

Who is a Presentation Cojourner?

A Presentation Cojourner is a baptized person of any faith who wishes to share the spirituality, values and mission of the Presentation Sisters. A cojourner lives the Presentation mission in the framework of his or her own life, career and responsibilities. Cojourners and sisters develop a partnership through visits, shared prayer and participation in congregation activities and gatherings.

Sister Mary Denis Collins writes in a 1986 letter to the priests of the diocese, *"We believe strongly that the Holy Spirit calls the laity just as we are called to a deeper living of the Christian life. The membership will come from dedicated, prayerful people who share the spirit of the Sisters and collaborate with us in fulfilling our mission in the Church."*

In joyful service, the Presentation Sisters have been serving for over 125 years, and the cojourners for over 25 years.



Why be a cojourner?

- To respond to an inner longing for a deeper relationship with God
- To be bonded with Presentation Sisters and other cojourners in living the mission of Jesus
- To be encouraged and supported in the growth of one's spiritual life
- To extend the Presentation spirit, charism, hospitality and service
- To make one's gifts and talents available to others through ministry and prayer
- To receive mutual prayer support



Criteria for seeking association:

- Desire to deepen one's relationship with God
- Desire to connect with the Presentation Sisters through ministry, prayer and/or friendship
- Willingness to participate in a formation process over a one- to two -year period
- Desire to be a cojourner

In 1980, the Presentation Sisters Chapter of Affairs affirmed the concept of extended membership, cojourners. In 1986, the first members were received as cojourners.





Cojourners

Presentation Sisters' Mission

We are a vowed faith community who share the mission of Jesus. Inspired by our foundress, Nano Nagle, we willingly go forth to any part of the world to work for justice, alleviate oppression and promote human dignity, especially among the poor. We proclaim the Good News with missionary zeal, in a spirit of love and joy.

Charism

Consecrated by God and inspired by the love and zeal of Nano Nagle, we live together the evangelical counsels and share in God's mission by alleviating oppression and promoting human dignity in God's people through prayer and apostolic service.

"If I could be of service in saving souls in any part of the globe, I would gladly do all in my power."

~Nano Nagle



Cojourner Mission

Called by God to share in the mission of Jesus, the cojourner walks with the Presentation Sisters in proclaiming God's love and witnessing to this love by a dedication to justice and reverence for all. The cojourner strives to address the inter-relatedness of poverty, care for creation and global sustainability through education, prayer, advocacy and action.



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