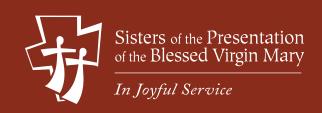
Annual Donor Report

2024-2025



Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.



Dear Presentation Family,

This past year we focused on the attribute of simplicity. Often overlooked, this quality is foundational to living a more contemplative life. Everything we own or acquire necessarily needs to be tended. The more we have, the more we must steward. Obviously, we need some things to make our lives flow easier; however, there comes a tipping point when the energy needed to steward is more than the benefit received. We hope you found our deeper reflection upon simplicity helpful to you. Perhaps your desire to intentionally create a space for quiet was enhanced. Research shows us that by purposefully setting aside times of quiet or silence during the day may renew our inner self. We encourage you to continue to reflect on how you can foster and deepen the quiet within yourself and your home. Be assured the Sisters join you in that aspiration.

As we look ahead to 2026, we will be focusing on "tapestry." Imagine the beauty of a tapestry, the weaving of many threads, how the colors complement and enhance one another. In the tapestry, the diversity of colors is held together as one magnificent whole.

When seen from the reverse side, the tapestry might appear as a series of endless knots. Sometimes our lives are like that. We may be more conscious of the knots. We trust that God is seeing the other side and marvels at the beauty of our lives. This is a good reminder that we, too, ought to join God in gazing upon our lives with love and gentleness as we are all still a work in progress.

We also wanted to focus on tapestry because the fabric of our society is frayed at this time. Each of us, as followers of Christ, are commissioned to step into the fray, be willing to listen fully to the concerns of the other and seek to build bridges or to begin the process of mending the fabric of who we are together. Let us hold one another in prayer that we might have our vision healed and behold one another as God beholds us.

In peace and mercy,

Sister Mary Thomas
Congregational President

Brooke Nicholson
Director of Mission Development

"In the tapestry of life, we are all connected. Each one of us is a gift to those around us, helping each other to be who we are, weaving a perfect picture together."

- ANITA MOORJANI

PRAYER MISSION CHARISM



rayer is the essence of our lives; it grounds us and brings us into a deep listening with God, a God who is always within and around us. Prayer keeps us attentive to the gentle threads of hope and grace that weave through our daily lives. In this space, we honor the sacredness of all lives, caring for one another and for our Earth, remembering that everything and everyone is interconnected.

Each day we live our vocational call to be witnesses of Christ's love. Knowing each person is uniquely made in God's image, we listen with open hearts, seeking peace and healing, a life in which we all belong.

God of beauty and God of truth,

everything in your creation is connected, for all share a common origin in your creating hand. Fill us with a spirit of praise, gratitude, wisdom, and courage, that we might care for creation and not misuse it, ensure that its goods are shared in justice with all our brothers and sisters, and speak out on its behalf whenever it is threatened. *Amen.*

"Closing Prayer," Prayer for the Care of Creation, Catholic Charities USA (attributed to Pope Francis, Laudato Si')





We invite you to join us in praying for one another and our Earth. We welcome you to send 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, email wepray4u@presentationsisters.org or scan the QR code on the right.





We are grateful to the donors listed in this annual report, as well as the individuals who prefer to remain anonymous, for their partnership over the past 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 work for justice and ease the burdens that others bear, inspiring hope for a brighter future.

It is our intention that this report accurately reflects the names of our donors from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. We also remember in our prayers those whose names are marked with a cross (†) as they are our partners who are deceased.

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.



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education has been at the heart of each of our ministries. From teaching children during the time of Irish penal laws, Foundress Nano Nagle's unshakable conviction in the power of education has endured and continues to guide Presentation Sisters across the world today.

Education is the thread that runs through every Presentation ministry and prepares people to meet life's challenges with courage and hope. This legacy continues to thrive today as Presentation People carry forward the vision and foundation Nano set forth generations ago.

We invite you to read about three partner ministries and their continuing legacy of education. Ms. Cynthia Davis Geoff & Brenda Dawe Jim & JoAnn Dawe Elena Hidalgo De Moran Doug & Colleen Debelak Mary Ann Deisz Michael & Christie DeJonge Trish Delaney Darlene Delker Mrs. Carol DeSchepper Barb Desnoyers Lora DeWald Ms. Patricia Dicus Dr. Thomas Dobbs Mark Dominick Kathy Dorale Mr. John Dotter Frances Dupper Geoff & Cathy Durst

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Located in Newburgh, NY, Nora Cronin Presentation Academy (NCPA) is dedicated to empowering young women from low-income families in the Hudson Valley to become leaders of tomorrow. Since 2006, this all-girls Catholic Middle School has used a faith based, holistic approach to education, addressing academic, physical, social, emotional, moral, and spiritual needs of the student, nurturing the growth of each student. All students meet the federal standards for free or reduced lunch programs, emphasizing their belief that education is the pathway out of poverty.

