

# Presentation Associate News

June 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*

## Coffee Hour - Trying Again on June 4, 2022

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hopefully, all will go well this time and at the June Coffee Hour we will be able to move forward on our plan to develop a consensus on the proposal to adapt a common cause that Associates support. The Team will pull together all the information we have and write a proposal that the June Coffee Hour participants can respond to and develop a consensus around. It is a proposal only to facilitate discussion and will be modified at the gathering, as necessary. The last step will be for all Associates to express their opinion through a mailout. Thank you all for working with the Team to come to a consensus on this suggestion from the Annual Gathering in September.



## Spotlight on Ministry: Following Nano

Reflection from Barbara (Bobbie) Evans

Interviewed by Pat Diaz

## 22 Years of Service in Compassion and Hospitality

Barbara Evans was part of the first graduating class of [Our Lady of Loretto High School](#) in 1953. She had her heart set on attending Immaculate Heart High and “not that new school,” as she pleaded with her mother, but fate had other plans. There she made many dear and life-long friends (“too many to name”), such as the late Sister Rachel Pinal, and her “little sister” fellow Associate Rosalie Cabrera.

She recalls her time there was one of the best in her life and was appreciative of the teaching style of the Presentation Sisters. They taught her to “how to think and challenge” what did not seem right. Her leadership skills and “take charge” attitude were apparent as classmates voted her class president for freshman, junior and senior year. As an appreciation gift for the Sisters and the school, she guided her graduating class to fundraise and donate a beautiful statue of Our Lady.

Bobbie spent over 40 years in nursing. As a busy mom raising 6 children, she had no time to attend school to further her career. A supervisor recommended that she self-study by borrowing books from the medical library to prepare for the Licensed Vocational Nurse test. She passed the LVN state examination on the first try! She loved her job, and it brought her great satisfaction. She strongly believed that in nursing besides helping others, it was important to have a positive attitude which helped with their overall healing.

Besides Southern CA, Bobbie has lived in Puget Sound, WA and Henderson, NV always serving in her parish guilds, assisting with the food banks, and kitchens or clothing drives for the underserved.

It was at a Golden Girls Luncheon, that by happenstance (fate once again) Sister Sylvia Hamilton and Sister Virginia King, were seated at her table. They “chit-chatted” and had a wonderful time getting to know each other. The sisters encouraged her to become an Associate as she was already doing Nano’s work. Her response was “I have always been a doer; I just like to help -- I’m not a joiner!” They became good friends, and after gentle prodding by Sister Sylvia, Bobbie eventually would go to San Francisco over a year for the Associate learning process with Sister Sylvia.

Bobbie has now been an Associate for 22 years, and along with Rosalie Cabrera, was recently honored on their [20 Year Celebration of Membership](#) at the [Annual Associate Gathering on September 5, 2020](#).

Bobbie resides at Mayflower Gardens and provides hospitality to her fellow residents with the Coffee & Donuts Club one Saturday a month.

At her current parish, St. Junipero Sierra in Lancaster, she helps with the twice monthly breakfast preparations for the St. Vincent’s de Paul Center serving the homeless. The pandemic made that difficult, and prayer became her way to continue to help.

Bobbie’s current “take charge” assignment has been to retrieve the statue of Our Lady that her class of ’53 donated. She and other classmates would like to have it relocated to the Motherhouse. When Loretto High School closed, and merged with Bishop Conaty, the statue was sent there. Bobbie strongly believes her rightful place is with the Presentation Sisters in San Francisco. I have no doubt she will see that it happens!

## **Spiritual Reading Circle News**

Pat Diaz led the discussion of *Radical Saints: 21 women for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* on May 26. We were joined by two new members: Sister Helen Matosich and Earlene Dutton.

Other books to follow: Yolanda Santillan - *Saints and Sinners in the Christian Way*, and Tina Panelli - *The Long Loneliness: Autobiography of Dorothy Day*.

Please consider joining us by emailing [nanetteolga00@gmail.com](mailto:nanetteolga00@gmail.com).

## Invitation from the Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee would like to extend an invitation to Associates to join them. If you are interested, contact Sister Pat Davis at [patdavis821@gmail.com](mailto:patdavis821@gmail.com).

## Message from Nanette Miller

At the May 14<sup>th</sup> community meeting, a presentation was made which revealed the preliminary look of the Nano Nagle statue. The Presentation was recorded. If you weren't able to attend the gathering and would like to see the presentation, click here [Zoom Meeting on May 14](#). Password: 77^MWEd.

## BACAR Report

Christa Hanson, our representative on the BACAR Board reports that the Board was pleased with and thankful for the donation from the Presentation Associate Program. Right now, their energy is going toward the “*Responding to the Cry of the Earth - Climate Change: Brother Fire*” event. (Information below). There will not be any formal BACAR meetings during the summer.

BACAR Upcoming Event

**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

The theme for this event “*Responding to the Cry of the Earth - Climate Change: Brother Fire*” will explore Climate Change with an emphasis on the effects of fire and energy necessary for all God's creation. We will see how in *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us, “*Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation*” (LS 14). More information at [www.bacar2.org](http://www.bacar2.org).

## Update from the Companion Network

Prayers are still needed for **Betty Canton's sister** as she gets back on her feet.

**Ramona Michaels** would love to hear from fellow Associates. Her phone number is 408-216-0134. Give her a call and let her know we are thinking of her.

**Olga Barrera** is back on her feet after knee surgery on her second knee.

Continue to keep **Mary Anne Maloney** in your prayers.

Congratulations to **Julie Merrill** on her retirement from St. Mary's Center. With extra time she will be joining the Social Justice Committee.

Prayers for **Earlene Dutton** who is having problems walking due to a cyst on her leg. Nothing can keep her down though. She visited Filoli Mansion to celebrate Mothers' Day in a wheelchair pushed by her willing family.

**Bobbie Evans** has been side-lined by a broken femur caused by a neighbor's dog getting underfoot. Thus, the new rule of "no pets allowed" imposed by her daughter, while she recovers at home - she misses visits from her "grand-doggie" dearly.

## **Annual Plan Update**

The Associate Team is continuing to work on the tasks you set at the September Annual Gathering.

- ~ In April, Kathey Valenzuela continued her orientation as treasurer through development of the Associate Program Budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The Finance Committee met to develop the Budget and met with Sr. Paula Baker to have the Budget approved.
- ~ The Associate Team is continuing their own orientation by further exploring the material from their Team Orientation with Sr. Carol Quinlivan CSJ in February 2022.
- ~ A series of reflections were scheduled for Lent with Christy Brink with the theme An Open Heart.
- ~ The May newsletter included a report from the BACAR Synod zoom on the pains experienced as church members.

## On the Associate Calendar for June

Saturday Coffee Hour on Saturday, June 4, 2022 (10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Associate Team quarterly meeting with Leadership on June 7, 2022

Spiritual Reading Circle on June 23, 2022

Annual Associate Retreat 2022 coming up in October!

**Looking at the schedule we have decided to cancel 2022 and schedule the next Picnic/Social for 2023. There is just too much happening!**

**To end, a prayer for a more peaceful world.**

### A Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all of creation, give us your peace.  
May our security come not from weapons, but from respect.  
May our strength come not from violence, but love.  
May our own wealth come not from money, but sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but justice.  
May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness.  
Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation.  
Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Faith Vail for Peace in Ukraine

**The Associate Team**

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