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## Celebrating the Life of Blessed Nicolas Barre

### IJ Heritage – Living the Legacy of Fr Barre

Blessed Nicolas Barre was not just a French Minim monk of the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century who provided human and religious education for the young people of his time but he has a tremendous influence through the ages.

In Singapore, the eleven Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus Schools (CHIJ Schools), founded at different times by the Infant Jesus Sisters, deeply rooted in the charism and spirit imparted through the life and writings of Fr Barre, imbibe the same mission, values and motto but express their unique identity in different architectural designs and in the creative expressions of the school population.

The following pictures depict how each school expresses her reflections of the impact of our founder, Fr Barre.

May you be inspired too as you go through the gallery of photos. ... [... read more](#)

 [31 simple prayers for younger children](#)

 [Rap on Fr Barre – by Katong Convent](#)


<https://youtu.be/ewiM4t70P2c?si=pRPrAdlqT5HWkXYp>

## IJ SINGAPORE CELEBRATES

the 400<sup>th</sup> centenary of Fr Barre's birth

THE SPIRIT LIVES ON ...  
IN ALL OF US

WHO HAVE ENCOUNTERED THE IJ FAMILY  
THROUGH THE CALL OF OUR FOUNDER, BLESSED NICOLAS BARRE

 [Special Hymn](#) inspired by Bl Barre's Letter 4 [“What must I do to find You?”](#) written by Julie Sim and sung by Jonathan Wong on this special occasion. Read [Letter 4](#)

 [Spiritual Letters](#) of Fr Barre (found in section under Foundational documents)

Mass was celebrated at 8 am on Sept 2 2021 in all 12 IJ Schools and IJHCC ([Mass readings](#))



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**Novena to Blessed Nicolas Barre** leading to his feast **(in English and Chinese)**  
from 12 to 20\_Oct 2021

**Morning Reflection** on the Letter of Blessed Nicolas Barre and the Prayer of Abandonment Date: 21 October 2021

**Thanksgiving Mass** to close the Jubilee Year Celebrant: Friar Derrick Yap ofm  
followed by Testimonies from Alumni

**Ms Pauline Chan**

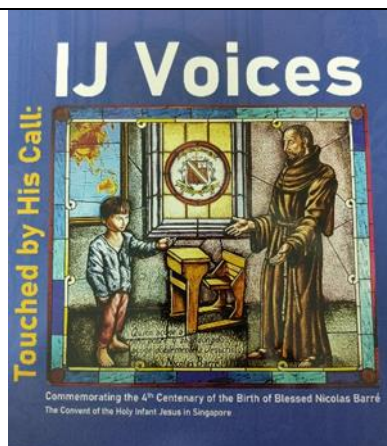
**Dr Margaret Lee**

**Ms Magdalene Chin**

**Dr Claire Ang**

**Prof Lily Kong**

and **Hymn to Blessed Nicolas Barre** (in English and French) – sung by the combined choirs from the 7 CHIJ Primary Schools



Watch the **Book Launch**

**Touched by His call: IJ Voices**  
**(400 reflections by the IJ community)**

**Date: Friday, 22 Oct 2021**

**Representatives from the IJ Family  
read their creative pieces**

**Closing IJ Song: Hold on to our  
dream...**

**Novena to Blessed Nicolas Barre (feast day Oct 21)**

**Novena**



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[The story of Blessed Nicolas Barré and his legacy ... read more](#)

### [Prayer of an IJ girl \(true blue\)](#)

O God, like Blessed Nicolas Barre, may I also believe that you truly love me. Help me dwell in the sunshine of your great love, O Lord, so that whatever I may go through in my life, studies, work and relationships, at home, in school and in society, I may have complete trust in your love and providence. Help me to hold firm to your unconditional and excessive love for me and grant me your peace as I face the challenges on my journey as a citizen of the world. Teach me to be generous in using my gifts, talents, expertise and experience in serving others especially the disadvantaged, the last, the least and the lost, without counting the cost. Help me always to respect the dignity of each person I encounter and to work for the common good. Amen

Who Fr Barre is [... read more](#)

Listen to [the Hymn to Fr Barre](#) in French and English, Lyrics: [French, English](#)

Fr Barre's feast is on 21st October. However, CHIJ schools and the IJHCC in Singapore celebrate his feast in May each year. Here are some [prayers to celebrate](#) the feast.