To learn more about NCPA and read stories of success, please visit: NoraCroninPresentationAcademy.org

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99.85%

of NCPA graduates went on to complete high school

98.9%

of NCPA graduates continue their education through college, vocational schools or enlist in the military

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Presentation High School

Presentation High School in San Jose, CA, is an inclusive Catholic, college-preparatory community dedicated to empowering young women to become leaders who will bring positive change to the world. For over 60 years, the school's legacy has continued to be rooted in the values of faith, justice, compassion, and love, preparing young women to thrive in college, career, and life.

With a balanced and holistic approach, Presentation High School fosters spiritual, academic, and personal growth, nurturing critical thinkers who are confident, curious, and compassionate, encouraging them to live as women of action, grounded in self-assurance, intellectual curiosity, spiritual depth, and a deep sense of community.

Learn more: presentationhs.org



Department of Nursing

In its third year, the partnership with Saint Ambrose University (SAU) in Davenport, IA, continues to grow. The legacy of education burns brightly in the Nano Nagle Online School of Nursing and Presentation Sisters' Department of Nursing, meeting students where they are with remote and traditional learning opportunities.

The person-centered curriculum aims to provide students, regardless of their geographical location, the opportunity to learn while they earn with a robust network of healthcare systems, and cuttingedge simulation and technologies integrated into the educational experience. Students are equipped with the skills to deliver essential care, address diverse health challenges, and advocate for patient well-being.

Learn more: sau.edu/academic-programs/bachelors/nursing/bsn/



IMPACT AT A GLANCE-

165 Students — or 30% of the school — received tuition assistance

\$12,400+ Average grant amount per

student

\$3.5 M Total tuition assistance given

IMPACT AT A GLANCE -

130 Traditional and online nursing students are supported

31 Students using the Nano Nagle online LPN/RN to BSN Pathway

24 Students received hands on clinical training at renowned sites



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Preserving the *Legacy* of *Women Religious* in the United States

Established in 2022, the Women Religious Archives Collaborative (WRAC) located in Cleveland, OH, works to support religious congregations in preserving their archives. They assist communities in preserving, protecting, and making accessible their historical records and archives for future generations to understand religious life and for professional research.

Our congregation, along with several others in the region, has partnered with WRAC to preserve our historical archives and this past year, our archival collection was safely transferred to WRAC's care. Through their efforts, collections are being digitized and will be more widely available, while also creating dedicated space for researchers to engage with these materials.

Construction is underway on a permanent facility for WRAC, with completion expected in late Spring 2027. Until then, collections are being securely housed in a temperature-controlled storage facility.

If you would like to learn more about WRAC, we invite you to subscribe to their newsletter:



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

To date, 44 religious institutions from across the US and Canada have chosen WRAC to house their archival collections; they anticipate being able to house up to 75 collections.

WRAC's capital campaign has raised \$21 million towards a projected \$24 million goal. WRAC continues to seek donors and friends interested in supporting this innovative project.



Catholic School Scholarship

ducation is the key to a just and merciful world, now and in the future.

Since our congregational foundation in 1775 and our arrival in Dakota Territory in 1886, education has been and continues to be an essential element woven into who we are.

As the teachings of Jesus remain the cornerstone of Catholic education, our Sisters are committed to uphold and advance this mission, believing that life-long formation in the faith is essential for each generation.

To continue the tradition of Catholic education, since 2009, we, along with assistance from generous partners, have provided scholarships each year to assist students who attend, or desire to attend, a Catholic school in the Sioux Falls Catholic Diocese. Over 100 students applied for scholarship assistance this past year. It is our hope that these recipients will continue the legacy of our foundress Nano Nagle and the mission and charism of the Presentation Sisters by living out their own individual call to serve those in need.



2025-2026 Scholarship Recipients

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Thank you!

"Thank you for the scholarship towards my child's school tuition. This scholarship will help us out financially, but also spiritually, knowing that our decision to have our children in Catholic Schools is *supported* by the larger community."

- PARENT

"Your support helps remind me that we are not alone.
You've given us more than just financial help, you've given us a sense of stability, community and faith in the future."

- PARENT

"Your kindness and commitment to families like mine are a living reflection of the values we uphold. The love and generosity you show through this ministry have real effects. *I see it every day* in my child's growth, love of learning and growing connection to faith." – PARENT



he Laudato Si' ministry continues to grow and transform. Enhancing the integral ecology of the prairie landscape, we work to steward the land, bringing out more of its natural beauty and biodiversity within our local terrain.

Collaboration is essential in this ministry. Our efforts among organizations intertwine, including the educational and natural resource conservation spheres. We are grateful to not only learn from others, but to also share our knowledge. Through our work with area elementary schools and local libraries, we are able to share our mission and devotion in caring for not only one another, but also our Earth with people of all ages.

Laudato Si' is also involved with several conservation organizations who have walked alongside us for these past five years. We are forever grateful as they continue to share their expertise and experiences with us.

