

FATHER TOYONARI GIOVANNI SAWADA

SUPERIOR OF THE JAPAN PROVINCE



The Superior General, Father Valdir José De Castro, with the consent of his Council, appointed him in his role on 3 December 2019.

Father Giovanni, 54, was born in Tokyo (Japan) on 15 September 1965. He entered the Congregation in Fukuoka on 6 April 1978, made his first profession on 19 March 1989, confirming it perpetually on 4 September 1994. He was ordained priest on 29 June 1996 in the Pauline community of Hachioji (Tokyo) by the imposition of hands by Cardinal Peter Seiichi Shirayanagi, Archbishop of Tokyo.

After studying philosophy in Japan, he completed his theological formation at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he also obtained a license in Biblical Theology. Back in Japan, he held various roles both in formation (Coordinator and Master of Aspirants from 1997 to 2003; Novice Master from 2016) and editorial (Editorial Director from 2010 to 2011). He was also Superior of the Tokyo-Hachioji community from 2003 to 2005. At the provincial level he was a Councillor (1997-1999), Vicar (2007-2011) and Secretary (from 2016 to today). He is currently Delegate for the *Istituto Santissima Maria Annunziata*, as well as professor of Sacred Scripture at the local Catholic University.

The General Government's best wishes to Father Giovanni for a fruitful service.

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