar practices for self-care and to accompany those impacted by climate change;
- Strengthening our resolve and our commitment to global healing for the long haul.

The included text is Pat's newest manual, *Empowering Strength and Resilience, Capacitar Self-Care Practices to Accompany Youth & Other Climate Activists in Our Climate Emergency*.

Register: <https://app.dinirview.com/goWYm>

BACAR Virtual Event on **March 9, 2022**

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. PST via Zoom



Theme: *Participate in a Synodal Conversation*

[Click here to register for BACAR's Synodal Session](#)

To end, let us continue to pray with the Community as we prepare for Chapter in March.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful by sending us the light of Your Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Associate Team

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