In early 2025, the Prairie Restoration project "got its wings," and formally registered as a Monarch Waystation. These Waystations provide the butterflies a resting spot, so they may take a break and "re-nourish" with area resources along their cross-country, multi-generational migration. The Prairie Restoration area includes a sufficient milkweed population, as well as other pollinator-friendly nectar plants, providing essential food and habitat to sustain these butterflies while they pass through.

This past year we also registered as a St. Kateri Habitat, upholding the St. Kateri Conservation Center's desire for habitat areas to be not just materially beneficial for plants and wildlife, but rather sanctuaries, without four walls, where we can nourish both the Earth and our souls.





Jamie Risse Laudato Si' Director



Paige Hermanson Laudato Si' Project Coordinator

This past summer, the Laudato Si' ministry was blessed by the hiring of Paige Hermanson as Project Coordinator. Paige's knowledge and enthusiasm in caring for our Earth is unmatched and we couldn't be more excited about having her join our team.

Justice is Our Way of Life

very moment is an opportunity to
demonstrate that justice is our way of life.
Whether it be focusing on care of creation,
working on right relationships or encouraging
peacemaking, justice is the core of our Mission as
Presentation Sisters. But we know we cannot do this
work alone, we must join and work together, using
the skills and interests of many to implement
strategies that address different social
justice issues.

"If you want

We strive to immerse Presentation
People (Sisters, cojourners, employees and friends for justice) more deeply in the work of promoting justice, both locally and globally. We look to partner with those who are often working on similar issues, such as human trafficking and immigration reform. We are able to share with one another our successes and challenges, and we gain valuable skills and knowledge through this collaboration.

peace, work for justice."

POPE PAUL VI

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Andrea Pierce, Michigan, assisted Pax Christi Members Mary Beth DiMarco, Maine, Carrie Hansen, South Dakota, and Melissa Chapman Skinner (not pictured), North Dakota, in developing and leading the Land Acknowledgement, the Indigenous Opening Prayer, and workshop, "Broken treaties, broken land: Restoring relationships, restoring the Earth," for the Pax Christi National Conference.

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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In Joyful Service



We collaborate with the Benedictine Sisters in Watertown, SD, in raising awareness of trafficking in our region. This new billboard message will rotate throughout eastern South Dakota.

Globally we belong to the International Presentation Association (IPA). This global network includes Justice Contacts, Presentation Sisters, and other

Presentation People who believe in the value

of human rights. We work together, sharing local and global stories of impact, so we can amplify the voice of those marginalized and most vulnerable.

Through IPA, we are a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
member of the United Nations. Through
this association, we are able to join other groups
who share our dedication to peace, justice and
integrity to all of creation. These partnerships
aid in promotion and support of the 17 United

Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. These goals offer a foundation for ending poverty and hunger, caring for the land

We encourage prayer and dialogue to build awareness of where change is most needed in our world today.

and water, creating gender equality, building more accountable institutions, and acting to address climate change. •



Carrie Hansen
Justice Contact



Sister Pegge
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SRI Contact

Vocation Outreach Ministry

and know that

I am God."

PSALM 46:10

What is **God's Call?**



his question may be asked numerous times throughout each person's life. At some point, the question may include ... am I called to marriage, single life, priesthood or religious life? How do I know? What should I be listening for?

If you are wondering about God's call and invitation, you may begin your journey of discernment by simply trying to listen to God during your prayer.

"Be still,

"Saint Augustine urges us to pay attention and to listen to the inner teacher, the voice that speaks from within all of us. It is within our hearts where God speaks to us." | Pope Leo XIV

We believe that God created each of us with special gifts to share with the world. When we identify our own gifts, we are led to recognize how we are invited by God to serve. When discerning our vocation or any

life decision, we honor God's call by seeking ways that our gifts serve others.

Our South Dakota Congregation is inter-connected to other Presentation Sisters' Congregations throughout the world who serve on five continents. There are dozens of women in various stages of formation to

become Presentation Sisters. Some of them

for their decision to serve as a sister. THEY SAID YES! We all work together to enrich and support the spiritual and personal growth of each person, and we ask for your prayers as women continue to answer the call.

live in places where they risk persecution

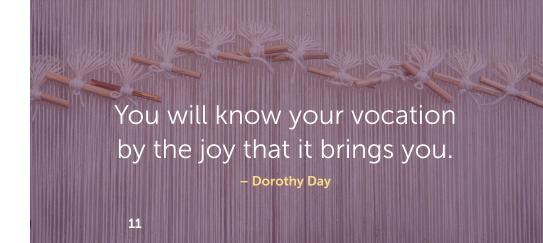
Our Vocation Ministry, in collaboration with Presentation Sisters and Presentation People across North America, offers a variety of opportunities, both in person and online, for single women ages 18-45 to meet Sisters and discern a vocation to religious life. Please contact us for more information.



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