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News about IJ Sisters in Singapore

Sr Germaine returned to the Lord on 7 Dec 2024.



Read her [eulogy](#) here.

To find out more about our deceased sisters who have passed on, please scroll to the end of the document.

We thank God for the gift of another 5 new IJ collaborators!

We lift our hearts in profound gratitude to God for His bountiful blessings and the gift of Susie, Gloria, Felicia, Daphne, and Brenda, who have embraced the call to be IJ Collaborators.

Their journey of faith, prayer, and service has led them to this significant moment of making their First Commitment on 17 November 2024. Responding with generous hearts, they now share in the charism of Fr. Nicolas Barré and Mother Mathilde, committing themselves to live out the IJ Spirituality and IJ Mission in the spirit of love, humility, and service.

As we rejoice in their 'yes' to God's call, we pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide them, strengthen their faith, and fill them with joy and courage as they journey onward.

May their lives be a reflection of Christ's compassion and light to all they encounter.

With thanksgiving and joy, we entrust them to God's loving care.

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Commitment ceremony for 5 new IJ Collaborators
Nov 17, 2024



IJ Sisters and Associates with the new Collaborators



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We celebrate our 170th Anniversary in 2024!



The celebration of IJ Presence in Singapore was held at the National Stadium on 20 May 2024. 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.

We also 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.



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



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

<https://str.sg/ATJZ>

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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=PL0co6909fswsVpbNTwbpjKLkZgS2-6Mis&si=y2larPM6PSDI91tU>

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

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



Cardinal William Goh with the IJ sisters and guests from Italy, Japan, Malaysia and Thailand at the 170th anniversary



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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.

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

Congratulations Sr Elizabeth

on receiving her "Community Cares Award"

in the MSF Volunteer and Partner Awards Ceremony 2024



Sr Liz receiving her award



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Sr Liz with Minister Masagos Zulkifli

Our new Provincial Team (wef 2 Feb 2024)



Sr Jocelyn Kang (IJ Provincial Councillor), Sr Elizabeth Moey (IJ Provincial IJ Sisters) and Sr Maria Lau (IJ Provincial Councillor)

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Day of Consecrated Life 2024



Blessing of Ministries held on 31 Dec 2023



Sisters and Associates at the event in the chapel

Sr Joan lighting the candle to signify her commitment to her ministry

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Welcome Sr Marina and Sr Felicia!



Srs Felicia and Marina (General Councillors) in Singapore in November 2023



Our special guests with the Pioneering Community together with Sr Boonyarak (Thailand)



Srs Felicia and Marina with the Provincial Team and Associates

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Welcome Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane!



Sr Jane (General Councillor) and Sr Brigitte (General Superior) in Singapore in late Feb 2023



Some Sisters with Sr Brigitte (General Superior) and Sr Jane in Feb 2023



Members of the Pioneering Community with Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane

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Sr Elizabeth and staff welcome Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane to IJHCC

Congratulations Sr Agatha and Sr Joan on their diamond jubilees!



Sr Agatha and Sr Joan each celebrated 60 years of consecrated life in the IJ Mission.

Fr Benedict Chng celebrated the thanksgiving Mass on 11 Feb 2023.



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Congratulations Sr Agnes



Sr Agnes Lee celebrated her Golden Jubilee as an IJ sister on 5 Feb 2022.

Singapore celebrates 200 years of Catholicism SG200 Ignite and Shine)

Our IJ sisters and Alumni were also there to participate in the celebrations. Look out for them in the following videos.

- [Ignite and Shine with Faith](#)
- [Theme Song](#)
- [A Call to shine – history of Catholicism in Singapore](#)
- [Chords of Blessing](#)
 - An evening of praise and worship by our beloved priests, religious and seminarians as they share their vision of faith, hope and charity through music.

Watch the Infant Jesus Children's Homes and Centres (IJHCC) video presented at the Catholic Social Mission Conference 2021.

Listen to Sr Elizabeth and Sr Julia speak about the IJ Sisters to God's Little Helpers on CatholicSG Radio.

