

WHY BE A PRESENTATION ASSOCIATE

To respond to a call, an inner longing, to more deeply share in Christ's mission by being bonded with the Presentation Sisters and Associates.

To collaborate with the Presentation Sisters and Associates in the mission of Jesus.

To share in the vision, goals, mission, and ministry of the Presentation Sisters and Associates.

To extend the Presentation spirit, charism, hospitality, and service.

To make one's gifts and special graces available to others through a commitment to some apostolic ministry, through participation in a specific work of the Congregation, a ministry in the local Church community, or other means.

To have a closer association with the Presentation Sisters and Associates for support and help in one's ministry.

To have mutual prayer support.

WHY PRESENTATION SISTERS INVITE ASSOCIATES

We believe

- That, as Presentation Sisters, we must collaborate with others in responding to the universal baptismal call. We are impelled to fulfill the mission of Jesus by seeking to build God's Kingdom of peace and justice through love and service, especially to the vulnerable and the poor.
- That all are called to unity in diversity: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. (Ephesians 4:5)
- That all are called to use their gifts for the common good.
- That we extend the mission and ministry of the Presentation charism through the gifts of women and men who are bonded with us but are not vowed members of the congregation.
- That we are responding to Nano Nagle's charism, "If I can be of service in saving souls in any part of the world, I would willingly do all in my power." (Nano Nagle's letter to Miss Fitzsimons, July 17, 1769)

- That we must support and encourage women and men who feel called to serve the church through a closer association with us as Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fargo.
- That we are responding to the ways the Holy Spirit is working in our Church and in our Presentation congregation.
- That the charism that we hold in common with Nano Nagle is also found in men and women *not called* to vowed membership.

CRITERIA FOR SEEKING ASSOCIATION

- Women and men who are 18 years and older
- A desire to deepen one's relationship with God
- A desire and ability to commit oneself to active service
- Willingness to enter into the formation process