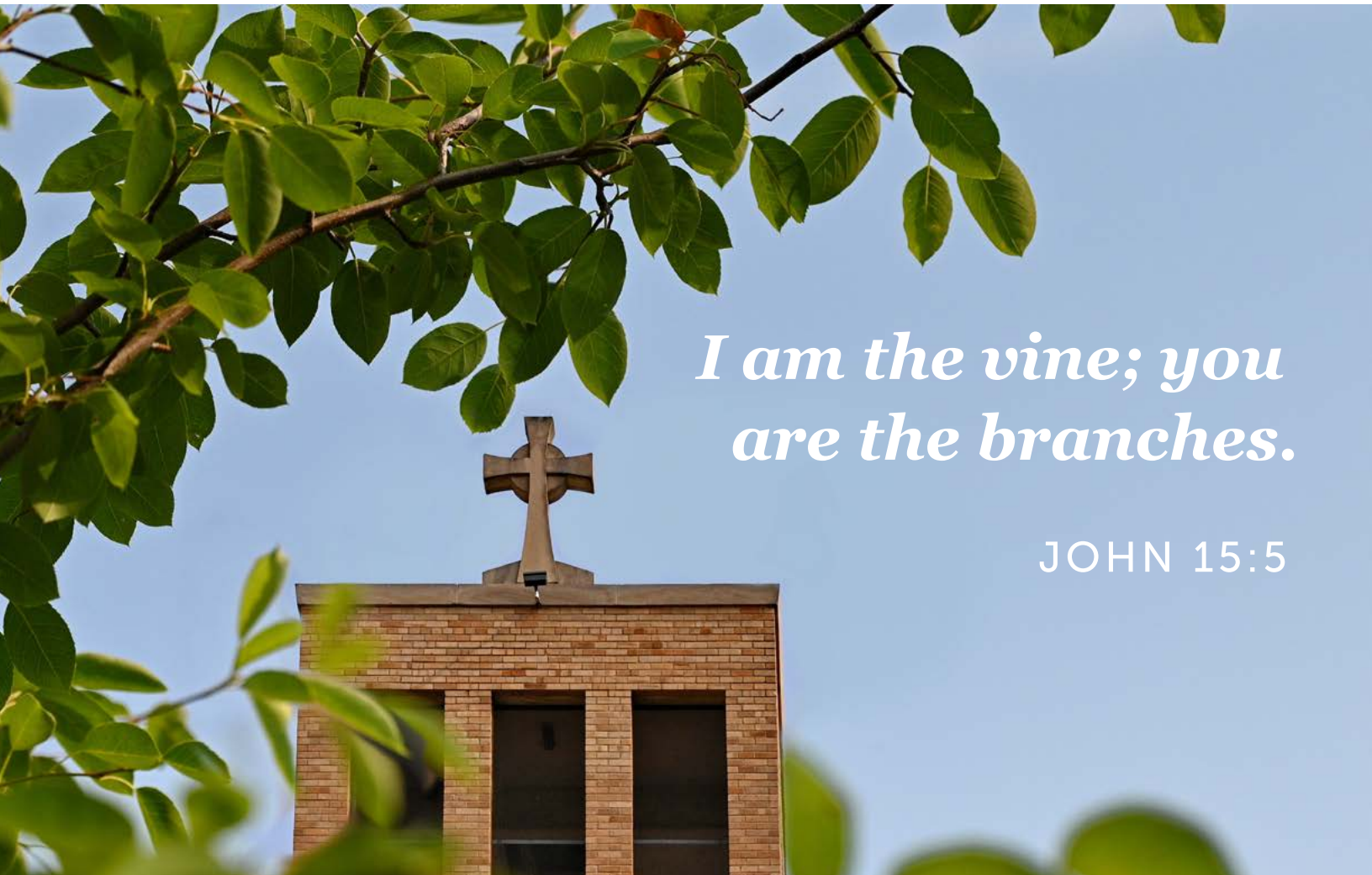


Moments in Mission

Cultivating Hope as ONE



*I am the vine; you
are the branches.*

JOHN 15:5

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Sisters of the Presentation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In Joyful Service

Dear Presentation Family,

A Congregation's charism can be defined as a grace given to carry out its mission. In our charism we are called by God whose love empowers us to respond as a faith community. By grounding all aspects of our lives in God's love and in response to our call to serve others, we are able to live fully our mission and respond to the needs of those we serve. Flowing from our charism, our mission is to go forth to any part of the world to work for justice, alleviate oppression and promote human dignity. Our partners are an extension of our service, and we continue to reach out with those who share our mission. **We embrace a future that will see Presentation People join together so the Presentation Charism and Mission continue to thrive.**

This Annual Report articulates how your prayerful and financial gifts to our Presentation ministries have impacted many lives. It is because of you, our partners, that we are able to extend mutual respect and support to those among us in need. We invite you to join our legacy of service and prayerfully consider a stewardship gift to our Annual Appeal. One hundred percent of your donation directly supports our ministries. Together, may we continue living out God's call, promoting justice and cultivating hope with those we meet.

