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Memorial Mass
Infant Jesus Sister François Lee



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August 1, 2026 (Sat) 3pm - 4pm
Church of Saint Francis Xavier
63A Chartwell Drive 558758

Refreshment :
Parish Canteen 4pm - 5pm

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CHIJ

Sanctuary for Children



EXTENDING THE IJ SPIRIT THROUGH PURPOSEFUL ACTION

Saturday, 27 June, 2026
IJ Village, 503 Ang Mo Kio Street 13 S(569406)

9.00 am	Registration <i>(CHIJSC tour available)</i>
9.30 am	Welcome to the Forum!
9.45 am	Panel discussion
10.45 am	Tea-Mingle <i>(World Cafe style)</i>
11.45 am	Wrap up
12.00 pm	Forum ends

BE PART OF THE MOVEMENT. CREATE IMPACT TOGETHER.

- Reconnect with IJ alumni around a shared mission of service
- Spark ground up ideas across the collective IJ networks to support vulnerable communities
- Sign up to be part of a Community of Interest or volunteer in a CHIJSC project team



Wu Mei Ling, CHIJ STC,
Panelist,
General Secretary & CEO,
YMCA



Yvonne Tham, CHIJ TP,
Panelist,
CEO,
The Esplanade Co Ltd




Anne Pillai, CHIJ KC,
Panelist,
Exec Director,
Clarity Singapore



Lee Xueling, CHIJ SNGS,
Panelist,
Partner,
The Bridgespan Group



Michelle Kee, CHIJ SNGS,
Moderator
Principal Scientist, A*Star,
Institute for Human
Development & Potential



CHIJ Sanctuary for Children (formerly known as Infant Jesus Homes and Children's Centres) is a faith-inspired, values-led sanctuary where every child is seen, heard, and nurtured.

Through our student care, outreach and welfare programmes, we provide holistic care that helps children grow in character, confidence, and compassion - ready to live with purpose and contribute meaningfully to the world.

Learn more about our work at <https://chij-sanctuary.org.sg/>

REGISTER NOW!



Have a question?
Reach us at:
CHIJ.F4SG@gmail.com



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IJ Sisters and collaborators Combined Retreat

Over the first weekend in May, the IJ Sisters gathered with our Associates and Collaborators for a grace filled retreat, guided by Fr Adrian Danker.

Centred on the theme “With Jesus, we go” and the mystery of the Transfiguration, we were drawn into a journey of ascent to encounter the Lord more deeply and to remain with Him in moments of light, clarity and quiet transformation.

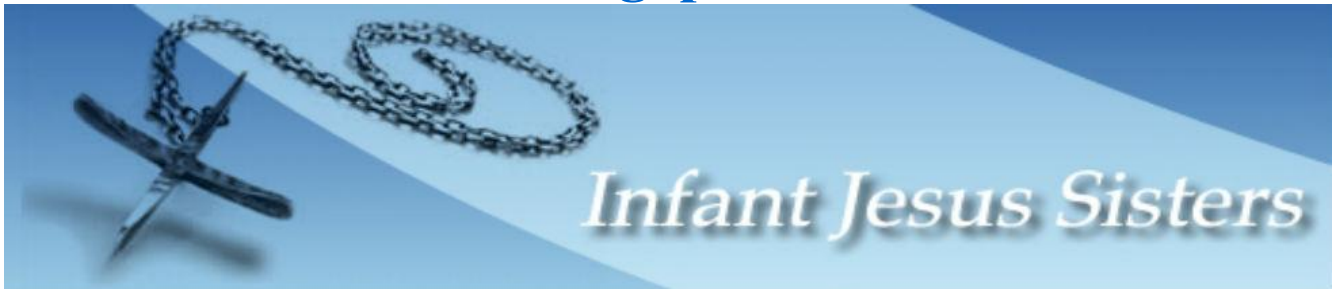
From this sacred mountain experience, we are now sent forth in descent, returning to our daily lives carrying His presence, His word and His transforming love to all we meet. What was received in stillness now calls to be lived in faithfulness.

We also rejoice with gratitude as Gloria Loh made her recommitment to God as an IJ Collaborator on the final day of the retreat, a moving witness of faith and dedication to the mission.

As we come down from the mountain, may we do so with renewed commitment, walking with Jesus in both ascent and descent, faithful to His call and attentive to His presence in all things.



