

The Lord bless you and keep you! *The Lord*

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Project Objectives

- Follow the enduring spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, tracing the Community's journey from its roots in Telgte, Germany, to its mission today
- Bring to life the Hospital Sisters' calling to be **Christ's healing presence**, especially for those most in need
- Inspire visitors to deepen their relationship with God and all creation
- Strengthen the connection between visitors and the mission of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis



The Design

- Creates a contemplative atmosphere
- Showcases images, artifacts, and stories
- Centers prayer as the heart of the experience
- Embraces a warm, Umbrian-inspired color palette
- Features Franciscan imagery and literature



Special Thanks To The Participants

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Sister Ann Mathieu
Sister Ann Pitsenberger
Sister Anne Carlino
Sister Arlene Winkler
Sister Carol Sue Daniel
Sister Celestine Rivera
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Sister Charitas Prince
Sister Christa Ann Struewing
Sister Christella Misch
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Sister Donna Marie Woodson
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Personal Journeys Rooted In The Franciscan Spirit

- Contemplation
- Community
- Missions
- Walking In the World



Japan

"As Jesus was dying on the cross, he said, 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.'"

Dreams for establishing a mission in Japan began as early as 1937. It was not until after World War II, amid the devastation of the atomic bombs that were dropped in 1945, that we acted upon the need to go to Japan. In 1947, Mother Magdalene Weidholzer, our Superior, met with Pope Pius XII and indicated the Community's interest in establishing missions in Japan. After receiving the Pope's approval and making appropriate arrangements, Sisters Clementia Daenboeck and Polycarpha Buhl, who were serving in China, arrived in Nagasaki, Japan, on December 9, 1948. These pioneer Sisters sympathized with the people of Japan and began caring for those in need. Other Sisters followed, and over time, hospitals were established in Hirose and Nagasaki. Welcoming Japanese women interested in religious life, the growing Community in Japan remained one of our Community's missions until 1977 when it became recognized as its own Province.



"I was working at St. John's Hospital. A Franciscan Sister who was in Nagasaki when the atomic bomb hit in 1945, asked the Sisters to come there and help. We had to volunteer for a couple years to help out, and I helped out for 53 years! We got back from the American soldiers since they had a hard time, that did not want to take back to the United States. We were friends with the soldiers, and they donated magazines for the Japanese women. They were friends with the boys when they came to the hospital and had to come to the hospital. They always had a lot of the best packages every year of the best and best."

"Sister M. Clementia Daenboeck performed missionary work in China and Japan. During World War II, she endured confinement in a Japanese concentration camp in China, where she met several other Sisters. At Hirose, she and her fellow Sisters lived in tents and used and were surrounded by Japanese soldiers who suspected them of being spies. When Japan surrendered, China was again torn apart by a civil war.

"In 1948, the Sisters were invited to leave mainland China, and some went to Japan. There they met the Japanese and found the Japanese they had known from their camps in concentration camps in the past and left."

"What better display is there of Christianity than what those sisters did. Sister Clementia was treated pretty much by the Japanese during the war. She was up there and never got along with the Japanese," said Bill Daenboeck, a nephew.

Lighten, the Sisters, November 2, 1995



RELIC CHAPEL

