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Our Foundress of the IJ Mission in Singapore - Mother Mathilde

Meet Mother Mathilde, a woman gripped by a sense of mission. Her deep faith, courage, fortitude never deserted her in her struggle to bring her dream of education for women in Singapore and Malaysia into being.



Mother Mathilde Raclot was a woman with a vision and a deep sense of mission. She was a trail blazer. Amidst all odds and through her deep faith in God, daring courage and a belief in the dignity of every person especially girls and the disadvantaged, she was instrumental in bringing education to girls in Asia and contributed to their growth and development in their God-given talents.

[A brief history of Mother Mathilde \(summarized by Sr Deirdre O'Loan\) ... read more](#)

A Pioneer in Education

Rev. Mother Mathilde Raclot, the foundress of CHIJ in Victoria Street, has been 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. [Read the write-up of Mother Mathilde](#)

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!



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[A Call to serve](#)

Here is a writeup of Mother Mathilde, a pioneer of Catholic education in Singapore, and her call to serve in the East. ... [read more](#)

[Remembering her](#)

[Sonnet to Mother Mathilde](#) by Claire Ang

CHIJ Our Lady of Good Counsel put up a musical on Mother Mathilde

There are four books about her:

[The Life of Rev Mother St Mathilde](#) by Sr St Francis de Sales

[Where there is Darkness](#) by Fr Paul Jenkins SJ

[Comic book](#) produced by Infocomm Club, St Theresa's Convent

Mother Mathilde [Booklet 1](#), [Booklet 2](#), [Booklet 3](#), [Booklet 4](#), [Booklet 5](#)

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[A Prayer to God for the gift of Mother Mathilde](#)

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