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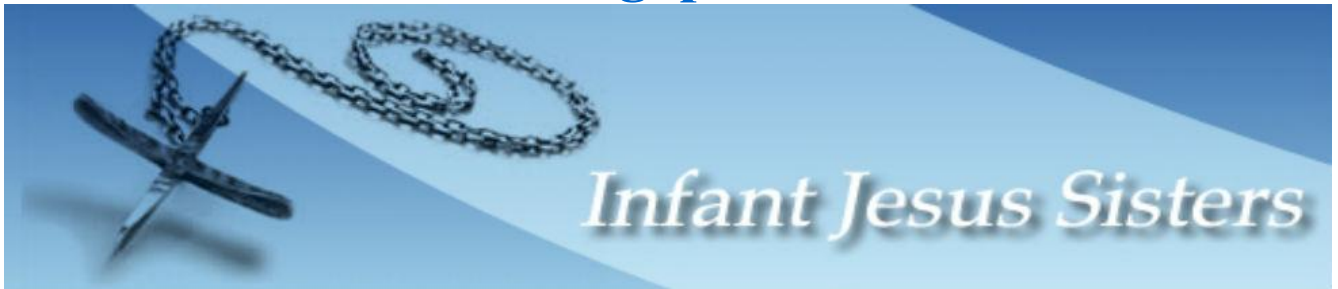
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The venue sponsors Fightzone with Sr Elizabeth (IJ Provincial) and Kitson (ED)

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Soft launch of the new visual CHIJS logo



Crowd at the Market Place



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Message to All in Our CHIJ Mission on the feast day of Blessed Niclas Barre

**“If you only knew the gift of God...” (John 4:10)
Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**

Dear Members of our CHIJ Family, Sisters, Lay Partners, Leaders, Staff, Students, Volunteers and Friends in Mission,

As we celebrate the Feast of Blessed Nicolas Barré, our Founder and guide, we give thanks for the gift of our shared mission, one that is rooted in faith, sustained by love and renewed in hope.

In this Year of Hope, we are invited to look again at the life of Blessed Nicolas Barré and to rediscover the strength that flowed from his deep trust in God’s Providence. He lived through times of great difficulty in seventeenth-century France, when many faced hardship and despair. Yet, he chose to see every challenge as a call to greater faith and to serve with generosity of heart. He reminded his first teachers, “The more difficult the situation, the more we must hope in God.”

That same spirit continues to live in our CHIJ Mission today. It is seen in our schools, where the hearts and minds of the young are formed in truth and love. It is seen in our Sanctuary for Children and our homes, where compassion brings comfort, dignity and joy. It is seen in all our ministries, where each day we seek to touch lives through education, care and accompaniment.

In each of these places, hope takes root whenever we believe that every person carries within them the gift of God. Hope is made visible whenever we choose kindness instead of indifference, forgiveness instead of resentment, and faith instead of fear. Hope grows when we stand together in unity, trusting that God is quietly at work in our midst.

Blessed Nicolas Barré teaches us that hope is not mere optimism. It is a deep confidence that God’s love is stronger than any darkness. When we surrender our lives to God’s Providence, even the smallest act of love becomes a sign of grace.

May this feast renew in all of us the courage to live with hope. May it strengthen our teachers and leaders, inspire those who serve the poor and the vulnerable, and encourage our students to believe that they can help to create a better world. May it keep us faithful to our mission, even when the road ahead seems uncertain.

As Blessed Nicolas Barré reminds us,
“Hope as if everything depended on God, and act as if everything depended on you.”
Together, may we continue to be people of hope, nurturing hearts, transforming lives and revealing the gentle face of God to those entrusted to our care.

With gratitude and hope,
In the spirit of Blessed Nicolas Barré,
Sr Elizabeth Moey, Sr Maria Lau and Sr Jocelyn Kang
Provincial Council Infant Jesus Sisters
21 October 2025



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CHIJSC Achievement Awards



Key personnel together with Sr Elizabeth (Provincial) and Sr Teresa at the CHIJSC Achievement Awards Ceremony {graced by Mr Yip Hon Weng- MP} at the Yio Chu Kang Community Club



Our CHIJSC Superheroes!



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Chill Out Session
HEART TO SERVE: DISCOVER THE IJ MISSION

Join us for a Chill Out Session!
Speak with our IJ Sisters,
explore the IJ Lay Partnership,
and learn about the local and overseas IJ Ministries.

Find out how you can get involved!

Date: Saturday, 20 September 2025
Time: 3-5pm (registration at 230pm)
Refreshments will be served
Venue: 4A Chestnut Drive, Singapore 679330

Scan QR code or click on link to sign up:
Closing date: 13 September 2025



<https://tinyurl.com/IJchillout2025>

For any enquiries...
Sr Elizabeth Moey: lizjs01@gmail.com
Sr Agnes Lee: 9230 2515
Mrs Mathews Shu Quo: 9856 0820



The captive audience at the Chill out session



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The advertisement is on a piece of aged, yellowed paper with a brown border. It features a small crest in the top left corner. The text is centered and reads: "COME & CONNECT: Share the Love at The Cozy IJ 'Kopitiam' for All CHIJ past students from all IJ Schools Date: Saturday, August 30, 2025 Place: CHIJ Secondary Lorong 1, Toa Payoh Time: 9 am to 1 pm Your response by 15/8/25 (Please scan QR code)". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. Below the QR code, it says "Organized by: IJ Director of Mission & Formation Margaret Lee (91590426)".

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An advertisement of the event was put up in the Catholic News.

The same advertisement was put up in all websites of CHIJ Schools, CHIJ Facebook, Alumni facebook and Instagram.

