BIZ Social Justice, Sponsored by the Presentation Sisters

BE A LEADER FOR LIFE ENHANCING CHANGE

As Presentation people we reach out in faith, hospitality, compassion and simplicity to all creation. Impelled by the radical gospel of Jesus and in the spirit of Nano, our foundress, we consciously choose to be drawn more deeply in to the mystery of God...and the reality of people and Earth made poor. Energized by this ... we engage in expansive partnerships that move us to personal and systemic transformation.

- Adapted from International Presentation Association (IPA)

The thread of justice work has always been at the heart of the Presentation Sisters. We work collaboratively with partners to seek a change in the systems and lifestyles which contribute to discrimination, violence, poverty and degradation of the earth. Together, with the Presentation people around the world, and other partners we work at both the local and global levels to develop strategies to integrate the vision and mission of Gospel justice.

There are over 2,000 Presentation Sisters worldwide. These Sisters, living in 23 different countries, make up the International Presentation Association.

The Aberdeen Presentation Sisters focus our social justice efforts into three areas:

- **Promoting Right Relationships:** Gospel justice calls us to right relationships with God, ourselves and others. We support a consistent ethic of life, believing that all life is sacred from the moment it begins until its natural death. Mutual dialogue is the goal of our efforts to understand others.
- Local and Global Peacemaking: Attending prayer vigils and peace rallies are two different ways that our Presentation Sisters promote peace. This justice work includes a focus on peace efforts and an end to nuclear build-up.
- Care for Creation / Earth Sustainability: Every part of the created world is connected to every other part. It is up to us to work together to build it up and preserve it for generations to come. What beauty the world will hold when we all make the promise to protect it.

Challenge questions: In what way can you look into your own life or business ventures and help make a positive change for justice? How can we partner with others for a more just society? Look for this article in the upcoming months as we address individual justice issues.



"Be the change you wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi

Sisters Gabriella Crowley, Kathleen Bierne and Pat Prunty make up the Aberdeen Presentation Sisters Justice Commission



Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In Joyful Service

Through dialogue our voice becomes clearer. United we are stronger. Justice flourishes.

Please visit: **www.presentationsisters.org** to learn how you can become a partner for justice.

Justice Is Our Work!

The Aberdeen Presentation Sisters willingly go forth to any part of the world to work for justice, alleviate oppression and promote human dignity, especially among the poor. This is done in a spirit of love and joy.