

A LEGACY CONTINUES



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Nano Nagle founded the Presentation Sisters in Ireland in 1775. She began her ministry by teaching children, which was against the law at the time. Her belief in the power and importance of education has spanned the centuries and continues to shape the ministry of the Presentation Sisters around the world.

NANO NAGLE'S LEGACY

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The Presentation Sisters founded Presentation College in 1951 to fulfill its mission of rural health care and service through nursing education. The College later expanded to include academic programs in Health and Natural Sciences, and Social Science and Humanities, to support its mission of development of the whole person, in the Catholic tradition.

For over seventy years, thousands of students graced the hallways, classrooms, and dorm rooms. Friendships formed between students and faculty as they shared their accomplishments, their disappointments, their lives. We stand in profound gratitude for the countless ways Presentation College prepared these students to go forth living the Gospel message as servant leaders and for those who empowered them.



In January 2023, the decision was made to close the doors of Presentation College. But the words of Matthew 7:7 brought us comfort: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” A new door opened.

With the guiding light of Nano’s lantern, a partnership between Presentation College and St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA, formed the Nano Nagle Online School of Nursing. Taking

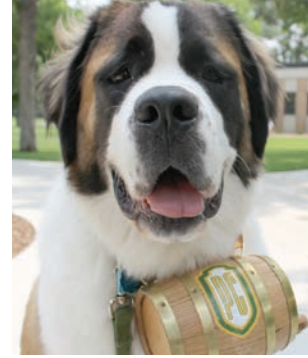
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into consideration that many who desire an education are unable to relocate to a campus setting, this flexible program is designed to reach rural healthcare professionals who wish to advance their careers in nursing without leaving the workforce.

The Nano Nagle Online School of Nursing began its first courses in Summer 2023 with ten students already graduating. The Fall Semester enrolled 114 students, with all but three stemming from the Dakotas and Minnesota; 94 of these students are from Presentation College.





St. Ambrose is working at expanding its course offerings into additional states and anticipate even more growth in the months ahead as they continue to engage with prospective students who are predominantly working adults that are already serving in rural healthcare settings. Current students are from Wyoming, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Colorado. Applying students reside in Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, and the west coast.

“Our collective vision of an education rooted in person-centered care, enhanced by technology and deeply infused with our Catholic social teachings, finds a home in the Spirit of Nano Nagle, whose pioneering ministry was never bound by geography and who called all who served alongside her to ‘be of service in serving souls in any part of the world.’”

Amy Novak, President, St. Ambrose University



“The joining of Presentation College and St. Ambrose University is an example of the Presentation Sisters’ long history of partnering with others in our faith. We are delighted to have these fine Catholic institutions coming together to provide for rural health care needs, especially in the area of nursing. This is going to be an exciting time for us as we explore even more ways to expand our academic offerings to students.”



Sister Mary Thomas, President, Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



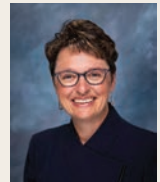
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We invite you to learn more about the Presentation College Legacy.

Scan the code to visit our Education Ministry page where you can find a Presentation College Commemorative Book featuring photos and highlights from throughout the years.



**“May Nano Nagle’s
lantern of light ignite
in the next generation
of leaders.”**



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