Though 131 past IJ students registered through a QR code., fewer came. We are keeping in touch with those who expressed interest in the event.

However, it was wonderful to see Alumni from all 5 CHIJ Secondary Schools set up booths at the school canteen. They were also selling their paraphernalia.

IJ Kopitiam was organised by Evelyn Tan (past student of CHIJ St Theresa's Convent). She and her friends used their CDC vouchers to buy items for their stall. The proceeds from the sale of food and drinks were donated to CHIJ Sanctuary for Children.

The CHIJ Sisters, IJ Vocation Team (led by Sr Elizabeth) and CHIJ Sanctuary for Children (led by Chang Loong) also set up booths with their creative and informational materials

The program in the Bentick Room in the school started with a morning prayer, a welcome address by Sr Maria Lau, an introduction of the CHIJ Sisters and a quiz to make known the CHIJ Mission as well as the schools and the members of CHIJ family.

We had two special visitors from Malaysia, IJ girls, of course, who joined us after seeing the advertisement in the Catholic News!

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CHIJ Alumni reconnect over a kopitiam-styled breakfast prepared by St Theresa's friends

We have a new Central Team led by our Superior General and three Councillors!



Sr Celina, Sr Beatrice, Sr Marina (Superior General) and Sr Kitty



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Sharing our IJ Mission at the CHARIS Humanitarian Fair

This Fair, coordinated by Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore, gathered people from the Catholic community. It was a day to learn from one another, to listen to testimonies of service, and to share how God continues to work quietly yet powerfully through many hands and hearts.

The Infant Jesus (IJ) booth was helmed by the IJ Vocation Team with participation from CHIJ Sanctuary for Children (CHIJSC).

It was a simple space offering opportunities to introduce the wider community to our mission that began in France in 1662 through Blessed Nicolas Barre, and which took root in Singapore in 1854 when Mother Mathilde Raclot and the first IJ Sisters arrived.

At the start, the mission has been a visible sign of God's love, particularly to those who are most in need. Father Barre, the founder of the Infant Jesus Sisters, saw education as a means to help girls overlooked by society. Mother Mathilde continued this vision to offer them a holistic formation that nurtured both the mind and the spirit, enabling them to live with dignity, hope and purpose. Since then, the IJ Mission has continued to grow in Singapore, expressed not only through the lives and work of the Sisters but also through the generosity and dedication of many lay partners.

Today, our eleven CHIJ schools remain Christ-centred communities where the values of Truth, Justice, Freedom, and Love are nurtured and lived, with special attention always given to those who are disadvantaged in any way. The CHIJSC continues this legacy by offering healing, safety, and accompaniment to vulnerable children and families.

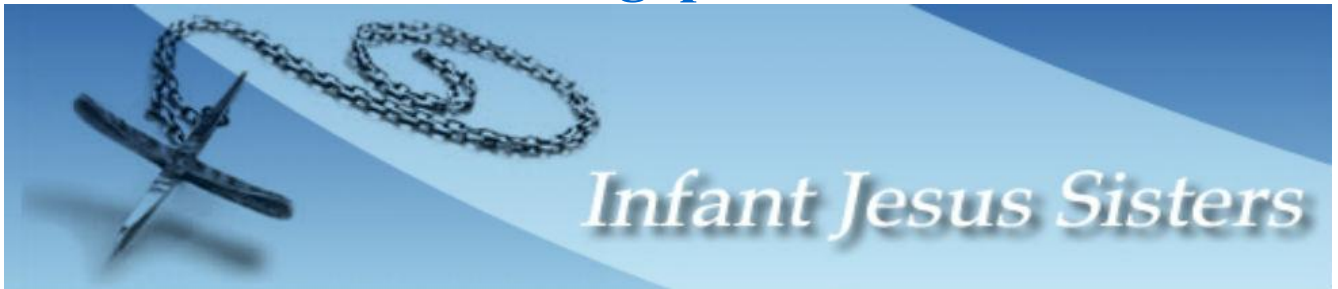
Many interested past students or their family members visited our booth. Conversations often began with memories of their school days and soon turned to reflections on how those formative years had shaped their values and outlook on life.

It was humbling to hear how seeds planted so long ago by the Sisters and their collaborators had taken root and borne fruit in so many lives. The CHIJ Sanctuary for Children's presence at the booth provided a living example of how the mission continues to respond to the needs of today. By offering practical support and compassionate care to families in crises, the Sanctuary keeps alive the call to serve the last, the lost, and the least, just as our founder and early missionaries did.

A highlight of the day was the visit of Archbishop Julian Leow, keynote speaker at the Forum. He was warmly introduced to the IJ Mission in CHIJ schools and its outreach efforts, gaining insight into the ministry at CHIJSC and the broader work being carried out. The Archbishop also heard a heartfelt sharing on the mission's historical roots and the challenges it faces today, deepening his appreciation of its enduring impact.

