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**Sister Mary Andrea Ikeda, SSND  
Teacher, Tea Ceremony instructor**

**Kyoto, Japan** – Sister Mary Andrea Ikeda, 85, died October 26, 2017. Sister Mary Andrea Ikeda was born on October 25, 1932, at Abenochō, Kitano-ku, Osaka city, Japan. She was baptized at St. Joseph Church, Kitano on October 30, 1932 and received the baptismal name of Jeanne d' Arc. She was the second of five children belonging to Maria (Kazuko) and Peter Ikeda. When she was four years old, the family moved to Otsu. In 1942, at the beginning of the war, half of the parish church was confiscated by the police. The family was insulted by neighbors and other school children because her father was kind to his friends, the Maryknoll missionaries.

After graduation from high school, she worked at the Otsu Spinning Company in the personnel department for seven years. During her free time, she studied the tea ceremony and dressmaking.



On May 6, 1959, she entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She was received into the novitiate on April 4, 1961 and given the name Mary Andrea. She professed her first vows on April 5, 1962, and final vows on April 5, 1967.

Throughout her long religious life, she was engaged in various ministries and was active in many areas. She served as an assistant director of the dormitory of Notre Dame Women's College, as well as a receptionist and office staff member at the College. She also worked as a staff member and receptionist in the Catholic Kyoto Diocesan Office. Later at Notre Dame Jogakuin, she dedicated herself, for a long time, to the teaching of the Tea Ceremony to many students. After that, she gave private Tea Ceremony lessons to various people at the tea house of Matsugasaki Convent. In this way, she served many people through the art of Tea Ceremony.

On July 27, 2017, she was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease and entered Iwakura Rakuyo Hospital. She was there for about three months. At 3:50 p.m. on October 26, 2017, she passed away peacefully, one day after her 85th birthday. May she rejoice in the reward that God has prepared for her. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 E. Ripa Ave., Saint Louis, MO, 63125-2897, or online at [www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation](http://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation).

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