

2025 Jubilee

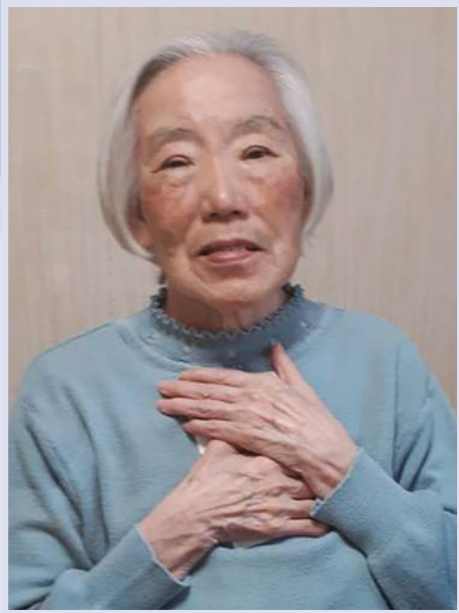
SISTER MARY JANE TANAKA

First Profession



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Celebrating 60 years



Born in Kyoto, Japan, **Sister Mary Jane Tanaka** devoted some 27 years of her School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) ministry to education. After earning her bachelor's degree in theology from Seisen University in Tokyo, she returned to Kyoto. There, she was a full-time teacher for Notre Dame Girls High School (now Notre Dame Jogakuin Junior and Senior High School), from 1980 until 1999. Sister Mary Jane guided students through their religion studies and also loved to teach sign language.

She continued her work at Notre Dame Girls High School for another seven years on a part-time basis. Adding to her ministry as an educator, Sister Mary Jane was also a teacher for younger students during a year spent at Notre Dame Elementary School in Kyoto. She remarked during her 50th Jubilee, "It has been a blessing and an opportunity to be a student and to be a teacher. I can think of nothing more wonderful than to teach students about Jesus, about the Gospels and about God. This has always given me such a significant way to share the Good News." At the conclusion of her years of active teaching, she took on a new role as secretary of the promotion team of the ministry for the Diocese of Kyoto. In retirement, she now serves in prayer and presence as a member of the SSND Iwakura Community in Kyoto.

What advice or words of wisdom would you want to impart to others?

God is always so generous and not limited by our limitations. Instead God turns what we often think of as limitations into gifts for nurturing faith in others while our own faith deepens.

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