As we reflect on the day, we are reminded that this mission is not ours alone. It is God's work, entrusted first to Blessed Nicolas Barre and Mother Mathilde, and carried forward by each new generation. The soil is still fertile, and the call remains for labourers to come forward to serve in the vineyard so that many more lives may be touched and transformed.

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May those who read this account be encouraged to respond generously, to share in the work of nurturing minds, uplifting spirits, and revealing God's love to the world, just as it has been done here for the past 171 years.

May we continue to be inspired by Father Barre, to be generous in spirit, have openness of heart and always be ready to serve.

Brenda Liu
IJ Collaborator





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CHIJ Katong Primary and Katong Convent celebrate their 95th Anniversary on 27 May 2025



CHIJ Forum 2025

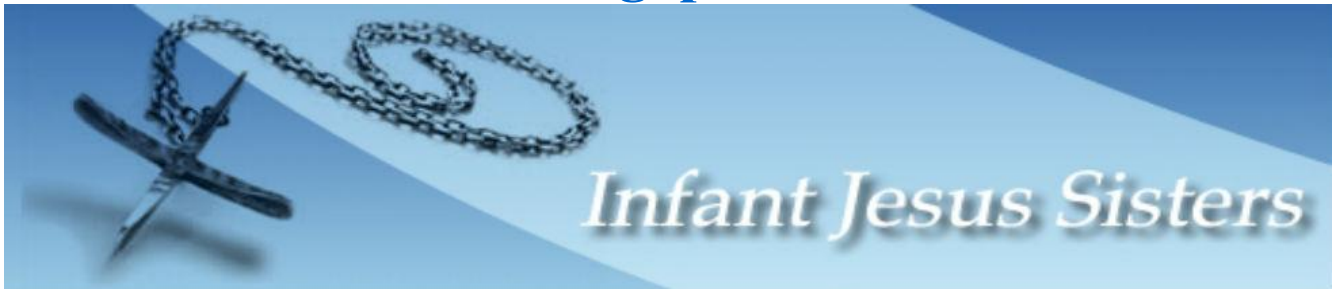
CHIJ Forum 2025 was organized by the CHIJ Schools Ambassadors and will take place on Friday Mar 7 from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm a CHIJ Secondary. The theme for the forum is "Pilgrims of hope and instruments of peace".

The objectives of the forum are:

- (i) To offer an opportunity for the alumni to share their experiences in contributing to society as pilgrims of hope and instruments of peace with the present students.
- (ii) For present students to emulate the examples of former students such that they can see what possibilities lie ahead of them in bringing hope and peace to the world.
- (iii) To offer authentic life lessons to the students.
- (iv) To promote the spirit of service to the students.

The panel of distinguished speakers in this forum included:

- (i) Ms Rachel Teo, Head, Government Affairs & Public Policy, Sustainability @Google.
- (ii) Ms Padma Jairam, Associate, Singapore University of Social Science & Prison Psychologist



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(iii) Ms Michelle Kaw, Chairperson of Central Parent Council, CHIJ Primary

We are blessed to know that the above-named speakers are alumni of various CHIJ schools in Singapore and that certainly will thrill the students. With their varied backgrounds, they will captivate the audience with their authentic life experiences.

With the theme “Pilgrims of Hope and Instruments of Peace”, the forum will provide students an opportunity to engage with alumni who have embraced this calling in their personal and professional lives. We hope that the interaction will help our students gain valuable insights and encourage them to embody the values of hope, resilience, and a commitment to positive change in their communities.

Needless to say, the forum was a hit for the 510 students and 35 staff as they get to interact with the speakers and the speakers were very candid and personal with the audience. The students and staff present were awed by simple examples of how hope and peace were generated and truncated in everyday lives. From these authentic stories, the young and the old were inspired to be pilgrims of hope and instruments of peace.



Our panel of speakers



Our two emcees



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Beginning of Year Mass 2025



Msgr Peter Zhang was the celebrant at mass and the retreat master at the beginning of the year retreat for the IJ Board of Management, Principals and Vice-Principals on Jan 11 2025 at St Nicholas Girls' School.

The 170th Anniversary celebration of IJ Presence in Singapore



20,000 participants were present to celebrate Founder's Day at the National Stadium on 20 May 2024.

It was a day where the whole IJ family, students, staff, parents, alumni, past pupils and friends came together to thank God for His blessings on us all these years and pray for His continued guidance and blessings in the years ahead.

It was also a day when we celebrated the gift of each person in the IJ community and to know that each one can continue to radiate God's love and joy to our society.

