NEW WINDSOR – We recently got about an F-plus from Pope Francis’ report card on how we’re doing as a planet. Ouch!

He said in a blistering papal encyclical that unless we smarten up and stop trashing our home planet, things could go really bad soon.

Worse storms, famine, very awful things.

He blamed our mindless, excessive, non-stop consumption of just about everything.

The pope’s 2015 smash-hit visit to the United Nations was a call to all of us to take action against the destruction of the planet.

And now a sisterhood of Catholic nuns, the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located high on a hill in New Windsor, are hammering home his message – to local town officials, villages, towns, and speaking out in meetings.

“We've committed ourselves to constantly looking at the Holy Father’s encyclical to see what it's challenging us to do next,” says Sister Virginia Wilkinson.

These nuns are deep into environmental justice, such as sticking up for the poor in inner cities like Newburgh.

They’re opposing the hazards of the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline that would run along the (New York) Thruway, from Albany to New Jersey, carrying mega loads of potentially dangerous oil and gasoline.

And thrilling is the energy these nuns put into this environmental justice document.

The other thing about the nuns is they are delightful, unafraid human beings whose message now is being welcomed by officials and neighborhoods.

“It used to be, oh well, there’s the tree hungers, the crazies,” Wilkinson says. “One of the biggest messages is we have a moral obligation to care for Earth. We're in a do-or-die battle for Earth's survival.”

Armed with marching orders from Pope Francis, these sisters are busy knocking on doors, spreading the good news about what can be done to turn things around.

“We're talking about environmental justice,” says Wilkinson.

It’s a wakeup call echoing around the world.

“Saving the environment is now mainstream,” says Wilkinson.

Wilkinson, 74, is a slender, bright-eyed transplant from Staten Island, equipped with a New York City accent, a persuasive persona and a keen sense of environmental justice. (photo upper left)
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an *extraordinary Jubilee* that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord’s words: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)”

With these words Pope Francis declared from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 a year of Mercy. All over the Catholic Church, groups planned special ways to celebrate this year. In our own community, we asked our sisters and associates to write a short reflection on mercy. These “Mercy Reflections” were collated into a booklet designed to be used each day of Lent. Using this booklet turned out to be a treasured moment in my prayer time.

One sister, a teacher in a women’s prison, wrote of watching inmates anticipate the annual Christmas clemency. Those inmates who did not receive clemency supported and rejoiced with those who did. One associate told of the dedicated and compassionate care her mother received during her stay in a nursing home. Many of the workers came in early or stayed later to visit her mother who relished the many hugs she received.

Another sister recalled the time when she was eleven years old and her mother’s friend, Mrs. Dalton, was hurt in a car accident. The sister and her mother travelled by train from the Bronx to mid-Manhattan to help out the family. They washed sheets (by hand), cleaned the apartment, fixed meals and generally made sure the family would manage until Mrs. Dalton came home. One sister wrote of the mercy shown by a Pennsylvania Amish community when a gunman entered their one room school house and killed 5 young children and injured several others. The Amish, who shy away from contact with outsiders, made it known that they felt no hatred, no anger, no desire for revenge. Instead they chose to offer forgiveness and mercy to the shooter. They even went personally to comfort the family of the shooter and to pray with them.

A kindergarten teacher all her life, one sister spoke of the countless acts of mercy her students offered to each other every day.

One sister wrote about all the “strangers” who were welcomed into her family home—one for a meal, some for a night, some for a week or much longer. All of these people were people in need—of shelter, food and drink, but more importantly, in need of compassion and mercy.

At Christmas one year, a college chaplain had received a donation of a Cabbage Patch doll (they were “the gift” that year). She had put it away waiting for the right person to give it to. One woman came in for a gift for her daughter but did not take anything. When the sister asked what she was looking for, the woman said “a doll”. The sister gave her the doll she had saved only to have the woman dissolve into tears. The Cabbage Patch doll was the very doll her daughter had wished for.

And all of you, our special friends and donors, who support us by your prayers, donations, friendship, and love are true examples of the virtue of mercy. For this we are ever grateful and pray that God will continue to bless you.

Sr. Barbara King, PBVM
Councilor
A hospital chaplain has the experience of meeting people who are at times at their lowest ebb and others at their most creative. On one occasion Sr. Dolores Doyle was offering Eucharist to a patient in the psychiatric unit, and the woman gazed at her then simply took the host, broke it in two and offered Sister half. The patient smiled, Sister smiled, they exchanged gazes and then both received the Lord in this eucharistic ceremony created by the patient.

