

Presentation Associate News

April 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

February Zoom Coffee Hour Follow Up

At our Annual Associate Gathering on September 4, 2021, it was proposed that we look into the possibility of adopting a common cause. As we reported in the March Newsletter we started unpacking what this would mean. There was much heartfelt discussion on the topic, with everyone sharing their thoughts and opinions with pauses for reflection and group discernment. There were many different interpretations of this proposal. **We realized that this is just the beginning of the dialogue. We do not have a common understanding of what the proposal means. 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 and feedback from all Associates. **To clarify the proposal, the Associate Team needs more information.** We have the information from the recorded sharing at the coffee hour and the leaning taken at the end of the sharing. We need to get input from all of you to clarify the proposal further and reach a consensus

A response form will be sent to all Associates this month to get as much input as possible. We are aiming for 100% participation. When you get your response form in the mail fill it out with your honest opinion and **return it by April 4, 2022.** Please send by snail mail in the enclosed stamped envelope. Email returns create extra challenges for the Team.

Associate Handbook Designates Consensus as Process for Decision Making Process

The Associate Handbook contains the following section on the process for making decisions.

The Associate Team and Associates will make decisions by consensus. The consensus process to be used is the one where votes are only taken when there is no complete agreement by those in attendance. If a general agreement is determined by the facilitator, no vote will be taken. If there is not complete agreement each member will be asked: If they agree to the proposed decision, if they can accede to the

proposed decision even though they have reservations, or if they are absolutely opposed.

The desire will be to only pass decisions where all agree or can accede. However, if the group hears the reservations of those who are absolutely opposed and decides to move ahead and those absolutely opposed do not constitute 10% or more of those eligible to vote the decision to go ahead with the proposal can be made.

The Associate Team is committed to using this form of decision-making as our Handbook directs us.



Spotlight on Ministry: Following Nano Reflection from Rosalie Cabrera coming in May 2022

Spiritual Reading Circle News

The book for April will be *Let Us Dream: Conversations with Pope Francis*. May Barisone will lead us in sharing our insights and reactions at our **April 21, 2022** Zoom gathering.

Other books to follow: 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.

On the Associate Calendar for April

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!

Associate Leadership Team Meeting on **April 6, 2022**

Lenten Sharing on **April 8, 2022**

Register at associates@pbvmsf.org

Spiritual Reading Circle on **April 21, 2022**

Presenters: Bryan Massingale, STD, Robert P. Jones, Ph.D., and Dr. Marcia Chatelain, Ph.D.

Registration: <https://networklobby.org/uschristianityconvo/>

BACAR, Inc. along with many other organizations and congregations supports your participation in Networks Lobby' presentation.

Questions or concerns: please email Kathy Noether - knoether@aol.com.

Let us end with Tina Panelli's reflection on her participation in the Chapter gatherings.

HOLY TRANSITION

With their quiet palpable wisdom and silent love, I watch their faces,

Excruciating and lifegiving decisions mulled over and tenderly executed.

Such brave and grace filled moments, bringing with them tears and stoic acceptance.

I feel Nano's presence hovering over these days, over these, her Sisters;
her Associates having been graced and humbled to witness this Holy Transition.

This day, with faith and blessings, it begins, this journey into unknown spaces full of hope and gratitude and love...

"For I know the plans I have for you"

The Associate Team

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