

Born in Sotome, the Home of Christians

Cardinal Taguchi Yoshigoro (1902–1978)

Cardinal Satowaki Senjiro (1904–1996)

Father de Rotz (1840–1914) speculated that to establish his religion in this land, women should be taught to raise

their children as Christians. His idea came to fruition, as some of the children and grandchildren of the women who studied at the Aid Center chose religious vocations.

Father Matsushita Sakichi was baptized by de Rotz; Cardinal Taguchi Yoshigoro of the Osaka Diocese, son of the founder of the Taguchi Factory which manufactured farming and civil engineering tools designed by de Rotz; and Cardinal Satowaki Senjiro of the Nagasaki Diocese, who was treated affectionately by de Rotz. All these men of the cloth were touched in one way or another by the spirit of Father de Rotz, and Sotome came to be called the “Home of Christians.”