

Infant Jesus Sisters, Singapore (founded in France, 1662, established in Singapore 1854)



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Vocations and Religious Life



SEEK His Face
KNOW His Love
SERVE His People

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.

Join us in the IJ Pilgrimage @ CHIJMES
Date: Saturday 13 May 2023
Time: 9 am to 11 am
Meeting Place: CHIJMES Gate of Hope
Contact: Dr Margaret Lee
(Director, Mission & Formation)
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This is our promotion poster for CHIJ Sisters for Vocation Sunday 2023.



The Vocation Fair was held on 30 April 2023 at Sts Peter and Paul Church

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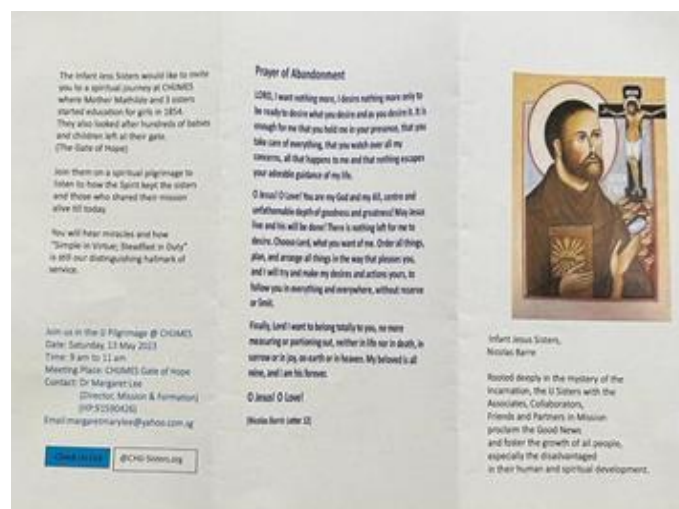
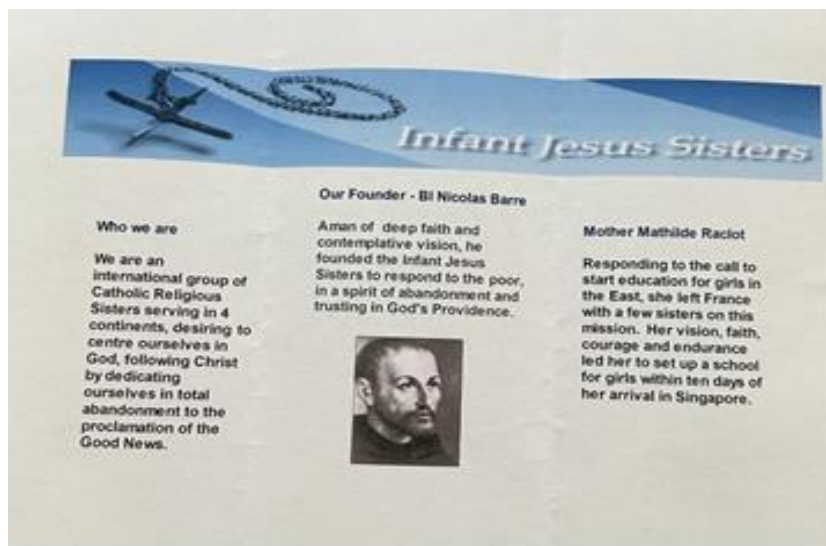
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Sr Elizabeth, Sr Boon, Sr Julia, Associates and collaborators distributing our Vocation brochure



Our Vocation brochure



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The Church is the people of God.

A Vocation to religious life is a gift from God to the Church and the community.

“The Institute has its origin in the very heart of God, who so loved the world that He gave His only Son to instruct all people and teach them the way to salvation so that those who believe in Him may have eternal life.”

The Institute of the Infant Jesus is essentially apostolic with the members living in community.

Come and see

Can I make a difference?

Yes I can!

Yes together we can!

Do I have the courage to “go and see” to experience something more?

The wonder of real discovery is not found in seeking answers and quick solutions.

Despite all the development in parts of our world, there is still much poverty, suffering, confusion, lack of education in a wide number of areas...

Is God calling me to make that difference?

Yes, I can make the difference and I can do something too!

*“You did not choose me but I chose you.
I appointed you to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will last.”* John 15:16 -17

Vocation enquiries

If you feel that God is calling you to live the Consecrated Life or to be a partner in mission, collaborator or Associate with the Infant Jesus Sisters, and serve Him in Catholic Education, Human and Spiritual Formation, and Service to the disadvantaged, locally and abroad,

please contact Sr Maria Lau at email : ijisisters.sg@gmail.com

THE DIFFERENT STAGES IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

1. Aspirancy

A person may feel attracted to the Religious Life. She may have a sense of God’s call of which she is not too clear or sure about. It is at this stage that the Vocation Directress through personal accompaniment and reflection on self/work and life based on Gospel values helps the candidate to discern the ‘initial call’ and prepares her for Postulancy.



