

Birth
February 18, 1923

Baptism
April 5, 1947

Profession
August 27, 1955

Death
August 20, 2017

Burial
Kyoto Diocese Catholic
Cemetery
Kyoto, Japan

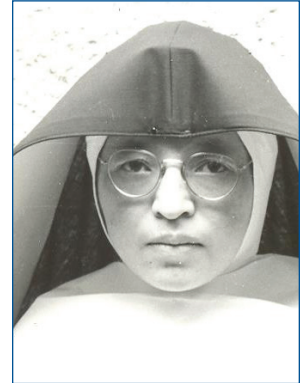
*Precious and blessed is
the death of the faithful
before God... for
they die in union with
their dear Jesus, in the
grace of God, in peace.*

Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger
Foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame
Letter 11, September 10, 1831

In Loving Memory

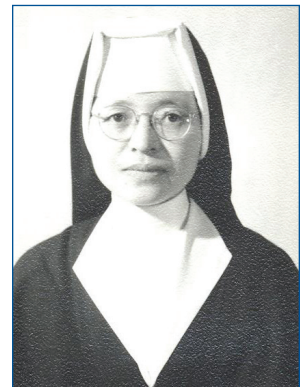
Sister Maris Stella Morimoto, SSND

Sister Maris Stella Morimoto was born in Gose city, Nara prefecture on February 18th, 1923. She entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame as a postulant on February 2nd in 1953. After professing her vows in 1955, her main ministry was as a teacher of English, religion and music at Notre Dame Jogakuin Junior and Senior High School. During that time, she also served as vice principal, as a secretary and an assistant accountant. She served in Rome at the Generalate of the School Sisters of Notre Dame from April 1975 until February 1976, translating the letters of our foundress, Mother Theresa Gerhardinger, from English to Japanese. After she retired from teaching, she volunteered mainly as a receptionist at the Carmelite Convent in Uji until she had to go to Iwakura because of her health.



Her radical power of teaching and warm humanity attracted students and teachers throughout her years in school education. Her prayerful religious life as a patient under medical treatment for 20 years touched many people.

At 2:01 pm on August 20th, 2017, she peacefully died from complications of old age at the Hakuai-kai Hospital in Kyoto. She was 94 years old. Sister donated her body to science. A Memorial Mass was celebrated to honor Sister's life and ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame. Her name will be inscribed on a large tombstone at the SSND burial plot in the Kyoto Diocese Catholic Cemetery in Kyoto.



Sister Maria Dominica Sento, SSND and Sister Jean Schmid, SSND



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