[Message for Founder's Day 2023](#)

[Gift of the IJ Heritage](#)

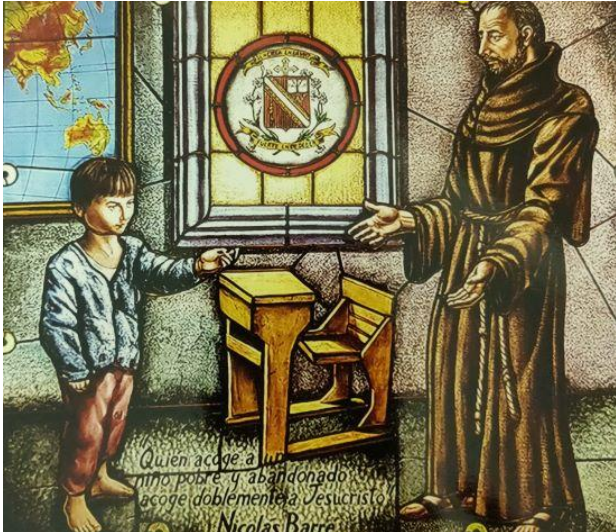
# Infant Jesus Sisters, Singapore (founded in France, 1662, established in Singapore 1854)



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A new stained glass window to honour Blessed Nicolas Barre in a parish in Spain [... read more](#)

"Whoever receives a poor, abandoned child doubly welcomes the person of Jesus Christ."  
Nicolas Barré SR 1:2



Icon by Marc Laenen commissioned by the French Province for the Council of Institute in Malaysia, 2018.

**Message of the icon:** With one hand, he presses CHARITAS to his heart. With the other, he invites to contemplate the child of Bethlehem whose cave is joined to the hill of Golgotha. Jesus looks lovingly on Blessed Nicolas while his gaze is fixed on the Infinite.



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**This sculpture of Blessed Nicolas Barre with the child Jesus is found in the chapel of the IJ Motherhouse in Paris.**

#### **Prayer to Fr Barre**

**O God, who inspired Blessed Nicolas Barré with the desire to make Jesus-Christ known and loved, especially to the lowly and the little ones, grant that, following his example, and through his intercession,**

**we may be faithful to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, attentive to the needs of others, and trust in your constant love for us. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**



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## Prayer through the intercession of Blessed Nicolas Barré, founder of the Infant Jesus Sisters.

God, our Father,

You put into the heart of Blessed Nicolas Barré a great love for the poor, the excluded and those who are troubled and anxious.

We place before you, friends who are sick and in need of your healing touch. Through the intercession of Nicolas Barré, we ask you to grace them with your peace and with life to the full.

We especially pray for

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Following the example of Nicolas Barré, may we be led by the Holy Spirit and hear the whisper of your consoling love:

*'Do not be afraid for I am with you'.*

Help us to trust in your fatherly care and in your Divine Providence.

Jesus, have mercy on us  
Mary, help us,  
St. Joseph protect us,  
Blessed Nicolas Barré, intercede for us.

Amen

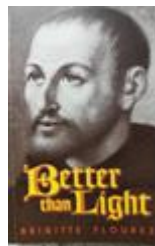


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## Resources inspired by Fr Barre's life and writings

### Books on Fr Nicolas Barre

There are three books on Blessed Nicolas Barre



[Better than Light](#) by Sr Brigitte Flourez IJ

[Director in the Darkness](#) by Dr William Makin

[Comic book](#) on Blessed Nicolas Barre

## Reflections on different topics

Apostolic Spirituality	<u><a href="#">... read more</a></u>
Freedom	<u><a href="#">... read more</a></u>
Hope	<u><a href="#">...read more</a></u>
Humility	<u><a href="#">... read more</a></u>
Prayer-Contemplation	<u><a href="#">....read more</a></u>
The Spirit of the Vows	<u><a href="#">... read more</a></u>
Thoughts on Education	<u><a href="#">... read more</a></u>
Trust in Divine Providence	<u><a href="#">...read more</a></u>



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### Songs

Prayer of Abandonment ([lyrics](#)) [Listen to the song.](#)  
(courtesy of Trevor Nerva & Julie Sim)

inspired by Fr Barre's prayer of Abandonment Sp Letter 12

What must I do to find you? <https://youtu.be/uP0HsJyp3bU>  
(written by Julie Sim and sung by Jonathan Wong,

inspired by [Sp Letter 4](#))

*"Believe that God truly loves you."*

*"Whatever happens, remain at peace and trust in the Lord"*