“...her spirits are lifted by the deep faith that patients exhibit and by their wisdom.”

Sr. Dolores (right) has been in the ministry of pastoral care for twenty-five years. She explains that her goal – daily and long term – is to offer spiritual and emotional support to hospital patients, nursing home residents, staff, families and volunteers. In brief, all who come within the walls of the medical center can anticipate engaging her time and compassion.

Each day finds her ministering to patients in both the hospital and nursing home and offering support and at times just her caring presence to families. She explains that her spirits are lifted by the deep faith that patients exhibit and by their wisdom. The prayerful spirit of those suffering diminishment both physical and mental touches the heart.

As she shares her thoughts, Sister reflects that she is “always touched by the trust and openness of those I visit as they share their faith, their struggles and their stories.”
Sister Mary Le Blanc will tell you that it’s often not her job description that buoys her spirit or brings her joy, but the people on the other side of the threshold when she opens the door. She serves as administrative assistant for a small parish, St. Christopher, in Worcester, Massachusetts and has been in that position for the past ten years.

Strictly speaking she does the expected parish office things that must be done: maintaining the all important parish records, preparing the weekly bulletin and the very many other details that present themselves on a daily basis. But what keeps her anticipation high each day as she travels close to an hour to the parish office (depending on traffic) are the “extra office” experiences she encounters. One of these gave her the opportunity on two separate occasions of preparing adults for the sacrament of Confirmation, something she was able to draw on from her past experience. And one of these was a young man fresh from Africa! On another occasion she was able to share her long experience of the RCIA process with the parish Director of Religious Education. These two experiences, drawing on her pastoral work from the past, have added enrichment to the present.

Forming new friendships became an unexpected satisfaction Sr. Mary has experienced in this parish environment. She mentions members of the parish staff, a woman who volunteers to help with office tasks, the business manager, the deacon and his wife and a kindly pastor. “I feel fortunate to work in ministry with these wonderful people.”
After 10 years of service, please join us in congratulating Sr. Joan Mary McDermott (seated) on her retirement from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Northborough, Massachusetts.

Sr. Katherine McKenna (left), PBVM, Sr. Cathleen Toomey, RSM (center-the new Vicar for Religious) and Sr. Dorothy Scesny, PBVM (right) attended the annual celebration for Consecrated Life in the Worcester Diocese, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 7th.

Congratulations to new PBVM Associate Ministers in Massachusetts, from left, April Bernier, Tillie Richard and Rev. Michael O’Hearn.

Sr. Pauline Chirchirillo (on right with Sr. Patricia Anastasio) received the Good Shepherd Award from the Catechetical office in the Archdiocese of New York for her many years of service in spreading the Gospel through visits to parish schools and religious education programs.

The Associate Ministers Program is open to Christian women and men, 18 years of age and older, who express a sincere desire to deepen their spiritual lives and engage in ministry according to the spirit and charism of our foundress, Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters.

For more information on becoming a PBVM Associate, please e-mail: AssociateMinisters@sistersofthepresentation.org
This year we held several events to mark the Annual National Catholic Sisters Week. NCSW is an annual celebration that takes place from March 8–14. It is a week of celebration, education and sharing.

This year’s events...

Tuesday March 8, 2016 - 8th grade students at Annunciation School in Crestwood, NY (below right) kicked off National Catholic Sisters Week by thanking Presentation Sisters Kathleen Reilly and Theresa Dadabo for their service to their school and to Catholic education!

The 8th. Grade from St. Leo’s Elementary School, Leominster, Massachusetts, (above right) treated the Sisters at Presentation Convent, Leominster, Massachusetts to an Ice Cream Social in Gratitude for the many years Presentation Sisters taught and ministered at St. Leo’s.

Presentation Sisters at Mount Saint Joseph in New Windsor, New York (above left) welcomed those who celebrate Mass with us each Sunday for a special Coffee Hour in our continued celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week!

We had an wonderful evening of Praise and Worship and Pizza at Mount Saint Joseph. Sr. Mary Byrnes gave a spirited reflection on Call and Presentation Life.

Sr. Mary Catherine Redmond celebrated National Catholic Sisters Week with students from Fordham University’s Praise and Worship Community (previous page bottom).