Your participation in our mutual work for justice is a tangible way the reign of God is among us. Together, we lift each other up as we pray for justice and peace throughout the world.

In peace and mercy,

Sisters Janice, Mary, Lucille, and Vicky

Presentation Sisters Leadership Team



*"Lord, teach me
to be generous.*

*Teach me to serve
you as you deserve,*

*to give and not to
count the cost,*

*to fight and not to
heed the wounds,*

*to toil and not to
seek for rest,*

*to labor and not to
ask for reward,*

*save that of knowing
that I do your will."*

ST IGNATIUS

The front cover photo features the Celtic Cross atop the Bell Tower at Presentation Heights, Aberdeen, SD.

Prayer, Mission, & Charism



Prayer has always been a foundational element in the lives of our Sisters. It is from our prayer and spiritual life that we find the strength, wisdom and guidance to engage in our ministry life with God's people; it is an opportunity to express our Presentation Mission. As Sisters, all we do is a reflection of the Gospel of Jesus and the mission of our Congregation. We are a vowed faith community who share the mission of Jesus, which means prayer is central to our ministry and faith lives. By grounding this service in prayer, we are filled with a spirit of compassion for those we serve. Our works today mirror those of our foundress, Nano Nagle. In her spirit we willingly go out to any part of the world to work for justice, alleviate oppression and promote human dignity, especially among the poor.

Our Congregation's prayerline ministry began over 30 years ago. This ministry allows us to join together, praying for one another in a spirit of love and compassion. We invite you to send us your prayer intentions so that we may include them in our daily prayers. You may send your intentions to the address on the back of this donor report, include them on the provided envelope, call 605-229-8331 or email wepray4u@presentationsisters.org.



"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."

– POPE FRANCIS

Thank You, Partners

Together we continue the legacy of service to those in need.

We have established style guidelines to ensure consistency. If there is an error with your name, please let us know using the contact information listed on the back of this report.

This donor report is our accountability back to you as partners, for our just stewardship of your gifts entrusted to us. We are grateful to those who have shared their gifts with us by volunteering, for those who kept us in their prayers, and for those listed in this annual report, as well as the individuals who prefer to remain anonymous, for their partnership over the last year.

The efforts of many coming together make it possible to do what none of us could do alone. It is through

your prayerful and financial support that we are able to continue our ministry to those in need.

It is our intention that this report accurately reflects the names of our donors from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. We also remember in our prayers those whose names are marked with a cross (†) as they are our partners who are deceased.

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We are in a year of discernment on how the Presentation Heights land may best serve the Presentation Mission into the future. In stewardship of the property, we are working to bring out more of its natural beauty as a lasting gift to the Aberdeen community and region. Although this remains a work in progress, we share with you some of the native grasses and forbs that are being planted on the land.

bee balm

MONARDA FISTULOSA Wild Bergamot/Bee Balm

The Wild Bergamot/Bee Balm is a summer blooming plant with lavender to pink flowers. We chose this prairie plant for a variety of reasons. Not only is it a hearty plant that is relatively easy to grow, but it is one of the best pollinator attracting plants. Weirdly, the plant smells a little like oregano, but is a member of the mint family.

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partridge pea

CHAMAECRISTA FASCICULATA Partridge Pea

The Partridge Pea is an annual plant. This very unique native forb blooms a beautiful yellow flower from early summer to the first frost. Each year the seeds from the middle of the plant drop, so it naturally re-seeds for the next season.

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blanket flower

GAILLARDIA ARISTATA Blanket Flower

The Blanket Flower is a clumping plant that loves to grow in sandy areas like that of Presentation Heights. It also adds a unique yellow flower that can withstand the harsh weather of the Midwest.

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little bluestem

SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM Little Bluestem

Common in the Midwestern prairie, the Little Bluestem is very adaptable, growing in most soils while bringing beauty to the land. This taller grass will provide cover to small ground birds and in the fall turns brilliant orange, pink-red, and yellow.

