

Zeal

A strong feeling of interest and enthusiasm that makes someone very eager or determined to do something. Great passion in pursuit of a cause or an objective.

Nano's heart burned within her as she remembered her roots, the original fire of love instilled in her by her parents. This love could not be contained. Its energies ignited in her a passion for justice. May we, too, be women and men of welcoming hearts, whose words and actions continue to speak the language of the heart each day.

ENGAGE

At the age of 36, Nano opened her first school in the face of opposition. She began with about 30 children. Nano was absolutely terrified by the children's wickedness but faced her fears because of her passion.

ACT

Like Nano, may we be full of zeal for finding new ways to change the wicked structures that keep people poor and uneducated.

ACTIVATION

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

- Participate in a prayer service, rally or march promoting peace.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you.
- Deepen your passion for peace and justice in your community.
- Pray that people of all religions can work together toward a culture of peace.
- Do a random act of kindness.
- Adopt non-violent language in your daily speech.
- Work for sensible gun control legislation.
- Work for improved mental illness services.

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.



PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

With 7.5 billion humans on the planet our future is either nonviolent or there is no future at all. Nonviolence comes from an awareness that we are also the enemy and our response is part of the whole moral equation. We cannot destroy the other without destroying ourselves. Therefore, we will strive for peace by seeking to be peacemakers and by persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart.

Do we act with nonviolence in the face of evil and injustice and do our part to bring about change?



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God's Boundless Love

Nano's vision is part of God's vision.

Nano's passion for the poor had humble beginnings.

Zeal and trust, courage, impatience, crosses, are the stuff of ones who are channels of God's boundless love.

Nano's zeal is for God's mission, for love-in-action, and for solidarity, whatever the cost. Nano's mission is as big as her vision and her passion for the poor is contagious.

Nano could not do it alone or without love.

Nano's dream is still alive today all over the world where her vision is shared.

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