

250 Years of Presentation Life

"Our mission is to speak and act in partnership with others for global justice from a contemplative stance in a spirit of oneness with the whole of creation." *IPA Mission Statement*

Quote

"Listening, they could not cease from journeying. Always a little further, always one pace beyond." *Sister Raphael Consedine PBVM*

Story of Impact: Founding of the IPA

The International Presentation Association (IPA) was founded in 1988, by the Congregational and Provincial Leaders of Presentation Congregations across the world convinced that they could do more together to advance justice at a global level than they could alone. In 2000 IPA accreditation with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations was successfully obtained. Since then, the IPA consciousness has further expanded to embrace a deeper understanding of the relationship between vulnerable communities and their environmental context and how environmental changes further deepen their impoverishment.

IPA Strategy 2024-2026, p. 9

UN Connection

"Faith-based organisations have been recognised as key players in eradicating poverty, improving people's health, protecting the environment and working toward sustainable development. Their agility is crucial, especially at the local level and with faith actors."

Faith for Earth Initiative, UN Environment, 2017

A Call to Action

- Learn about Presentation Australia, <https://www.presentationssociety.org.au/>
- Register to participate in the virtual Prayer Service for the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary hosted by Presentation Australia.
- Participate in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence by following the IPA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Reflect on how the 250 years of Presentation life has impacted on you personally and in your ministry.