

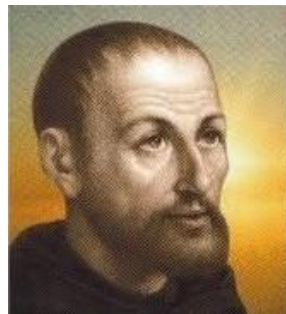


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Our IJ Founder - Blessed Nicolas Barre



It was Father Nicolas Barre's experience of God's magnanimous and abundant love for him and the people that inspired him to respond to God's call to be the instrument in founding the Infant Jesus Sisters. As he grew closer to God, he became more aware of the plight of the poor and decided to act in providing education for children and young people especially girls. He felt strongly that a holistic education was the way to lift them from poverty and give them self-esteem, dignity and meaning in life.

His love for God influenced his way of thinking and acting. Although he experienced misunderstanding, rejection and difficulties in his life and work, he was so secure in God's unconditional love for him that he was able to surmount all the challenges to fulfil his mission and purpose in life. He had great courage and fulfilled his deepest aspiration to want all children and persons to know that God loves each person and that He sent His only son, Jesus, to show us the way of salvation.

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"I am pleased to welcome you who have come to participate in the beatification of Fr Nicolas Barré. Your presence shows your attachment to one who is a gift of God for the Church and for society. I extend a special greeting to you, the family of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus. In your work of instructing children and underprivileged young people, your founder's charism is a call to you to participate in the human and spiritual growth of those entrusted to you. Fr Barré knew that no human wealth is possible without education, no love of God without an apprenticeship in generosity. His undertaking, which you continue with unselfishness, humility and abandonment to God, is a response to extreme human misery. By getting people on their feet, you join the efforts of all who are concerned to make God known. Dear sisters, I encourage you to remain faithful to your educational mission, whose source is found in the love and contemplation of Christ. Following in the footsteps of Nicolas Barré, may you love the Lord, abandon yourselves to him without reserve and lead young people to God!"

Pope John Paul II



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You our God
You put in the heart of
Blessed Nicolas Barré
a great desire to make people know
and love Jesus Christ,
and to form apostles
to serve the humble and the poor.

Grant us the grace that we ask of you
through his intercession
and that, following his example, we may live
more and more
listening to the Holy Spirit,
attentive to our brothers and sisters
and trusting in your love for us.
Amen

In view of the canonisation of Blessed Nicolas Barré.
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