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Sister Anne Miriam Kimura, SSND
Teacher, translator, archivist

Kyoto, Japan – Sister Anne Miriam Kimura, SSND, died at Kyoto Prefecture Medical University Hospital, Kyoto, Japan on Sunday, May 5, 2019. She was 85 and a former teacher, translator and archivist.

The memorial Mass was celebrated May 8 at Iwakura Convent in Kyoto. Sister Anne Miriam donated her body to science.

Sister Anne Miriam was born in Yokkaichi, Mie-ken, Japan. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1954. She professed first vows in 1958 and final vows in 1964.

She received a bachelor's degree in language arts from Keio Gijuku University in Tokyo in 1975.

Most of Sister Anne Miriam's ministry was in school education. She taught full-time in the SSND Kyoto Notre Dame Elementary School from 1958 to 1963. From 1963 until 1964, she taught at Nigawa Gakuin Elementary and Junior High School (Conventual Franciscan's School). The following years from 1964 to 1967, she was again teaching at Kyoto SSND Girls' Junior High and from 1967 to 1979, at the elementary school. In 1979, she studied at Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When she returned to Japan, she served as a translator. From 1983 until 1988, she worked for Caritas Japan at the Catholic Central Council in Kyoto. From 1989 to 2004, she taught part-time at Kyoto Notre Dame Girls School. From 2005 until recently, she ministered as the SSND archivist in Japan, filing materials, giving presentations and setting up the website, helping to preserve the history of SSND as it unfolded across Japan.

Sister Anne Miriam was a gentle woman and a strong person with a deep love for SSND. During her years as an archivist, she visited many provinces and cherished the relationships she made with her SSND sisters. May she now rejoice in the welcome she received from God and the other SSNDs as she entered eternal life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 E. Ripa, St. Louis, MO 63125 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

