

## ***Friends of Nano, North India Province***



***The founder of the Presentation Congregation (PBVM)  
Venerable Nano Nagle  
(1718-1784)***



### ***JUBILEE PRAYER***

God of the Universe, we thank you for all of creation.

At this *Jubilee* time of grace and hope, we thank you for the gift of Venerable Nano Nagle and her companions, – Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth Burke and Mary Fouhy. We are grateful for their vision as we celebrate the founding of the Presentation Congregation in 1775.

We are strengthened by the inspiration of the lives of all who followed in their footsteps, carrying the lantern light of Nano's charism over the past 250 years.

With Mary of the Presentation, may we sing a song of thanksgiving and be people of welcoming hearts.

With awe and reverence, may we respond afresh to the call to *awaken to a spirituality of being in communion that seeks the Spirit of God in all that exists.*

With hearts ablaze and with hope for the future, may we continue the mission of Jesus and Nano by bringing love, compassion and justice to those at the *unfinished edges* of our world. Amen.

*Friends of Nano is an international lay movement of men and women who embody the charisma and altruistic vision of Nano Nagle, the 18th-century pioneer who founded the Presentation Congregation. Formalized during a global assembly in June 2011, the movement serves as a collaborative framework for lay associates and partners dedicated to fostering a more equitable and ecologically sustainable society. The Presentation Congregation is honoured, humbled and privileged to be celebrating 250 years' Jubilee of its initiation, in 2026.*

*Building on the timeless values of compassion, resilience, and devotion advocated by the revered Venerable Nan, the FoN movement strives to foster a harmonious and empathetic world. It continues to motivate individuals and institutions globally to serve with kindness, embodying her unwavering dedication to positive change.*

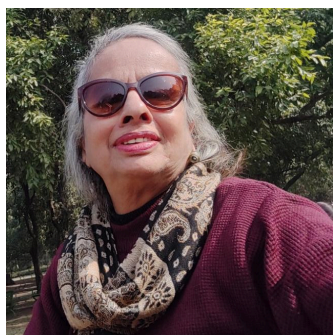
### **FON Core Group, North India Province**



**Ms. Dhira Madan**  
**Coordinator**



**Ms. Leelamma**  
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**Ms. Brenda Noronha**  
Core Group Member



**Ms. Helen Pinto**  
Core Group Member



**Ms. Shobha Miranda**  
Core Group Member



**Ms. Anna Pinto**  
Core Group Member

*The Movement currently has a strong presence globally; FON members in Ireland, England, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Canada, U.S.A., Chile, Peru, Philippines, Zambia and Zimbabwe.*

*In India there are two Provinces; The North India and the South India Province. The FON North India Province is headed by the Link Sister, Sr. Jyoti Thomas, the Sister Coordinator, Sr. Molly Joseph, the lay person Coordinator, Ms. Dhira Madan.*

*The Core Group has been established to look after the activities and events of FoN across the ten Units in North India. They work in collaboration with the Link Sister and the Coordinators.*

### ***The FON Units of the North India Province (NIP)***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir: Jammu and Srinagar Units</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>facilitator Sr. Molly</b></li> </ul>                                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Delhi: Delhi-6, Prernalaya and Bhalswa Units</b></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>facilitators Ms. Anna Pinto, Ms. Helen Pinto and Ms. Leelamma John</b></li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Haryana: Dabwali and Rohtak Units</b></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>facilitators Ms. Dhira Madan and Ms. Brenda Noronha</b></li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jharkhand: Jiajor and Maharo Units</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>facilitators Ms. Dhira Madan and Ms. Leelamma John</b></li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Madhya Pradesh: Sehore Unit</b></li> </ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>facilitator Sr. Molly and Ms. Shobha Miranda</b></li> </ul>        |

### ***Philosophic Pillars***

***The movement's identity is distilled into three core tenets, often symbolized by a triple spiral centered on Nano's iconic lantern:***





### ***Our Core Values:***

**At the heart of our movement lies**

***a passion for the poorest,***

**(we stand with the poorest in society)**

***a partnership with the Divine***

**(we attend to God each day and our actions are informed by that commitment)**

***and a covenant with creation***

**(honouring all of creation, we live and promote sustainable lives)**

- ***A passion for the poorest: Solidarity with the Marginalized, advocating for the disenfranchised and prioritizing the empowerment of those deprived of primary opportunities.***
- ***A partnership with the Divine: Divine Communion, cultivating a profound, contemplative relationship with the Divine through daily spiritual practice.***
- ***Covenant with Creation: Ecological Stewardship, honouring a "Covenant with Creation" by championing environmental justice and sustainable lifestyles.***



### ***Bhalswa (Delhi):***

***The Friends of Nano set out on a mission of compassion, visiting***



### ***Prernalya, ( Delhi): Celebrating***



### ***Dabwali (Haryana):***



### ***Delhi-6:***

**Mother Teresa's Shishu Bhawan at Civil Lines, Delhi.**



**Jammu (J&K)**

**Regular meetings of the Friends of Nano to plan for the future programmes and activities.**

**Educating the impressionable souls in a playful manner.**

**Christmas with the community.**

**"The gathering was wonderful, it was heart touching moments when we visited the chosen families, making the day a memorable one"**



**Srinagar (J&K)**

**Blood donation camps, recycling textbooks, first aid programme, serving the community are some of their priorities.**

**Children's Day celebration: We along with the children's parliament children decided to plant trees. On 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November along with Sr. Anima and friends of Nano went to the following villages Dabwali, Jogewala, Shiv Nagar, Chauhan Nagar, and Alikan.**



**Sehore**

**Students being trained in gymnastics and martial arts.**



**Rohtak (Haryana)**

**Celebrating Women's Day to honour the women of the community.**

**Bhandara or community kitchen being organized where the students prepare the food and distribute it to those in need.**



**Jiajor (Jharkhand)**

**Helping the community in planting crops and supporting them by looking into their needs.**

- **Global Impact and Advocacy**

*With a presence spanning across Ireland, England, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Canada, U.S.A., Chile, Peru, Philippines, Zambia and Zimbabwe. FoN operates through localized units that translate these ideals into tangible social action.*

- **Socio-Educational Initiatives:** *In regions such as Srinagar, Kashmir and other Units, FoN groups facilitate access to education by sponsoring tuition and procuring essential resources for vulnerable children.*
- **Benevolent Outreach:** *Units organize grassroots programs, to provide material aid—including blankets, clothes, hygiene kits, rations, etc. families facing economic hardship.*
- **Celebrating Festivals:** *Friends of Nano actively take part in all the festivals of the local community by becoming a part of the celebrations.*

*Friends of Nano endeavour to make a difference in the lives of those who need us the most by their selfless efforts and untiring commitment. With God's Grace and Ven. Nano's blessings they pledge to surge ahead continually, with a new found zest and zeal.*

***The statue of Venerable Nano Nagle with the children***

***Cork, Ireland***