Sr. Laura Urbano led a discernment retreat (previous page top) for high school students at St. John Chrysostom Parish, Bronx, New York. Sr. Mary Catherine Redmond also spoke about vocation and call.

Watch “They Know Me in the Winding Lanes” on the home page of our website www.sistersofthepresentation.org to learn more about our sisters and their ministries.
Sr. Patricia Anastasio’s years in ministry were in the field of education. She taught in elementary schools: St. Rose of Lima in Rockaway Beach; St. Bartholomew, Yonkers; St. Jude, Manhattan; and Holy Rosary, Bronx, all in New York, as well as St. David in New Orleans. Sister later was Bronx District Superintendent and then Associate Superintendent for Teacher Personnel and Labor Relations for the Archdiocese of New York.

She now serves as President of the Congregation.

In all of these ministries Sister has found “great happiness in my ministry and tried to be faithful to our congregation’s mission statement. Each ministry brought its challenges but also many joys as I tried to embrace the words of our foundress, ’If I could be of service in any part of the world, I would gladly do all in my power.’”

Sister maintains that wherever she has lived in community she has felt the support of the sisters so that in turn she has been empowered to serve those for whom she ministered.

Sister Yliana Hernández

“I have loved every ministry I have ever served in, and been blessed working with the poor almost all my religious life. They have taught me invaluable lessons about God and life.” This is the way Sr. Yliana Hernández assesses her years as a Presentation Sister. As a young sister she taught Spanish in John S. Burke H.S. in Goshen, New York and previous to that served in elementary school in St. Jude’s, Manhattan. She was a missioner in Peru, Director of Hispanic Ministry in both Newburgh and Port Washington, both in New York. She served as Treasurer of the Congregation, and eventually dreamed of and realized the founding of the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy (NCPA) in the city of Newburgh.

Sister’s time in Peru was a learning experience as well as a ministry: “I learned that I will never be poor...all I can do is simplify my life and pray for the wisdom to know the difference between wants and needs.” There were light moments there: She was once offered a donation of potato seeds for her mission. How many bags? “I’ll take 40.” Was she ever surprised to learn that they were actually potatoes, and here she was trying to pack all them into her small car!

Of the NCPA Sr. Yliana claims “It has been such a rewarding experience.” The existence of the school has been a dream come true for her, “…giving me the opportunity to work with a multitude of people who see the need to educate girls for a better future.”

Sr. Yliana looks back over the years in community with all the learning experiences, joys, mutual support and good hard work which can be summed up, as she quotes from Psalm 4: “You put into my heart a greater joy than from abundance of corn and wine.”
Jubilarians

Our prayers and best wishes are with these sisters.

Sister Sr. Maria Lopez

For the past dozen years and more Sr. Maria Lopez has served as a pastoral care associate at Benedictine Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York, bringing words of caring, time to listen and the blessing of the Lord to those she visits. It is a ministry she dearly loves.

Sister’s early years saw her in Caracas, Venezuela, teaching and doing social work among the poor. She also did pastoral work in Sicuani, Peru. Sister has also taught in the religion department of several schools in the Archdiocese of New York.

One of her great loves is gardening, and in the spring of each year she looks forward to turning over the soil with anticipation of fresh vegetables ripening in the summer sun.

Photo below: Sr. Noreen Perelli and Sr. Maria Lopez grow vegetables on the New Windsor property for the Sisters to enjoy.

Presentation Service and Outreach Program: Sr. Mary (center) with volunteers

Profession of Perpetual Vows

Sister Mary T. Naccarato made Profession of Perpetual Vows as a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Catherine Laboure Church in Lake Katrine, New York on October 3rd, 2015. Rev. John Kearney was the presider at the liturgy, and Rev. Fred Nickle, OFM, Cap. and St. Catherine’s Pastor Rev. Slavomir Ciszkowski, concelebrants. Present at the liturgy were family, friends and other Presentation Sisters.

Born and raised in Kingston, New York, Sister Mary currently serves as the Northern Regional Coordinator for the Archdiocese of New York. Sister’s involvement in the Archdiocese youth ministry programs date back to her teenage years. As a teenager and young adult, she was a member, officer and advisor of the Ulster County CYO Teen Council. She holds a BA in Business and Religious Studies from Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY, certificates in Spiritual Direction and Coordinator of Religious Education.

