

## WESTERN VICTORIA TO NAGASAKI 70 YEARS AGO

*'For all that has been - thanks. For all that will be - yes!'*

October 15 marked the 70th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan leaving Sydney Australia to begin their mission in Japan. This was only three years after the end of the Second World War. Three of the six brave women, members of Australia's first Religious Order, were from Western Victoria - Sr Ellen Gleeson from Koroit, Sr Canisius Whitton from Winslow and Sr Ethelreda Boyle from Hamilton. The latter moved from her community at Koroit and her teaching appointment at St Brigid's Crossley to help found the Good Samaritan Way in Japan. The journey on a small ship took until November 17 when the sisters arrived in Nagasaki, Japan. Japanese women joined the Australian Order over time and they initiated a mission to the Philippines. 'A journey begun . . . . The journey continues'. I.O.G.D. 'In all things may God be Glorified'.

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More on this in the October 2018 edition of *The Good Oil*, the e-magazine of the Good Samaritan Sisters, see link below:

<https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/70-years-since-six-good-samaritans-set-sail-for-nagasaki/>



On the Bridge of the "Changte" with the captain: Back L-R: Sisters Canisius Whitton and Eustelle Gleeson, Captain Frame, Sisters Catherine Teresa Mercovich, Julian McKenna. Seated L-R: Sisters Mary Constable and Etheldreda Boyle.

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