IN JOYFUL SERVICE

Justice is Our Work



The justice efforts of our Presentation community are evidenced in a wide variety of actions: raising awareness of human trafficking and violence against women and children through billboards and social media, advocating for justice whenever we encounter injustice in our lives and working to educate the public on the many inequalities people experience. We are not isolated in our efforts and partner with Presentation People locally and globally in this ministry.

Our connection to the International Presentation Association (IPA) begins with our Justice Commission of Sister Pat Prunty and cojourner and employee, Carrie Hansen. In 2017, the IPA worked to restructure their roles and develop a 2020-2022 strategy for implementation. Presentation Justice Contacts from around the world formed task groups, concentrating their work on three of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals:

- **To honor and advance the rights of women and children**
- **To honor and advance the rights of the earth**
- **To honor and advance the rights of indigenous and tribal people**

Beyond Presentation connections, we also partner with The Banquet, St. Francis House, Salvation Army, Bishop Dudley House, Aberdeen Area Diversity Council, Feeding South Dakota and others to reach those in need of a helping hand, expressing and showing compassion as they face injustice in their lives. By raising awareness and exploring opportunities to make changes, we help others to recognize injustice around them and to act, building our collective capacity to respond to the most critical needs. ◆



Gathering signatures at the Levitt outdoor venue in downtown Sioux Falls in an effort to end gerrymandering in South Dakota.



**Sister Pat Prunty
Carrie Hansen**
Justice Commission

We invite you to learn more about our work for justice and to consider whether your heart is calling you to share in these efforts. Find out more on our website at presentationsisters.org or by emailing Sister Pat at peprunty@presentationsisters.org.



ORANGE THE WORLD

We join with the International Presentation Association to work toward the goal of eliminating violence against women and children. Join us in raising awareness for this important human rights issue by wearing orange on the 25th of every month.



SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

Helping to fill a need, we prepared 200 lunches to assist the Salvation Army Feed the Kids Summer Meal Program, which provides noon lunches to students throughout the summer.



END GERRYMANDERING

Drawn Together SD is collecting signatures to add an amendment to the ballot to change how the legislative districts are determined. Instead of current legislators deciding, there would be an independent commission which would be specifically prohibited from using party registration or election results in determining legislative districts.



TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

In partnership with Mother of God Monastery, Watertown, SD, we continue our education and awareness efforts on labor trafficking. This new billboard message will rotate throughout eastern South Dakota.

ABERDEEN AREA

Hispanic Outreach



As we live out our call to be Christ to our neighbors, we continue outreach in the Aberdeen area. Over the past year our outreach has looked a little different as we were unable to go out and visit homes, accompany individuals to appointments or offer them a ride. We began to do more translating by phone, text or Zoom. We were heartened to find that many medical offices and other agencies have begun using translation services, helping our clients to be more self-sustaining.

We also partner with agencies like Sleep in Heavenly Peace to provide for the needs of the families we serve. A few weeks ago, Juan* called to let us know his son Jimmy* is now living with him. Jimmy was without a bed, so we found a bed and included sheets, a blanket and some towels. Tears came to Juan's eyes as they loaded these items into their van. He kept repeating, "Gracias! Gracias!" as he wiped his eyes and drove away in deep gratitude.

We recently partnered with area non-profits to assist one of our clients with a necessary surgery. It is more apparent during challenging times that we can do more together than we could alone. By



Sister Consuelo provides assistance to a family who is new to the area.

partnering with individuals and organizations who share our call to serve those in need we can make a bigger impact in our own neighborhood as well as in the world around us. ◆



Sister Myra Remily
Sister Consuelo Covarrubias
Ministry Coordinators

**Names have been changed to protect these individuals' privacy.*

As the needs of the ministry evolve, we are grateful for gifts of all sizes to assist with transportation costs, school supplies for children or unforeseen circumstances.



