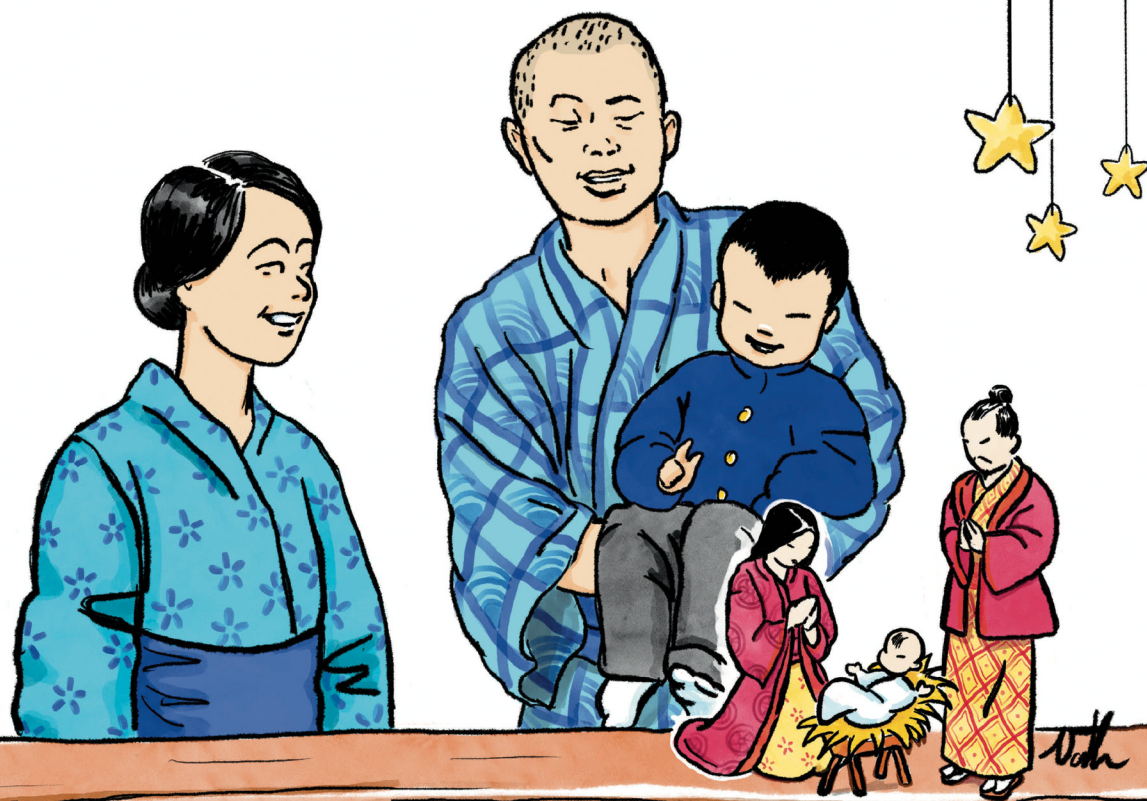


# Holy Christmas 2024



“The stars had become close and were

calling everyone to set out. It was almost as if you could hear the heavenly hosts singing: «Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will». Takashi heard a voice coming from who knows where and calling him: «Lift up your eyes to the heavens, God's salvation is near».

In that moment he understood that only by dying completely to himself could he be saved by the loving hand of the Almighty. The “I” is nothing in itself; it is only in God.”

(T. Nagai, *That which never dies*)