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Here is the link for the live streaming of the 170th Anniversary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mydEyC44fyw>



[Note of Thanks](#) by Sr Elizabeth Moey



[Speech by Ms Vivienne Lim, Chairperson, IJ Board of Management](#)



Our IJ Sisters (and our Srs from Italy, Japan, Malaysia and Thailand) with His Eminence Cardinal Goh



Here is the report of the event published in our local newspaper



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<https://str.sg/ATJZ>



Here is the article from the Catholic News

<https://catholicnews.sg/2024/05/29/celebrating-170-years-of-the-ij-dream/>



Listen to the 2024 version of Hold on to our Dream sung by Alemay Fernandez and the CHIJ Schools Combined choir <https://youtu.be/YyzCGx8L-FE>



A special album of songs has been launched to commemorate the 170th Anniversary

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0co6909fswsVpbNTwbpiKLkZqS2-6Mis&si=y2IarPM6PSDI91tU>



Listen to one of the songs giving tribute to the IJ Sisters

<https://youtu.be/-HOWceNFev8?si=3sR7x3NXzS0QyUQd>

[Our IJ 170th Anniversary Prayer](#)

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for Your unending love and the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our inspiration, guide and salvation.

On the 170th anniversary of the Infant Jesus (IJ) mission in Singapore, we give thanks for the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us. Thank You for the vision and dedication of those who have nurtured this mission, from its humble beginnings to its present.

Bless our community with a renewed spirit as we commemorate this milestone. May we come together in gratitude, love, hope, and dedication to our shared mission, continuing to build a community that embodies Your love and justice.

Inspire us, Lord, to open our hearts to Your guidance and to live lives enriched by gratitude for all that You have provided: the people who have touched our lives, the opportunities to serve, and the grace to grow in faith. Help us to witness to the values of truth, justice, freedom, and love, treating everyone with the dignity they deserve.

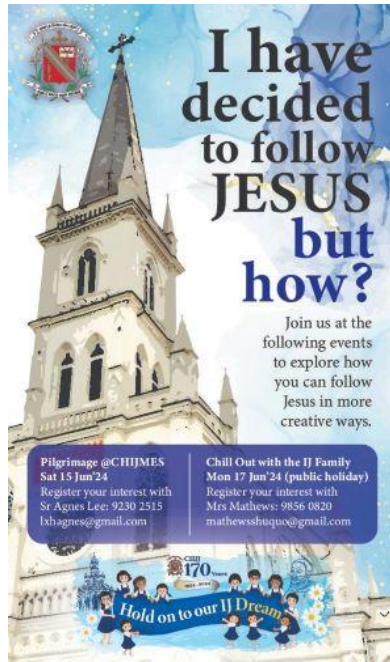
Blessed Nicolas Barré reminded us to "put love in our actions," and by doing so, even the hardest tasks become easier. Let this wisdom guide us every day as we use our gifts and talents not for ourselves but for the betterment of others and to make the world a more compassionate and just place. Instil in us a spirit of generosity, that each day we may perform acts of kindness that reflect Your love.

Mary, Mother of the Church and our guide, pray for us. Protect our mission and intercede for us, that we may be effective ambassadors of your peace, love and stewards of your creation. We entrust the future of our mission in Singapore to your loving care, confident in your



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powerful help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Continue to bless the IJ Family with your grace. Amen



Participants who went on the pilgrimage to CHIJMES and those who attended the chill-out session were enriched by the experience!

1 of 2 Automatic Zoom

The clustered walls of the Convent are built on Victoria Street, Bras Basah Road and North Bridge Road. The building adjacent to Caldwell House is purchased, and later becomes the Orphanage. The first Chapter is built and consecrated in 1854.

photo credit: <https://idigitas.com.sg>

Pilgrimage@CHIJMES

The Infant Jesus Sisters would like to invite you to a spiritual journey at CHIJMES where Mother Mathilde and 3 sisters started education for girls in 1854. They also looked after hundreds of babies and children left at their gate (*The Gate of Hope*).

Join them on a spiritual pilgrimage to listen to how the Spirit kept the sisters and those who shared their mission alive till today. You will hear miracles and how "Simple in Virtues; Steadfast in Duty" is still their distinguishing hallmark of service.

Date	Saturday, 15 June 2024
Time	10 am - 12 pm
Meeting Place	CHIJMES Gate of Hope
Contact	Sr Agnes Lee: 92302515 lhagnes@gmail.com

Who We Are

We are an international group of Catholic Religious Sisters serving in 4 continents, desiring to centre ourselves in God, following Christ by dedicating ourselves in total abandonment to the proclamation of the Good News.

12 Delegates attending General Chapter in Rome with Pope Francis

Our Founder - Blessed Nicolas Barre

A man of deep faith and contemplative vision, he founded the Infant Jesus Sisters to respond to the poor, in a spirit of abandonment and trusting in God's Providence.

Mother Mathilde Raclot

Responding to the call to start education for girls in the East, she left France with a few sisters on this mission. Her vision, faith, courage and endurance led her to set up a school for girls within 125 days of her arrival in Singapore.

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Our promotion poster

A screenshot of a Zoom meeting window displaying a promotional poster. The poster is divided into three main sections. The left section is titled 'Chill Out with the IJ Family' and features a photo of people at a meal, a still life of bread and coffee, and event details. The middle section is titled 'Prayer of Abandonment' and contains a prayer text. The right section features a portrait of Nicolas Barre, a church building, and a description of the sisters' mission.