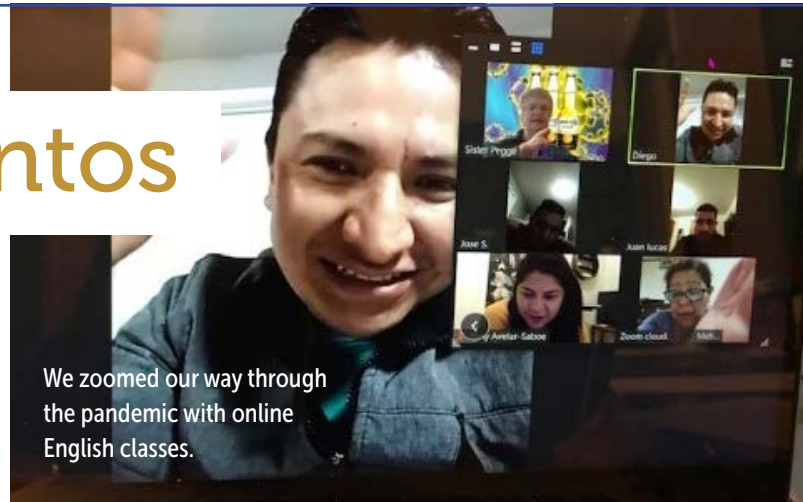
WALKING TOGETHER

Caminando Juntos

JE Each member of our Caminando Juntos team shares a call to bring hope to each person with whom we come into contact with in our ministry in the Sioux Falls, SD area. Office Manager Kathy is the heart of this mission as both she and Assistant Angelica, welcome all those who come to our door and serve their everyday needs. With over 1,500 annual visitors to our ministry, they spend a great deal of time helping to fill out forms, connecting clients with basic needs and orientating new arrivals to our community. Director April works tirelessly to provide educational programming, while our team of Sister Janet and Christy, provide immigration legal services to our clients.

We work collaboratively with many other organizations in the Sioux Falls area to promote programming, services and resources that benefit immigrants and provide them with a sense of hope for their future. Through partnerships with local churches, SD Voices for Peace, Call to Freedom, the school district, Avera Health and many others, we are able to connect clients with the services they need to make a life in their new home.

Through our educational programs we empower hundreds of Latinos in our area. We partner with



We zoomed our way through the pandemic with online English classes.



Sister Janet works with an immigration client.

individuals who share our call to serve and inspire hope through English classes, tutoring, citizenship classes and even bilingual story time. Our volunteers' enthusiasm to teach reflects Nano's love for those made poor. These interactions give our students confidence to go out into the community and put their language skills into practice. ◆



April Ross

Director and Educational Coordinator

Sister Janet Horstman

Immigration Legal Specialist

Angelica Narez

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Kathy Donis

Office and Resource Manager

Christy Nicolaisen

Immigration Specialist

Gifts to this ministry assist with English language learner materials, immigration fee waivers, and our crisis response fund.

Catholic School Scholarships



We believe in providing a foundation in young people that will develop and foster not only their knowledge and skills, but also their compassion and a desire to serve others. Part of this foundation includes lifelong formation in our Catholic faith. As needs and staffing have changed, we no longer have sisters teaching in Catholic schools in the diocese. However, we continue our legacy of support for Catholic education in the Sioux Falls Diocese by providing scholarships for students in the area. It is our hope that those receiving scholarships will continue the legacy of Nano and the mission and charism of the Presentation Sisters by living out their own individual call to serve those in need.



Parents are grateful for the assistance in providing their children with this foundation. “This year has been a year nobody expected and yet the Catholic education our children received at Bishop O’Gorman Catholic School has been wonderful,” writes one parent. “The kid’s safety and needs come first, and they have taken such care to keep students and staff safe. Our kids are thriving with everything they have learned academically, spiritually and developmentally.” ◆

We invite you to partner with us in leaving this legacy of Catholic education by sending a contribution to our Catholic School Scholarship Fund.

2021–2022 K-12 Scholarships

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t one time or another, many have fallen on difficult and unforeseen circumstances where they struggle to meet immediate, basic needs, and assistance is needed to get them to a better place. Sometimes a hand up can make all the difference for a family in need.

Across the country, we are seeing the need for temporary assistance increase and our area is no different.

Collaboration among area non-profits has allowed us to assist individuals and families that may have fallen on hard times. Our enhanced partnership with The Journey Home has allowed us to support and assist those who may be struggling in our community.

The Journey Home works with both individuals and families in getting back on their feet. As every client has different circumstances, the staff at Journey Home meets with each individual person, listens to their story, helps them identify any areas that may help improve their situation, and works with them, setting up an individualized plan for the client.



"We attempt to find the root of the problem that led the client to needing our services and help them overcome that obstacle with our support and some motivation. Our goal is always to build relationships with our clients and share the love of Jesus Christ," stated Alex Miller, Journey Home staff member.

Clients typically need to fulfill requirements before assistance is provided. These requirements could include budgeting classes, obtaining employment, cutting expenses, applying for housing assistance or social service benefits, working with the Department of Labor or Vocational Rehabilitation to find employment that is within the client's abilities, participating in substance abuse treatment, or successfully attending mental health services for a determined amount of time.

