Nano’s recognition as one of the greatest women of Ireland derives from her dedication to the poor and oppressed. Her mission inspires all to respond to those suffering throughout the world. May we, too, be women and men of welcoming hearts, whose words and actions continue to speak the language of the heart each day.

GLOBAL GOAL

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.

CLIMATE ACTION

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Americans emit 16.1 tons of carbon per person per year, according to the World Bank. This number isn’t as bleak as it was in the 1970s, when emissions hovered around 22.5 tons of carbon per person. The Paris Climate Accords calls us to lower our annual emissions to around 2.1 tons of carbon per person. Our lifestyle is significant in slowing climate change.

Do we act with integrity in recognizing climate disruptions and do our part to bring about change?

EXPERIENCE

How often have we seen Nano moving thoughtfully along by a faint glimmer of a wretched lantern, withholding the necessities of life from herself in order to offer comfort to others.

WITNESS

May we be willing to disregard the social barriers and attitudes of our times to assert the worth of all persons.

ACTION

Walking in Nano’s footsteps, we are invited to show integrity through small everyday activities, that ripple beyond ourselves. Everything we do has a global effect.

- Live simply so that others might simply live.
- Recognize the disproportionate impact of climate change on those living in poverty.
- Change light bulbs to compact fluorescents or LEDs.
- Wash clothes in cold or warm water and hang dry them.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Educate yourself on climate change.
- Talk to your legislators about ways to combat climate change.

Empower me to be a bold participant, rather than a timid saint in waiting, in the difficult ordinarness of now; to exercise the authority of honesty; rather than defer to power, or deceive to get it; to influence someone for justice, rather than impress anyone for gain; and, by grace, to find treasures of joy, of friendship, of peace hidden in the fields of the daily you give me to plow.

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