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Greetings, and blessings to all as you prepare for another year of school. Last week, our Student Services group began our year with a “retreat” reflecting **why** we are here, and **where** do we want to go at Presentation College. What made this experience stand out for me was that **everyone** involved in Student Services was there; not just the representatives from each of the departments as is what usually happens when we have our regular meetings. All the housekeepers, all the technology people, all people involved with the activities of the students, the dorms, secretaries, and campus ministry were there; and all shared. All seemed to recognize that their little bit of helping others, keeping the building clean, etc. was a way for them to share our mission.

Many spoke about the mission of the college following the mission of the Sisters and Nano Nagle, our foundress. My reflection was that when I entered, I had never **heard of** Nano Nagle before, but in a sense I had met Nano through the people who were here, the people who had welcomed me, and those who offered to help me in every way they could. What I have learned about Nano Nagle since was that she founded our community to help the poor. She would have said, “The way to help the poor is to educate them.” Often times when you educate one student, you are educating a whole family. I hope that you, too, can recognize your role this year is to help one another -- be they students, faculty, or staff -- and to *‘Welcome people of all faiths, challenge learners toward excellence, and to help in the development of the whole person.’*

God bless you!

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