Chill Out with the IJ Family

Date Monday, 17 June 2024 (Public Holiday)
Time 3 pm - 5 pm
Meeting Place 4A Chestnut Drive, Singapore 679330
Contact Mrs Mathews: 98560820
mathewshuqao@gmail.com

Prayer of Abandonment
Nicolas Barre Letter 12

LORD, I want nothing more, I desire nothing more, only to be ready to desire what you desire and as you desire it. It is enough for me that you hold me in your presence, that you take care of everything, that you watch over all my concerns, all that happens to me and that nothing escapes your adorable guidance of my life.

O Jesus! O Love! You are my God and my All, centre and unfathomable depth of goodness and greatness! May Jesus live and his will be done! There is nothing left for me to desire. Choose Lord, what you want of me. Order all things, plan and arrange all things in the way that pleases you, and I will try and make my desires and actions yours, to follow you in everything and everywhere, without reserve or limit.

Finally, Lord I want to belong totally to you, no more measuring or portioning out, neither in life nor in death, in sorrow or in joy, on earth or in heaven. My beloved is all mine and I am his forever.

O Jesus! O Love!

Infant Jesus Sisters, Nicolas Barre
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Rooted deeply in the mystery of the Incarnation, the IJ Sisters with the Associates, Collaborators, Friends and Partners in Mission proclaim the Good News and foster the growth of all people, especially the disadvantaged in their human and spiritual development.





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Fr Eugene Vaz was the celebrant and retreat master at the end of year IJ Board of Management retreat held at CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace on 15 Nov 2024.



Fr Vaz blessing 3 Principals on their new journey!

- IJ Sisters, Associates, IJ Board of Management, IJHCC management Committee, Principals and Vice Principals welcomed the new year on 13 Jan 2024 with a special mass and blessing presided by Fr Eugene Vaz at CHIJ St Nicholas, who hosted the gathering.



Fr Vaz blessing the retiring Board members



Sr Maria thanking all for their dedication and commitment



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- CHIJ St Theresa's Convent celebrated her 90th anniversary in Nov. 2023

Our IJ gives back event



Dr Ng Eng Hen expressed his gratitude to the principal, teachers, students and alumni of CHIJ Toa Payoh for showing care to his residents at Toa Payoh Central on 11 Nov by giving groceries and daily necessities to household in need. The IJ



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Youth Mission girls were there to help!

CHIJ St Joseph's Convent 85th Homecoming



Ex-Principal Ms Susie Ho with Alumna Pauline Chan



IJC's presence at CHIJ SJC 85th Homecoming

SJC girls were around to recruit volunteers to help in the CHIJ Infant Homes and Centres!

Mrs Mathews and Ms Jacinta Cardoza shared with some interested alumni their mission in Laos and Myanmar on Sep 23 2023. Mrs Alice Cheong translated the talk into Mandarin.

IJ CONVERSATIONS
Overseas IJ Mission
GOING BEYOND SELF
● Sep, 23rd 2023 10AM - 12PM
More info : www.chijalumni.org

JOIN US!
Come hear from Mrs Mathews and Jacinta as they share their years of experience serving in Laos and Myanmar.
Find out how you can be involved in this meaningful venture!

Mrs Mathews
IJ Associate, Member of the Lao Mission Team

Jacinta Cardoza
Coordinator, Pinya Sanye Teacher Training Institute (Myanmar)

REGISTER NOW!
Scan QR code now to book your seats!

- Founder's Day 2023 began with the celebration of the Eucharist at each of the 11 schools and



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IJHCC on 24 May 2023. This was followed by school activities and the IJ Student Forum at CHIJ Secondary school hall. It was attended by both Secondary and Primary school representatives.

- The Theme was “Going beyond oneself”.

Our panelists, also our school alumni, were Evelyn Louis, (St Theresa’s Convent), Mathilda Ho (St Joseph’s Convent), Nadia Ahmad Samdin (Katong Convent), Rachel Teo (St Nicholas Girls’ School) and Teo Jin Lee (CHIJ Victoria St), with Jacqueline Loke (the moderator) also from CHIJ Victoria St.



Ms Evelyn Louis, Ms Teo Jin Lee, Ms Jacqueline Loke
Mathilda Ho



Ms Nadia Samdin, Ms Rachel Teo, Ms



Students queuing to ask the panelists questions

- CHIJ Primary schools had an inaugural CHIJ football fiesta at Jalan Besar Stadium on 22 May 2023. It was organised by CHIJ Our Lady of Good Counsel. There was good support from the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) and AFA who sent a few National girls team players and ActiveSG coaches to coach our girls. [...read more](#)

