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## **Sister Johanne Maria Kokubun, SSND**

*Sister Johanne Maria has spent much of her ministry in Kyoto, Japan. She began in 1992 as a teacher at Seibo Girls' Junior College. Four years later, she began teaching at Kyoto Notre Dame Women's College. Following a period of study in Chicago, Sister Johanne Marie returned to teaching in Kyoto. She earned a bachelor's in comparative literature in 1981 from West Virginia State University, and a master's in the same study in 1984. She also holds a master's of arts.*

### *A memory I have to share...*

One day, my novice director said to me, "When you meet hardship in the future, just remember the cherry blossom we saw together." When I think of these words, I remember her love and support.



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