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## Celebrating the Life of Mother Mathilde



Mother St. MATHILDE RACLOT  
1814-1911

➡ Listen to the song [Christ is revealed in you](#)

<https://youtu.be/WDIxOZ4cfh4?si=xH1OZeDYmu90Jb-m>

(by Julie Sim) inspired by the faith and life of Mother Mathilde on the occasion of the 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IJ Mission in Singapore.

Hymn in honour of Mother Mathilde “Guiding Light”

<https://youtu.be/SpgwYjbBBEc?si=g0ZKdjYiUj6MU1RM>

(produced by CHIJ Katong Convent)

➡ [Prayer through Psalms](#)

➡ [Letter to Mother Mathilde](#)

[Prayers to emulate her](#)



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### **Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Infant Jesus Sisters in Japan**

The Tokyo Prelate thanks Sisters of the Infant Jesus for their 150 years of service in Japan

<https://www.rvasia.org/asian-news/tokyo-prelate-thanks-sisters-infant-jesus-their-150-years-service-japan>

With the opening of Japan in 1872, the Bishop of Japan requested Mother General of the Infant Jesus Sisters to send IJ sisters to Japan to care for the orphans and disadvantaged and give education to girls as they did in France, Malaya and Singapore.

The first team of sisters under the leadership of Mother Mathilde left for the mission from Singapore.

The closing Thanksgiving Mass for the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Infant Jesus Sisters in Japan was concelebrated by Archbishop Leo Boccardi, Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Tarcisio Isao Kikuchi of Tokyo Archdiocese, and some religious and diocesan priests and lay partners, in the main chapel of St. Ignatius Church on 24 June, at 14:00 Japan time.

The General Superior, Sr Brigitte Flourez, and Sr Jane, General Councillor, were there to grace the occasion.

Melodious voices from the choirs of four of our IJ Schools filled the chapel with their rendition of the hymns

**[Sr Brigitte's address given at the celebration](#)**

**[A Toast to the Japanese Sisters!](#)**





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## A Pioneer in Education

Rev. Mother Mathilde Raclot, the foundress of CHIJ in Victoria Street, was selected for the inaugural list of ladies for the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame, launched on Fri 14 March 2014. Its purpose is to honour women who have made or are making an impact on the nation - boundary breakers and record holders, risk-takers and change makers, role models and standard setters.

They are women who, at a time when social norms set limits on what a woman could do, pushed back the barriers and led the way for others. They were the pioneers, the pathfinders. They dared to dream and they turned their dreams into a new reality for the women of their time and the generations to come.

All of us rejoice at the recognition of her extraordinary contribution in the field of education in Singapore. It is a wonderful coincidence that this recognition comes on the bi-centenary of her birth and on the 160th anniversary of CHIJ in the year 2014!

## A Tribute to Mother Mathilde by Jessie Goh

Her vision and Mission by Jessie Goh

Sonnet to Mother Mathilde by Claire Ang



At Mother Mathilde's grave in Yokohama



At the grave of deceased Foreign IJ Sisters in Yokohama

(Her grave and those of the early Sisters are cleaned every month by the staff and students of the IJ School in Yokohama.)

## A Prayer to God for the gift of Mother Mathilde (at her grave in Japan)

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



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