Top Photo: from left, Sr. Patricia Anastasio, PBVM, President, Sr. Mary T. Naccarato, PBVM and Sr. Mary Anne Seliga, PBVM
The PBVM Prayer Association is not an association in the strict sense of the word: a specific group of people organized in some formal way within the Presentation Congregation. It is simply all those who request the Sisters’ prayers and mass remembrances, and who pray along with them in faith and hope wherever they may be. The most visible aspect of the prayer association is the array of attractive cards for birthdays, sympathy and special occasions that are available. However, to Sr. Hannah Cox, PBVM there is much more. She is at the hub of the PBVM Prayer Association as she processes prayer and mass requests. However, these are only the beginning as she sees it. “It is my ministry to reach out to people in some spiritual way through notes and phone calls.” She finds it touching to receive notes in which are expressed sentiments of love and affection for Sisters recalled from childhood. There are stories about illness and family problems, and sometimes just a tone of discouragement that calls forth a response from her. These are at the heart of her ministry as Sr. Hannah sees it. They impel her to pick up her pen – or phone – to reach out.

Sr. Hannah likes to dream a bit, too. “I wonder if a few of us could brainstorm and come up with ideas of expanding our Prayer Association and our personal involvement with it!”

Editor’s Note: Perhaps some of our readers would like to join Sr. Hannah in the above endeavor.

Sr. Brian Elizabeth Barnicle finds that just coming to Presentation Convent each day, anticipating her interaction with the Sisters there, is something that lifts her spirits.

Presentation Convent is a residence for retired sisters in the town of Leominster, Massachusetts. Sr. Brian Elizabeth’s role there is that of treasurer, which means that on a daily basis she interacts with fifteen to twenty people as she does the behind the scenes work that keeps the residence functioning smoothly. At any given time you might come upon her tallying accounts, placing orders, updating records or making a trip to the bank. She chuckles at the mention of dealing with statistics: in the course of her education anything related to math was her weak point.

The days have their light moments. Sr. Brian Elizabeth admits to being a cleaning fanatic. Nothing should be left around gathering dust or not in its own place. Sister recently finished a quick neatness job in the copy room only to find that she had disposed of an “unreplaceable” form another sister came looking for. No problem. The paper was discovered still in the trash basket, torn but still usable.

On a more serious side, Sister finds great satisfaction in being able help other sisters who are hesitant about or not able to deal with some paper work they need to address.
Sr. Ann Daly, PBVM, was proud to be the 40th Grand Marshall at the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick’s Day Parade held in Goshen, New York on March 13, 2016. Sister Ann has lived and worked in the Goshen area for 52 years. She was born in Astoria, Queens, and her mother was from Carrickmacross, County Monaghan. Her father came from Iniskeen, County Monaghan. Sister Ann attended St. Michael’s Academy in New York City, where she met the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She entered the convent more than 50 years ago and started teaching in 1961.

Sister Ann came to Goshen in 1963 and taught third grade at St. John’s in Goshen until 1971. At that point, she became director of religious education and remained as director through 1981. She became executive director of Hospice Planning and Educational Foundation of Orange, Inc. in 1982 and coordinator of spiritual care in 1988. She still works in spiritual care.

The mission of Hospice is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual care to patients from life-limiting diseases, as well as provide bereavement support programs to their families. Hospice serves more than 1,000 patients throughout the region each year.

Sister Ann was voted Irish Woman of the Year in 1998 by the Irish Heritage Festival Committee. She has been the chaplain of Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 5, since 2009.

“It has been great to see the growth here in Orange County of our Irish roots through the Irish Heritage Festival and the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee,” Sister Ann said.
**Sr. Margaret Boyle (7/22/39 – 4/19/16)**

Sr. Margaret Boyle entered the Presentation Sisters in Newburgh, New York on September 8, 1957, and was given the name Mary Jeanine on the occasion of her reception the following April. For a number of years she taught and served as principal in elementary schools in the dioceses of New York and Brooklyn, then turned to social work. For more than twenty years Sister was Case Manager and then Case Worker for The Dwelling Place, a transitional residence for homeless women, to whom she was devoted.

**Sr. Eileen Finneron (11/8/24- 2/8/16)**

Sr. Eileen Finneron entered the Presentation Sisters in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on February 2, 1944 and was given the name Mary Leonard when she was received the following August. She made her final vows on August 20, 1949. Sister taught in elementary schools in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut for many years before turning to nursing, where she served in both Fitchburg and Worcester, Massachusetts. She was Coordinator of Health Care for the Presentation Congregation from 1985 to 2009. During part of that period she also served in the elected office of Congregational Councilor.

