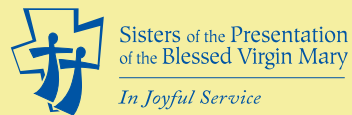


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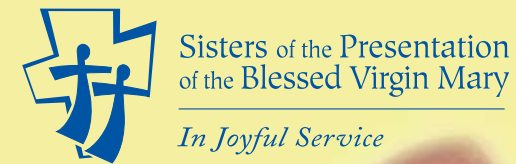
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**TODAY**  
Strengthened  
by **YESTERDAY**

## Ministries

As the Presentation Sisters respond to a broader scope of unmet needs, we remain dedicated to the traditional ministries of education and healthcare.

Adult Education Services  
Advocacy  
Avera Health Co-Sponsorship  
Campus Ministry  
Chaplaincy  
Child Care Ministry  
Counseling  
Education Ministry  
ESL Education Ministry  
Eucharistic Ministry  
Foster Grandparents  
Healthcare Ministry  
Hispanic Ministry  
Hospitality  
Leadership and Administration  
Massage Therapy  
Ministry to Elderly  
Ministry to Homebound  
Native American Ministry  
Parish Ministry  
Pastoral Care  
Personal Growth Ministry  
Prayer Ministry  
Prayer Line Ministry  
Presentation College Sponsorship  
Prison Ministry  
Retreat Ministry  
Rural Ministry  
Social Justice Ministry  
Spiritual Direction  
Support Services  
Tutoring  
Volunteer Ministry  
Youth Ministry



Sculpture of the Sacred Heart, 1994  
Mary Southard, CSJ, Artist





## Heritage

In 1775, Nano Nagle used her wealth and influence for the greater good when she founded the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cork, Ireland. A woman of great courage, Nano established secret schools for Catholic children barred from education by oppressive laws. At night she carried her lantern among Cork's alleyways, caring for the city's poor and sick.



## Women of Today

The Presentation Sisters of Aberdeen keep the spirit of our foundress alive as we strive each day to make a difference in the lives of others. We are vowed religious women who share faith in community and dedicate ourselves to serving God's people, especially the poor and oppressed.

Our lives are centered in prayer and God's grace empowers us to carry out our mission. We live out our lives within the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

From our home at Presentation Heights in Aberdeen, South Dakota, we are called to serve as the apostles did, going forth to assist people in need wherever the need arises. Our congregation is part of a network of eight Presentation Congregations in the Conference of Presentation Sisters of North America, as well as a worldwide association of over 3,000 Presentation Sisters.



## Spirituality

In 1906, the Presentation Sisters were asked by Bishop O'Gorman to pray daily for the needs of the people in the Sioux Falls Diocese. The congregation responded by beginning perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, a practice that has spanned over a century at Presentation Convent. This gift of the spirit deepens the contemplative dimension of our ministry, grounding us in a deeper relationship with Jesus.

A facet that keeps our prayer ministry current and relevant is our prayerline ministry. Individuals throughout the region, the country and the world contact us via phone or e-mail and request that we pray for their intentions. You can request prayers at 605-229-8331 or [wepray4u@presentationisters.org](mailto:wepray4u@presentationisters.org).

## Ministry

From Aberdeen to New Orleans, from Eagle Butte to Sioux Falls and from across the United States to various foreign missions, Presentation Sisters have provided active, responsive leadership through ministry for over a century. In the spirit of apostolic ministry, we establish ministries in response to pressing needs. By involving the local community, we empower the people through education and experience so that they might sustain and carry on each ministry. Once this process is complete and the ministry is firmly established, we move on to meet other needs.

In 1890, the Presentation Sisters traveled from Ireland to Dakota Territory to teach the children of the Lakota Sioux and settlers in the region. We accepted an invitation to start a school in Aberdeen in 1886 and, in the years that followed, staffed many rural Catholic parish schools, teaching and mentoring well over 300,000 students since that time. Our sponsored college, Presentation College, is located adjacent to our convent in Aberdeen and continues to serve the needs of those in our region and beyond.

Our ministry expanded from teaching to healthcare in 1901 when diphtheria swept through the Aberdeen area. Responding to this need, we established the region's first hospital. We have continued this commitment for over 100 years and our co-sponsored healthcare ministry, Avera Health, now includes over 100 sponsored and partnering facilities.



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*In Joyful Service*