



Month of Mary

Flora: Golden Wattle, National Australian Flower

We, Presentation people, commit to respond to the cry of Earth and to people made poor by embracing the Sustainable Development Goals, providing us a plan of action for living the values of Nano's life.

IPA Mission Statement

A Scripture Quote...

"Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:31

A Prayer ...

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on his humble servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed, the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A United Nations connection ...

"Family, as the fundamental group of society and the natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its members and particularly children, should be afforded the necessary protection and assistance so that it can fully assume its responsibilities within the community."

[Preamble, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(1989\)](#)

A Call to Action ...

There is much that we can learn from Mary, our spiritual mother. Many regard Mary as an inspiration of compassion and humility as well as a role model for faith and justice.

This month, how will you:

- **Draw strength from your prayer life** to nourish you so that you may continue justice work?
- **Reflect on the qualities of Mary** and embed these into your interactions with others?
- **Take a compassionate, contemplative approach** to engaging in justice work, conversations, or meetings?