

Annual Pilgrimage to Akita

From 3rd—6th May, in Japan we had our 7th annual pilgrimage to Akita. Fr Couture, Fr Daniels, and Fr Onoda were present along with 53 faithful to for a mini-retreat pilgrimage. After this pilgrimage, Fr Couture gave a talk in French to a hundred students of the University of Waseda on Gregorian chant and Christian architecture. Fr. Couture and Fr. Daniels sung in the choir at a Mass on the eve of Ascension and witnessed Fr. Onoda giving his parents the nuptial blessing (which they had not received after their recent baptism) on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home.



*"Many men in this world afflict the Lord. I desire souls to console Him to soften the anger of the Heavenly Father. I wish, with my Son, for souls who will repair by their suffering and their poverty for the sinners and ingrates." And so a small group of pilgrims offer their prayers as reparation.*

Message of Our Lady to  
Sr. Agnes Sasagawa  
3rd August 1973

**"Are you truly decided to become the rejected stone? My novice, you who wish to belong without reserve to the Lord, to become the spouse worthy of the Spouse, make your vows knowing that you must be fastened to the Cross with three nails. These three nails are poverty, chastity, and obedience. Of the three, obedience is the foundation. In total abandon, let yourself be led by your superior. He will know how to understand you and to direct you."**



*On 6th July 1973, Sr. Agnes heard a voice coming from the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel where she was praying. The statue was carved from a single block of wood from a Katsura tree and is three feet tall. On the same day, a few of the sisters noticed drops of blood flowing from the statue's right hand.*



*Fr. Onoda flanked by his mother and father on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.*