

## November 17, 2009 - Japan – Renewal for the Sisters of Charity of Miyazaki



**(ANS – Beppu)** – On November 7 the Sisters of Charity of Miyazaki, who were founded in 1937 by Fr. Antonio Cavoli, SDB, at the conclusion of their 13th Extraordinary General Chapter announced their change of name to Sisters of Charity of Jesus.

The general chapter, under the guidance of Mother Apollinaris Shimura, ended with a Mass at which Fr. Adriano Bregolin, vicar of the Rector Major, presided and at which Fr. Aldo Cipriani, the Salesian provincial in Japan, and other Salesian priests took part.

In the early days of October the Sisters attending the chapter made a retreat preached by Bishop Pedro Kan of Cheju, Korea. The official opening of the 13th Extraordinary General Chapter was celebrated with a Mass at Miyazaki, the place where they were founded.

Having moved to Beppu, the 37 chapter members, as requested by the Holy See, worked on the revision of the Constitutions and Regulations with regard to what applies to the “service of authority” and “prayer.” The chapter, with the theme “Renewal based on the charism of the foundation in order to live and transmit the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,” was an important sign showing the unity in diversity of the Congregation. The delegates came from Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Korea, and Japan.

In choosing the new name for the Congregation, approved by the Holy See on November 4, the chapter members wanted to express in a direct manner the model and the source of charity: Jesus. “This 13th General Chapter, which we began as Sisters of Charity of Miyazaki, we conclude with the beginning of a new stage as the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Jesus, a title with which, guided by the Holy Spirit, we are reborn,” one reads in the communiqué that the Congregation sent to all their sisters. “With this holy and splendid title we commit ourselves to carry out our mission, so necessary in these days, as being those sent by Jesus Christ.”

The same communiqué announces that shortly the current province of Korea will be divided into three and the current region of Bolivia and Peru is preparing to become a vice province.