"Each day brings something or somebody new for us to love and help. We know that it doesn't always look the same for each person because we are all individuals," says Alex. ●

This ministry provides temporary assistance as we work alongside individuals and families to become self-sustaining. Gifts may assist with rent, utilities, medication, fuel, transportation or daycare.

"Love, charity is service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who go through life like this, in service of others. **When you can forget yourself and think of others, this is love!** And with the washing of feet the Lord teaches us to be servants, and more: to serve as He has served us, each and every one of us."

POPE FRANCIS, *adapted from JUBILEE AUDIENCE, MARCH 12, 2016*

Integral Ecology Ministry



This last year has brought us into deeper discernment on how the Presentation Heights land may best serve the Presentation Mission into the future, as well as to steward the property. We desire to enhance the property by bringing out more of its natural beauty as a lasting gift to the Aberdeen community and region. This remains a work in progress.

We are led by our mission in all that we do and this is no different. One of our core values is to do nothing alone; we always seek to connect with others who can work with us in furthering the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inherent in this discernment process is to work closely with Avera Health, the Aberdeen business community, and Presentation College, who shares our 125 acre campus at Presentation Heights. Enhancing the land will benefit both missions. Presentation College will continue to serve students in its current location. The administrative offices for the Convent will remain at Presentation Heights for now.

We are also in partnership with EcoSun Prairie Farms, an expert in the native grasslands of South Dakota. Together, we have completed a planting of native vegetation. EcoSun has been supportive in teaching us how we can revive the beautiful native grasses and forbs that grew naturally around Presentation Heights which is located on the ancestral homelands of the Oceti Sakowin (pronounced O-Cheh-tee Shah-ko-ween),



Despite a drought, these flowers (forbs) are growing together. They seem to understand the Chapter Call to "Do nothing alone!"



Beautiful view from the Presentation Heights land to the back of the Convent.

meaning the “Seven Council Fires” of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota people, also known as the Great Sioux Nation.

Development of the land requires much research and is labor intensive which led us to two new hires. Jamie Risse and Jared Hohn serve as the Integral Ecology Project Co-Directors and joined us this past January. They are based in southeast South Dakota and will be found regularly tending the land as they foster dialogue with the civic community in Aberdeen. ◆



**Jamie Risse
Jared Hohn**
Integral Ecology
Project Co-Directors

*“Hear both the Cry
of the Earth and the
Cry of the Poor.”*

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Kaoma, Zambia, Africa

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In the spirit of apostolic women religious and our belief in collaboration, Sister Virginia McCall made her last trip to Zambia in 2019. Through technology, she continues assisting the ministry remotely.

Through the generosity of our donors, we are collaborating with the Provincial Fishery Department in Kaoma to establish a new 18-month program, Project Fish-Farmer. Ten young men and women, along with their families, attend bi-weekly meetings and work with Mr. Musonda, a member of the Fishery Department, in learning how to prepare a fishpond on their land. Each family has borrowed money for the set-up of the program, which includes 5,000 fingerlings and materials needed for constructing the ponds, fencing, fish nets, scales and feed. Mr. Musonda continues working with the families, monitoring their progress and offering guidance for continued development. A company in Lusaka comes to each pond every six months to collect the fish they raise and pay the farmer. The loan cost is then repaid in three installments, while leaving plenty of profit for the new farmers.

In addition, numerous ministry gifts have allowed us to continue our partnership with Kids Against Hunger, providing hope to the poor in Kaoma as we feed hundreds of families, including school children and malnourished children under the age of five.

As always in our ministry efforts, work has begun to seamlessly transition these mission projects and programs to our African Presentation Sisters. Sister Virginia continues to work with Sister Lucy, a Presentation Sister from India, via Zoom and WhatsApp on projects and ministry efforts that will continue to cultivate hope in the people in the region for years to come. ◆



◀ Visitors learning about fish farming.

▶ These cement fish tanks are covered with plastic to keep the birds and other wildlife from getting into the ponds. They are heated in colder weather so the fish will continue breeding past the regular season. The ponds are divided into smaller sections for the newly hatched fish until they are large enough to be put into the large ponds.



Sister Virginia McCall
Administrator

Support to this ministry provides not only the basic necessities of life, but hope for a brighter future as the people work to become self-sustaining for themselves and their families. Gifts will assist with school fees, educational opportunities and training, fish feed for farmers, and food for families in need.



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