<https://podcasts.radioactive.sg/?id=a8df8621b326ba5992d4c6d7352be077&track=26>



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Congratulations Sr Maria

on receiving the IRO award 2021

in recognition of her invaluable contributions towards the promotion of inter-faith peace and harmony in Singapore. [Read the citation](#) here.



Receiving the award from Mr Heng Swee Keat

Read [a related article](#) in the Catholic News



Cardinal Goh with Sr Maria and her Women of Faith Committee in IRO

Our IJ Sisters in Mission

SINGAPORE

Singapore, Malacca and Penang were British Straits Settlements during the time when the first sisters came to Singapore in 1854. With great faith and trust in God's Providence, they answered the call to come out to the East to provide education for girls who were deprived of such a privilege.

In the first days in Singapore, the Sisters dedicated themselves to giving a holistic education to girls under their charge and opened an orphanage to take care of the abandoned children left at the gate.



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In 1965, Singapore became an independent nation. However, the Provinces of Malaysia and Singapore continued to remain as one Province until 2 Feb 1988.

Today the sisters, together with their lay partners, are involved in ministries which emphasise human and spiritual formation.

Our 165th Anniversary

We celebrated the 165th Anniversary of our founding in **May 2019 at the National Stadium**.

We remember fondly the pioneering Sisters from France and Ireland who, with faith and trust in God, left their beloved homeland to give education to girls in Singapore, to build a Christ-centred community with emphasis on our values of *trust, justice, freedom and love* and on service of others, especially the disadvantaged.

Our main celebration for **Founder's Day 2019** was a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by the Archbishop and concelebrated by 33 priests at the National Stadium on 28 May with 18,000 people comprising of all our pupils and staff from our 11 CHIJ Schools and Home and Centres together with parents, alumni, fraternity members, friends and well-wishers.

Watch the video clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbZdhL-D8S0>

Watch and listen to the voices at the stadium singing the CHIJ Song [Hold on to Your Dream](#)

Listen to the Archbishop's homily <https://youtu.be/3lwm0K6Tgt4?si=tycmPXMOIYppraRq>



A [book Ever Seeking, Ever Serving: The Spirit Lives On](#) was written by Dr Eulalia Han, former student and current teacher of CHIJ Secondary, to commemorate the occasion.

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*We thank God for sustaining us in our mission for the past 165 years,
and our pioneering sisters for their daring courage to come to Asia.
(Srs from Ireland, Malaysia, Peru and Thailand came to celebrate with us)*



Our IJ Sisters (with our guests from Ireland, Malaysia and Thailand) with Archbishop William Goh at our 165th Anniversary

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Sr Julia, Sr Maria, Sr Teresa and Margaret at the Day of Consecrated life Talk (2023) by Fr Joseph Zhang CDD



Sr Agatha at St Joseph's Convent 85th Anniversary



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Our Previous Provincial Team (Wef Feb 2021)



Sr Maria Lau (Provincial), Sr Jocelyn Kang and Sr Teresa Lee

Congratulations Sr Elizabeth

Sr Elizabeth Moey made her final profession on 22 Apr 2018 . Sisters from Japan, Malaysia and Singapore came to celebrate our joy! ... [read more](#)



IJ Sisters at Sr Liz's final profession



A Jubilant Sr Liz

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Sr Joan with girls at prayer



Sr Joan with her Catechism students praying the Way of the Cross

Sr Joan teaches catechism at CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace, CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity and CHIJ Kellock.

