

Christian Love and Social Welfare Work

The Headquarters of the “Ave Maria Society” Order

Religious Vows

Living with Infants

To Heal the Mind and Body

1874: Iwanaga Maki (1848–1920) and other women help Father de Rotz (1840–1914) in dysentery relief work.

1877: Under the guidance of Father de Rotz, Iwanaga and other women establish a quasi-order titled “Urakami Cross Society.”

1956: Twenty-six quasi-orders in the Nagasaki Diocese organize to become “Sacred Servant Sister Convent.”

1975: Under the guidance of Cardinal Satowaki Senjiro, the archbishop of Nagasaki at the time, “Sacred Servant Sister Convent” re-organizes as the “Ave Maria Society” Order. This Order carried on the welfare efforts of Father de Rotz, especially with respect to the religious education of children.