I Be Aware

Though I may not always truly see
The SSND spirit which accompanied me.
Though I may not always feel,
I be aware
Of the tender love which has followed me.

Followed me down from north to down south
Making God alive by act and word of mouth.
Peru in its poverty, on coast or on mount
filled me with love for their spirit so sound.

Chosen by lot for a stay in Japan
I walked over war-ravished land.
The SSND Sisters have been in service there
Loving the people with hearts that care.

Though the only SSND’s in the land of Asia
It doesn’t hinder their spirit on any occasion.
They are willing to risk in a spirit of trust.
To spread God’s Good News with a loving thrust.

Sister Petra Klotz

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Sister Mary Petra Klotz was born January 1, 1925 in Macklin, Saskatchewan to Russian parents, Joseph and Katarina Ollenberger. She was one of 14 siblings. She entered the congregation when she was 14 and professed first vows in 1944 at age 18. She taught and administered across Canada in Catholic schools in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia for more than three decades. She then served in pastoral ministry in Comas, Peru for more than 10 years before ministering to Native Peoples of the Grassy Narrows Reserve in Ontario for a couple of years. For nearly the next quarter century, Sister Mary Petra served in pastoral ministry in Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories. She received her Bachelor of Education in 1965 from University of Alberta. Sister Petra’s sister, Mary Josine was also a vowed member of SSND.