

# Endurance

*The ability to withstand hardship or adversity; the fact or power of enduring an unpleasant and difficult process or situation without giving up.*

Nano was a woman with a heart big enough to see the needs of all whom she encountered. She had the perseverance to keep working to meet those needs despite ever-present obstacles. May we, too, be women and men of welcoming hearts, whose words and actions continue to speak the language of the heart each day.

## EXPERIENCE

Despite Nano's disappointment when the Ursulines Sisters would not leave the cloister to open schools for the poor, nevertheless she persisted in her belief that this was God's will.

## HOPE

As we encounter disappointments and setbacks to our dreams, we must withstand hardships and never give up doing good.

## ACTIV N

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

- Learn to recognize the racism that lives within you.
- Listen to, validate, and ally with people who report personal and systemic racism.
- Work to support fair voter registration opportunities.
- Incorporate a prayer from a different faith tradition in your own spiritual life.
- Encourage dialogue and understanding within your communities.
- Practice inclusion by celebrating common ground and differences.
- Take a stand against bullying.



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**Take down your lantern from its niche and go out!  
You may not rest in firelight certainties,  
Secure from drifting fog of doubt and fear.  
You may not build yourself confining walls  
And say: "Thus far, and thus, and thus far shall I walk,  
And these things shall I do, and nothing more."  
Go out! For need calls loudly in the winding lanes  
And you must seek Christ there.  
Your pilgrim heart shall urge you still one pace beyond,  
And love shall be your lantern flame.**

*Raphael Consedine, PBVM*

## 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.*



### REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Reduce inequality within and among countries.

Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in all their insidious forms are human rights violations. Structural racism is the most profound and pervasive form of racism as it continually re-produces old and produces new forms of racism. These inequalities are evident in disproportional poverty rates and limited access to power, justice, education, physical and mental health services.

***Do we act with endurance in reducing inequalities and do our part to bring about change?***