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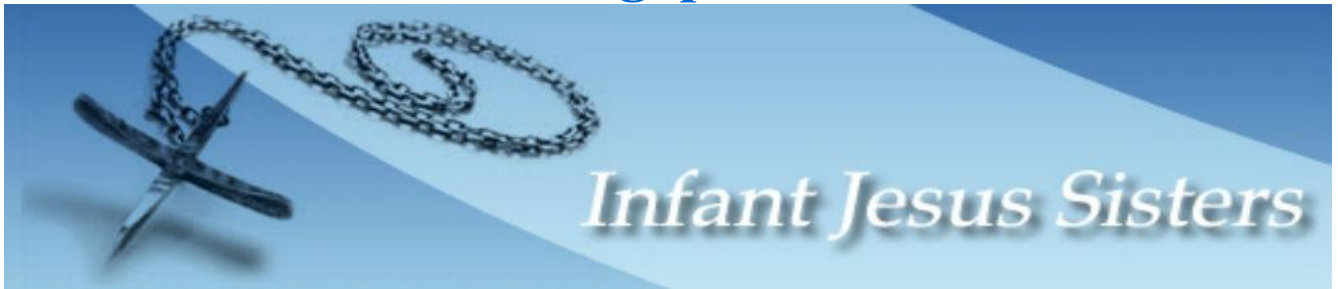
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- **CHIJ St Joseph's Convent had her Awards Ceremony on 5 May. Ms Pauline Chan, an alumna, was there to share her joy!**
- **Our IJ Sisters, Associates and Collaborators were at the Vocation Fair organised by the Carmelite Fathers at Sts Peter and Paul Church to distribute brochures to promote vocations.**



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Sisters, Associates and Collaborators helping out

Infant Jesus Sisters

Our Founder - Bl Nicolas Barre

Who we are
We are an international group of Catholic Religious Sisters serving in 4 continents, desiring to centre ourselves in God, following Christ by dedicating ourselves in total abandonment to the proclamation of the Good News.

Aman of deep faith and contemplative vision, he founded the Infant Jesus Sisters to respond to the poor, in a spirit of abandonment and trusting in God's Providence.

Mother Mathilde Raclot

Responding to the call to start education for girls in the East, she left France with a few sisters on this mission. Her vision, faith, courage and endurance led her to set up a school for girls within ten days of her arrival in Singapore.

The Infant Jesu Sisters would like to invite you to a spiritual journey at CHIMES where Mother Mathilde and 3 sisters started education for girls in 1854. They also looked after hundreds of babies and children left at their gate. (The Gate of Hope)

Join them on a spiritual pilgrimage to listen to how the Spirit kept the sisters and those who shared their mission alive till today.

You will hear miracles and how "Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty" is still our distinguishing hallmark of service.

Join us in the U Pilgrimage @ CHIMES
Date: Saturday, 23 May 2023
Time: 9 am to 11 am
Meeting Place: CHIMES Gate of Hope
Contact: Dr Margaret Lee (Director: Mission & Formation) (HP: 91590426)
Email: margaretmylee@yahoo.com.sg

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Prayer of Abandonment

LORD, I want nothing more, I desire nothing more only to be ready to desire what you desire and as you desire it. It is enough for me that you hold me in your presence, that you take care of everything, that you watch over all my concerns, all that happens to me and that nothing escapes your adorable guidance of my life.

O Jesus! O Love! You are my God and my All, centre and unfathomable depth of goodness and greatness! May Jesus live and his will be done! There is nothing left for me to desire. Choose Lord, what you want of me. Order all things, plan, and arrange all things in the way that pleases you, and I will try and make my desire and action yours, to follow you in everything and everywhere, without reserve or limit.

Finally, Lord I want to belong totally to you, no more measuring or portioning out, neither in life nor in death, in sorrow or in joy, on earth or in heaven. My beloved is all mine, and I am his forever.

O Jesus! O Love!

(Nicolas Barre: Letter 12)

Infant Jesus Sisters, Nicolas Barre

Rooted deeply in the mystery of the Incarnation, the U Sisters with the Associates, Collaborators, Friends and Partners in Mission proclaim the Good News and foster the growth of all people, especially the disadvantaged in their human and spiritual development.

This is our brochure!

- On 29 April, CHIJ St Theresa's Convent invited the children of the IJHCC's Galilee and Agape Centres to her School Carnival as part of her 90th Anniversary celebrations.



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Statue of St Theresa at the entrance of the school
Veronica

Our 3 Special ladies – Valerie, Clara and



Sr Elizabeth and staff with Valerie, Clara and Veronica



IJHCC children participating in the activities

- On Mar 29 2023, 28 students and 2 teachers from Yokohama Futaba High School, Japan, visited CHIJ ST Theresa's Convent. The visitors were introduced at Assembly and had some

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interaction with our girls.

Our Japanese friends with some students and staff at CHIJ St Theresa's Convent



- On 27 Mar 2023, some students and teachers from Shizuoka Futaba School visited CHIJ secondary, that has a standing Twinning Programme with the above-named school, Fukuoka Futaba and Yokohama Futaba since 2011, and Denenchofu Futaba since 2017. [... read more](#)



The Japanese Visitors with some students and staff at CHIJ Secondary

Our CHIJ students visited Japan too.

