

## Emerging Convergence: Sister Mary Sullivan

Nano Nagle, foundress of the Presentation Sisters, said, "If I could be of service in any part of the world, I would gladly do all in my power."



New Windsor Presentation Sister Mary Sullivan's part of the world for the past eight years has been the Watts area of Los Angeles, Calif., where she ministers at Presentation Learning Center. She is joined in this ministry by Presentation Sisters Catherine Burke and Jane Bonar, both members of the International Union of Presentation Sisters.

Sisters Catherine and Joan started the center in 2000 to assist adult Spanish-speaking men and women as they adjust to the demands of life in this country. Since joining the center, Sister Mary has taught ESL classes and coursed on citizenship preparation. Currently she is teaching courses on GED preparation and crafts.

The ministry also includes a confirmation class on Sunday and weekly visits to a local convalescent home.

According to Sister Mary, "It is truly a joy to share life with our students and the people of San Miguel parish. I am constantly in awe of their deep faith, generosity, and resilience in the face of poverty, violence, and unbelievable difficulties"



The Presentation community that Sister Mary has formed with Sisters Catherine and Jane, as well as Sister Debbie (who works at a local hospital) is "no different from being with my New Windsor community." Sister says that each of the sisters in this intercongregational community is enriched by the spiritual input she receives from her respective leadership team and from gatherings and assemblies.

Sister Mary is "deeply grateful to God and to my community for the opportunity to minister in this special part of the world."