Let Sr Joan tell you about her life as an educator and pioneering missionary in Bolivia

<https://catholicnews.sg/2015/03/23/year-of-consecrated-life-a-peep-into-the-life-of-sr-joan-tay-ij/>



Archbishop Willam Goh with Srs Elizabeth, Joan, Maria, Celine and Teresa



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Read Sr Teresa's [Vocation story](#) also on IJ Mission facebook



Sr Teresa with parents and staff at St Nicholas' fair

Read [Sr Celine's Vocation story](#) also on IJ Mission facebook



[Read Sr Neriza's Vocation Story here](#)



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Congratulations Sr Christine on her award in Health Care ... [read more](#)



IJ Sisters at Cooling Close Convent

Back row: Sr Christine, Sr Roselind (+), Sr Theresa Khoo (+), Sr Simone (+), Sr Germaine, Sr Bernard, Sr Henry (+), Sr Julia, Sr Deirdre (+), Sr Dolores (+), Sr Joseph, Sr Philomena (+)

Front Row: Sr Agnes, Sr Maria, Sr Elizabeth, Sr Agatha, Sr Joan, Sr Jocelyn, Sr Teresa



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IJ Sisters with Archbishop William Goh

Back Row: Sr Maria, Sr Agnes, Sr Simone (+), Sr Celine,, Sr Julia, Sr Christine, Sr Pauline, Sr Roselind (+)

Middle Row: Sr Joseph, Sr Henry (+), Archbishop, Sr Germaine, Sr Philomena (+), Sr Bernard, Sr Dolores (+)

Front Row: Sr Jocelyn, Sr Agatha, Sr Elizabeth, Sr Joan, Sr Elsie, Sr Teresa

Story of CHIJMES - Memories of CHIJ town Convent Victoria Street still remain. Sr Celine Low and Ms Wendy Louis were interviewed [... read more](#)

. Refreshing you with our milestones

[Connecting to reconnect with the convent](#)

<https://thelongwindingroad.wordpress.com/2014/11/10/connecting-to-reconnect-with-the-convent/>

[CHIJ old girls pay tribute to alma mater on its 160th anniversary](#)

<https://www.straitstimes.com/lifestyle/chij-old-girls-pay-tribute-to-alma-mater-on-its-160th-anniversary>

Writeup in the Straits Times on the 160th anniversary

https://x.com/straits_times/status/531352002731597824

Writeup on the 155th Anniversary

<https://youtu.be/0j2PXfopBvA?feature=shared>





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Remembering our Sisters who had served in the mission in Singapore and gone home to God.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace Amen

Photo	Name, Age at Death, Death date	Eulogy
	Sr Germaine Poey (94) died peacefully on 7 Dec 2024	Read more
	Sr Joseph Tham (93) returned to the Lord on 25 Aug 2024	Read more
	Sr Patricia Bandara (90) died peacefully on 16 Apr 2024	Read more
	Sr Roseline Lim (89) left us on 29 Aug 2022	Read more



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	<p>Sr Elizabeth Browne (95) died in her sleep in Ireland on 3 Jun 2022</p>	<p><u>Read more</u></p>
	<p>Sr Philomena Low (85) returned to God on 13 Sep 2021.</p>	<p><u>Read more</u></p>
	<p>Sr Simone Lim (74) died peacefully on 17 April 2021</p>	<p><u>Read more</u></p>
	<p>Sr Dolores Wang (94) returned to God on 5 April 2021</p>	<p><u>Read more</u></p>



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	Sr Edward Desker (99) left us on 1 Jan 2021.	<u>Read more</u>
	Sr Clarice Lim (93) died peacefully on 26 Mar 2020.	<u>Read more</u>
	Sr Irene Pang (79) has returned to God on 30 April 2019	<u>read more</u>
	Sr Theresa Khoo (76) died peacefully on 5 Nov 2018	<u>Read more</u>



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	Sr Gerard Lee (87) returned to God on 29 Aug 2017	<u>Read more</u>
	Sr Mary Magdalen Cheng (93) left us on 16 June 2017	<u>Read more</u>
	Sr Henry Tan, (95) returned to God on 30 Dec 2016 quietly	<u>Read more</u>
	Sr Deirdre O'Loan's legacy lives on (Sr died on 13 Aug 2016)	<u>Read more</u>



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	Sr Cecilia Chew died peacefully on 23 May 2015	<u>Read more</u>
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e. Our links to St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah) as the Church celebrates her 175th
Anniversary [... read more](#)

*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.*