**Sr. Dorothy Volin (4/13/29 – 1/28/16)**

Sr. Dorothy Volin entered the Presentation Sisters in Newburgh on September 8, 1946. On the occasion of her reception of the habit she was given the name Mary Bernardine. In her long high school teaching career, her concentration was in science, chiefly biology. Sister also served as principal in several schools in New York and New Jersey, and later coordinated social services and volunteers at facilities in New York.

**Sr. Barbara Prinn (3/9/29 – 2/28/16)**

Sr. Barbara Prinn entered the Presentation Sisters in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on February 2, 1947. The following August she was given the name Mary Gabriel on the occasion of her reception. For many years Sister taught in schools in Fitchburg, Stamford and Ayer. She later served as Nurse Aide and later as Administrator of Holy Family Infirmary in Fitchburg. Her final ministry was that of Activity Director at Presentation Health Care Center in Leominster, Massachusetts.
Faithful PBVM Associate, Yvonne (Colard) Person, 100, of Leominster, Massachusetts passed away October 23, 2015.

When the Congregation invited women and men to become Associate Members over 30 years ago, Yvonne Person was among the FIRST, an Original, to begin her journey with the Sisters of the Presentation as a PBVM Associate!

She has continued through the years to be an active member, joining the Community for morning Mass each day and helping the Sisters in any way she could. She came to the Associate monthly prayer gatherings, attended the retreats at Camp Joy and came to Congregational celebrations. Above all, she committed her daily prayer to the intentions for the Sisters and other Associates.

Yvonne worked in the cafeteria at Leominster High School before retiring. Yvonne was a member of St. Leo’s Parish and the Daughter’s of Isabella. She also volunteered for many years helping brain injured children.

We wish to thank all those who made generous donations to the community in memory of Yvonne Person.

Please join the Sisters in prayer for the following loyal friends who have recently passed away.

Louis Capozi
Lucy Cartright
Robert Cox
Sr. Lillian De Liddo
Mary Desimone
Frank Dolan
Rev. Bartholomew Endslow, SSJ
Edward Gagne
Msgr. John Gallagher
Dr. Andrew Gallagher
Dolores Harrison
Johanna Jankowski
Paul Jones
Nora Killilea
Brother John Leane
Sr. Anne Marie Lennon
Lillian Lynch
Kathleen Hastings Mellon
Edie Remier
Paul C. Ryan
Linda Scesny
Betty Scesny
Mary Thatcher
Ann Troy

We are blessed that the memory of loved ones, who kindled our spirits in some way by their love, their deeds or their commitment, remain with us after they are gone.
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“We’ve made a commitment to use this papal document and use it as a springboard for action so we can be more responsible stewards of the Earth,” she says.

Fighting for what’s right takes a big dose of compassion, understanding and some PR.

These nuns have gotten some towns to adopt energy-saving light bulbs.

“I mean, we have to encourage one another because what the pope says about over-consumption of resources is not yet on everyone’s radar,” says Wilkinson.

Getting the word out about climate change is a big job.

So what to do? These sisters have a plan.

“The big thing is giving people some handle on these climate change problems, something doable they can achieve like action at home, conserving electricity, and not using plastic water bottles,” Wilkinson says.

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Continuing their efforts to spread the word about climate change, Sisters Norma Carney and Mary O’Neill met with Judy Kennedy, the mayor of Newburgh, New York, on February 19 and presented her with a copy of Laudato Si’. Mayor Kennedy expressed her gratitude and shared her own concerns for the environment. She also acknowledged that it was greed that powered the oil and pharmaceutical industries and that the best way to resist is to boycott the products. When we mentioned the threat of the proposed Pilgrim Pipe Line, Mayor Kennedy agreed with our concern and said that the city council is prepared to block access to the pipeline. (photo right bottom)

Sr. Paula Cormier and Fr. Richard Trainor (pastor of St. Joseph’s in Fitchburg) visited with Mayor Stephen Di Natale of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, on February 2 and Sr. Paula Cormier and Associate Jane Person met with Mayor Dean Mazzarella of Leominster, Massachusetts, on February 4 to give the mayors copies of Laudato Si’. Both mayors seemed very receptive to the content of the encyclical and the possibility of doing something concrete in their respective cities.