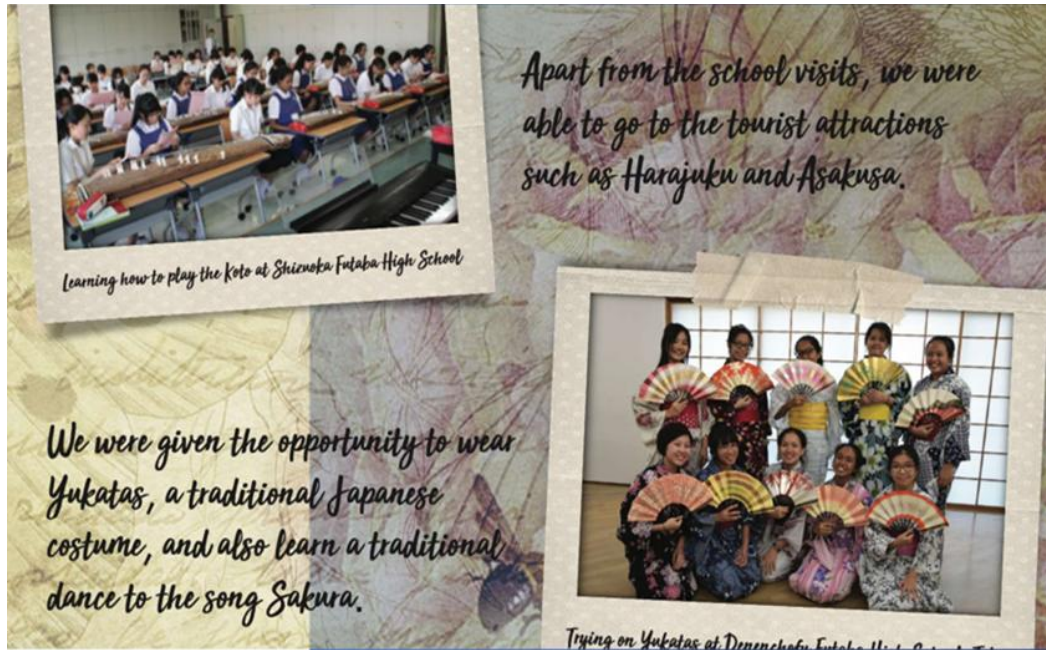
There was great interaction among the students!



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- CHIJ St Joseph's Convent celebrated her 85th Anniversary with a mass on 24 Mar.





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Some Sisters and Associates also attended the Catholic Education Conference via Zoom.

- Members of the CHIJ Family attended the Catholic Education Conference on 14 Mar 2023



- CHIJ Katong Convent celebrated Honours' Day on 9 Mar.

Welcome Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane

- We were honoured to be graced with the visit of our IJ Superior General, Sr Brigitte Flourez, and her General Councillor, Sr Jane, in late Feb 2023.

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Sr Jane and Sr Brigitte at CHIJ Secondary School chapel



Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane welcomed by the key personnel of CHIJ Primary and Secondary Schools

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With the Sisters



With the Associates at Fr Barre's statue



Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane at lunch with the Pioneering Community



Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane with the Principals of the 11 CHIJ Schools and Fr Danker SJ

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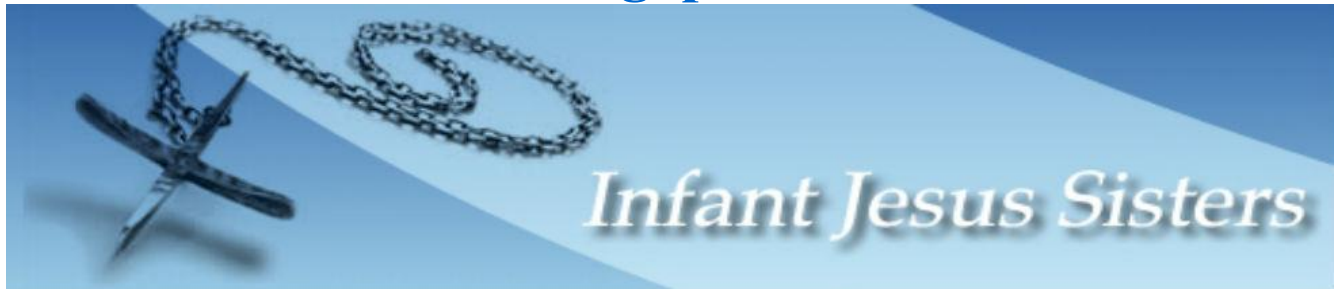
Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane at the Infant Homes and Children's Centres (IJHCC)

Read more about [Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane's visit](#)



- CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' held a CNY Thanksgiving mass and launched their 90th Anniversary celebrations on 20 Jan.

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- IJ Sisters, Associates, IJ Board of management, IJHCC management Committee, Principals and Vice Principals celebrated the new year on 14 Jan 2023 with a special mass and blessing presided by Friar Francisco OFM at CHIJ St Nicholas, who hosted the gathering.