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2. Postulancy

A person wishing to join Religious Life should have a period of time to provide for gradual transition from secular to religious life as well as to allow for growth in mutual knowledge of the Institute and of the candidate before admission to the Novitiate.

3. Novitiate

The Novitiate is a time of initiation, probation and formation.

The period of initiation gives the person who wants to commit herself to Jesus Christ in the Institute, the opportunity of making the gift of the charism her own.

The period of probation helps her to discern if the way she is going to follow is really for her the call of God. The Institute also discerns if she is apt to live and work apostolically in the Institute.

The period of formation prepares her to follow Christ in a total gift of self, fully aware of the free choice she is making. This formation is achieved through information; interiorization/assimilation; transformation (heart, values and attitude).

The Novitiate ends with the incorporation of the novice to the Institute through the first vows.

4. Juniorate

The young professed Sister begins her Juniorate in a Community to which she is attached. She is being prepared to grow in human and spiritual maturity according to **the charism of the Institute** through an on-going process of discernment until the final incorporation in the profession of final vows to the particular way of life of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus – an integrated life: ministry, silence, solitude, prayer, community relationships, leisure and celebrations.

Vocation Stories

Sr Celine [Sr Celine's Vocation story](#)

[Sr Elizabeth](#)

[Sr Neriza](#)

[Sr Teresa](#)



The Way Forward

Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, we continue to LISTEN and be open to accepting new challenges in the way ahead. The General Chapter held in June - July 2019 sends us on a new path in our partnership with the laity.

'Listen! I am sending you on a new path'



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In our journey with lay people, we discover together how God continues to draw us to live the charism.

We rejoice in the many ways lay people are drawn to our charism and spirituality. Journeying together on this path, we are called to formalise our partnerships with them.

Given the different realities in our provinces, vice-provinces and districts, we see three levels of affiliation in our IJ family:

IJ Friends / Partners in Mission are members of our IJ Board of Management, school leaders, staff, alumni, parents, IJ Ambassadors in our CHIJ Schools, the Infant Jesus Homes and Children's Centres (IJHCC) Management Committee, Managers and staff, benefactors, volunteers, well-wishers and those who support us in our respective ministries.

IJ Collaborators are

- ✚ Women and men called to live the Gospel values in the spirit and vision of Blessed Nicolas Barre.
- ✚ People drawn to the IJ Spirituality and IJ Mission.
- ✚ Catholics and people of other faiths
- ✚ People of integrity, financially independent and with the right disposition towards mission, focusing on those who are disadvantaged and at the margins of society.

The IJ Collaborators commit themselves to live the IJ Spirituality and Mission in their own lives, grow spiritually and promise to further the mission of the IJ Sisters through:

- ✚ Personal prayer and the [Prayer of Abandonment](#)
- ✚ Monthly prayer and reflection
- ✚ Annual retreat
- ✚ Bonding as a faith community
- ✚ Participating in the IJ Mission in all its expressions
- ✚ Participating in relevant local and Institute celebrations and events

The IJ Sisters will share with the Collaborators their...

- ✚ heritage,
- ✚ spirituality,
- ✚ mission and ministry, and
- ✚ prayerful support for spiritual growth

The Journey

of an IJ Collaborator begins with an inquiry stage, followed by discernment and then a request to become an IJ Collaborator after a period of formation.

Formation will include:

- ✚ An initiation into the spirituality of the Incarnation (IJ Spirituality)
- ✚ Deepening the understanding of the message of the Gospels
- ✚ A study of the life of Blessed Nicolas Barre, our Founder
- ✚ The history of the Institute
- ✚ Selected writings of our Founder
- ✚ Opportunities to experience Mission with the Sisters
- ✚ Understanding the beliefs of others

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Commitment

Be willing to make a commitment annually to promote God's kingdom. [read the brochure](#)

IJ Collaborators advance to be IJ Associates when they decide to make a lifelong commitment.

IJ Associates are Catholics and who after a period of formation and discernment, officially make a life-long commitment to the Institute by making our spirituality and charism their way of life. They are received into the Institute publicly during a liturgical celebration in the Church.



The IJ Spirit lives on ... the Sisters with the Lay partners, Collaborators, Associates, ever seeking, ever serving, ever sacrificing ...

... to share the Good News ... that all peoples may come to know the love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ and to share His life to foster the growth of all peoples, both in their human and spiritual development.