



Presentation Charism and Spirituality Retreat

August 5 – 12, 2010

Women of Light...Sharing Nano's Gospel Vision

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT- June 2009

- WHO:** Conference of Presentation Congregations, Australian Society, Union of Presentation Sisters
- WHAT:** A second Presentation Charism and Spirituality Retreat focusing on Scripture, the life and charism of Nano Nagle, Presentation Spirituality and documents – using theological reflection upon our lived experiences.
- WHERE:** Presentation Heights, Aberdeen, South Dakota
- WHEN:** August 5-12, 2010 (Official registration forms available January 2010)
- WHY:** To carry on the spirit of the 2006 Presentation Convergence and the 2008 Presentation Charism and Spirituality Retreat...to explore together how Presentation Sisters are living into the Light by sharing Nano's Gospel vision in our complex world, asking not only 'who will light the lantern' but who will joyfully and courageously now 'go one pace beyond'.

Retreat Directors: **Mary O'Brien, PBVM**, scripture scholar, teacher at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland, and retreat leader.

Anne O'Leary, PBVM, scripture scholar, teacher at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, and retreat leader.

Mary and Anne led our 2008 Presentation Charism and Spirituality Retreat in Los Los Gatos, California. In addition to their being recognized scripture scholars, both have studied the charism of Nano Nagle extensively. (See back of page for biographies)

Retreat Chaplain: **Paul Coelho, SJ**, from Bangalore, India, teacher at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, campus and vocation minister and retreat director.

Coordinated/Hosted by: **Aberdeen Presentation Sisters**, Aberdeen, South Dakota
www.presentationisters.org

Registration requests can be directed to: Jan Johnson – jjohnson@presentationisters.org or 605-229-8414.
(Forms will also be available for download January 1, 2009 at www.presentationisters.org)

*Retreat scholarships may be available for Sisters in countries with very limited resources. For more information contact: S. Janet Schumacher - janschum@yahoo.com

*USA Airport Options: Aberdeen, SD (land travel to Presentation Heights – 10 minutes); Sioux Falls, SD (land travel – ½ day); Fargo, ND (land travel – ½ day); Omaha, NE (land travel – one day); Assistance with land travel to Presentation Heights will be available.

Biographies and Contact Information for the Presentation Charism and Spirituality Retreat



Mary O'Brien, PBVM

Mary is a native of Cork and a member of the South West Providence of the Union of Presentation Sisters, Ireland. She lectures in Sacred Scripture at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, County Tipperary and venues in the Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe. She has just completed a five year term as Communications Officer for the Irish Bishop's Conference. In July of 2009 she presents an academic paper on the Prologue to Romans at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. She is an experienced presenter at catechetical and biblical conferences and has written widely on biblical, liturgical and spiritual topics.

She is enthusiastic about Consecrated Life in its multiple expressions and loves to engage critically with issues of identity, charism and mission. A published poet, her work has appeared in Review for Religious, Poetry Ireland, Poetry Today and other collections. Her paper on Paul's Letters to the Romans, presented in July 2007 at the Catholic University of Leuven was published 2008.



Anne M. O'Leary, PBVM

Anne is a native of Cork and is a member of the US Province of the Union of Presentation Sisters. She began her ministry as a teacher of Religious Education and Music at Presentation Secondary School, Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland. She moved to Manila to complete graduate studies at Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University. After this, she worked in the area of spirituality at the Presentation Center of Spirituality and Hospitality, Cork and lectured in Religious Education and Scripture at University College Cork. She was awarded a Millennium Jubilee Year Scholarship to complete her Ph.D. at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick and, upon completing her degree, taught Religious Education there. Currently, she is Assistant Professor of New Testament at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas.

She is author of *Matthew's Judaization of Mark*, as well as articles on Scripture, spirituality and religious education. She has lectured in these areas and has also directed retreats worldwide. She finds particular joy in writing and lecturing on Presentation Spirituality. She is also a trained facilitator in Ignatian Communal Discernment and has facilitated leadership team meetings, chapters and conferences with religious congregations internationally.



Paul Coelho, SJ,

Fr. Paul will be serving as Retreat Director for the Presentation Charism and Spirituality Retreat. He is from Bangalore, India and currently teaches at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, and serves as campus and vocation minister and retreat director.

Retreat Coordinator and Host Contact Information:



Aberdeen Presentation Sisters, Aberdeen, South Dakota

Planning Committee:

Janet Schumacher, PBVM, Coordinator

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