



School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province

# 2023 Jubilee

## Sister Janet Tanaka, SSND

*First Profession - August 23, 1973 | Celebrating 50 Years*



**Sister Janet Tanaka** was born in Gifu, Japan. In 1968, she received a bachelor's degree in English from Kinjogakuin University, Nagoya, Japan. In 1973, she professed first vows at Shishigatani Convent, Kyoto, Japan. She received a master's degree in American studies from St. Louis University, St. Louis, in 1989. Sister Janet, along with others, founded the Nepal mission in 1983. She has spent much of her ministry in Bandipur, Nepal, where she has served as teacher and principal at Bandipur Notre Dame School. Her ministries in Japan have included teaching at Notre Dame Junior and Senior High School. She also served two terms as a regional councilor for the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) in Kyoto, the canonical representative for SSND in Japan and as a delegate to the SSND Central Pacific Province provincial assembly. Since 2019, Sister Janet has been serving as a spiritual companion, counselor and yoga/meditation instructor at the Kotakeyabu-cho Learning Center, Kyoto, Japan.

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

Opening the Nepal mission and responding to the educational needs of the poor children was special to my heart. Mother Theresa's dream of educating the poor was fulfilled in Nepal. Nepal enabled me to experience God's guidance, care and love.

