

# 2024 Jubilee

First Profession ● December 25, 1974  
Celebrating 50 years



SISTER M. PAULA IWAKI

**Sister M. Paula Iwaki** was born in Kyoto, Japan. She professed her first vows in 1974 in Shishigatani, Japan. After profession, Sister Paula began teaching at Notre Dame Girls High School in Kyoto, where she remained until 1984. She then served at the Generalate in Rome (1984-86); before returning to Notre Dame Girls High School, Kyoto, Japan, as a teacher (1986-95). Sister Paula was the vice principal at Notre Dame Girls High School in Kyoto, (1995-98); before becoming the principal (1998-2003). She took a sabbatical for renewal in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2003. Sister Paula was on staff at the House of Prayer in Kyoto, Japan (2004-12); while also working part-time at Notre Dame Elementary School, Kyoto, (2006-08). She then served on staff for SSND Health Care (Aging and Care) in Kyoto (2012-18). During this time, Sister Paula was the local leader at Matsugasaki Convent in Kyoto (2014-19); and worked part-time at Notre Dame University, Kyoto. In 2018, she became the director of Notre Dame Health Care. Serving there until 2021. Most recently, Sister Paula was the local leader at Iwakura Convent, Kyoto (2021-23); while continuing to serve part-time at Notre Dame University, Kyoto, until 2022. Throughout her many decades of ministry, she has dedicated herself to the education and care of youth and elderly in her native Japan.

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

Mother Theresa's beatification happened while I was in Rome. It was a special privilege to participate in the ceremony. I was there when all of the preparations were decided. After the Pope's declaration, Mother's image was raised. It was such a heartfelt moment

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