Mayor Di Natale discussed the challenge of recycling and getting the community on board and in doing all that is possible to hand on a better world for future generations. We also talked about the need to conserve energy, consume less and avoid goods known to cause pollution.

Mayor Mazzarella has already established a variety of strategies to conserve resources in the community and talked about the energy audit that is done in Leominster on all city buildings every two years to ascertain energy efficiency and make changes when necessary. He also talked about his grandfather who came to this country, acquired a small parcel of land, cultivated vegetables, raised chickens and used that piece of land to its greatest potential. He does not believe that the world can sustain itself at the rate it is going and sees the need to change direction but at the same time, take steps to gather the civic community for many and varied occasions and celebrate the life that is ours.

Sr. Margaret Murphy gave a copy of Laudato Si’ to Mayor James Anzaldi of Clifton, New Jersey, on February 3 during Catholic Schools week. The mayor was attending a special luncheon for the staff, students, city officials and other invited guests. Sr. Margaret explained to the Mayor that the Presentation Sisters were studying the encyclical with the goal of following Pope Francis’ advice on caring for the earth. Sister added that the students in the school had also been made aware of the Pope’s message. The Mayor promised to read the encyclical and pass it along to someone else.

Srs. Virginia Wilkinson, Barbara King and Patricia Anastasio visited New Windsor, New York, Town Supervisor George Green on January 20th and presented him with a copy of Laudato Si’. They explained that the congregation has been studying the papal document and are committed to sharing it with local leaders in an attempt to foster dialogue about the environment and sustainability. (Photo above)

Sr. Dorinne Lambert and her cousin, Renée, visited with Mayor William Murray of Cumberland, Rhode Island, on February 18 and presented him with a copy of Laudato Si’ and discussed how the congregation is studying the encyclical and hope to spread the message of caring for Earth to local officials. He was very interested and promised to read it.
Dear Friends,

May the Spirit of the Lord be with each of you.

Recently our sisters were invited to share their stories about their continued call to live a religious life that is vibrant and filled with the determined and joyous spirit of our foundress, Venerable Nano Nagle. Nano was from Cork, Ireland and in her adult life was touched by the Lord’s invitation to serve the poor. This she did with great enthusiasm and passion for bringing the Lord to everyone she met. For those of you who have ever visited Cork you will know that the streets are narrow and in the late 1700’s there weren’t any street lights so Nano carried a lantern.

The following poem was written by Sr. Raphael Considine, PBVM. It gives us a sense of what Nano may have heard as she carried out her work of serving others.

To Nano
Take down your lantern from its niche and go out!
You may not dwell in firelight certainties,
Secure from drifting fog of doubt and fear.
You may not build yourself confining walls
And say: “Thus far, and thus, and thus far shall I walk,
And these things shall I do, and nothing more.”
Go out! For need calls loudly in the winding lanes
And you must seek Christ there.
Your pilgrim hear
Shall urge you still one pace beyond,
And love shall be your lantern-flame.

I invite you to view the video presentation of the stories of some of our sisters as they relate to their call in the winding lanes. You may find it on the homepage of our website: 

www.sistersofthepresentation.org

Online Donations
Please make note that donations can now be made securely and safely online at: www.sistersofthepresentation.org.

PBVM Prayer Association Greeting Cards
An assortment of Presentation Prayer Association cards can also be viewed on our website and ordering by calling 845-567-0204 x. 122.

2016 Annual Raffle

Please look for tickets in your mail during the month of June! Last year was a huge success thanks to the generosity of our donors and parishes that participated. Let’s make this year even bigger.

I invite you to view the video presentation of the stories of some of our sisters as they relate to their call in the winding lanes. You may find it on the homepage of our website:

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It is on the right hand side and is entitled, “They Know Me in the Winding Lanes.”

Thank you ever so much for your supporting us with your prayers and donations. We are grateful that you continue to partner with us in our call to religious life and continuing the work of Nano.

Be assured of the daily prayers of our sisters and associates.

Gratefully in Christ,

Sister Mary Byrne
Director of Mission Advancement
Mission Statement

We, the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, inspired by our foundress, Nano Nagle, commit ourselves to the Gospel values of hope, justice, freedom, and human dignity. In union with one another, we pledge ourselves to act for and with the poor and oppressed of our world, and to care for the earth.