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Latest News

Upcoming Events of the IJ Family in 2024

Special Event

A grand 170th Anniversary celebration of IJ Presence in Singapore at the National Stadium is being planned for 20 May 2024.



20,000 participants are expected to celebrate Founder's Day at the National Stadium. It is a day where the whole IJ family, students, staff, parents, alumni, past pupils and friends will come together to thank God for His blessings on us all these years and pray for His continued guidance and blessings in the years ahead.

It is also a day when we celebrate 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.

Together, they will not only pledge to be ambassadors of the environment but also ambassadors of peace.

Remember to look out for more details!



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I have decided to follow JESUS but how?

Join us at the following events to explore how you can follow Jesus in more creative ways.

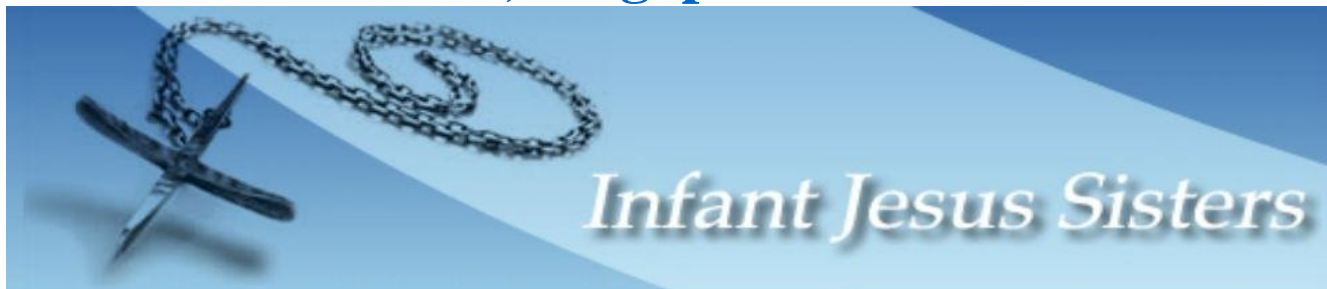
<p>Pilgrimage @CHIJMES Sat 15 Jun'24 Register your interest with Sr Agnes Lee: 9230 2515 lxhagnes@gmail.com</p>	<p>Chill Out with the IJ Family Mon 17 Jun'24 (public holiday) Register your interest with Mrs Mathews: 9856 0820 mathewsshuqoo@gmail.com</p>
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Hold on to our IJ Dream

170th Anniversary 1662-2024

The complex block is a vertical poster. On the left, there is a detailed illustration of a church tower with a cross on top. In the top left corner, there is a circular crest with a red shield and a cross. The main text is in large, bold, black and blue fonts. Below the main text, there is a paragraph of smaller text. At the bottom, there is a dark blue rounded rectangle containing two columns of text for event registration. Below this rectangle, there is an illustration of several children in school uniforms holding a blue banner that says 'Hold on to our IJ Dream'. To the right of the children, there is a circular logo for the 170th anniversary (1662-2024).



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- IJ Sisters, Associates, IJ Board of Management, IJHCC management Committee, Principals and Vice Principals welcomed the new year on 13 Jan with a special mass and blessing presided by Fr Eugene Vaz at CHIJ St Nicholas, who hosted the gathering.



Fr Vaz blessing the retiring Board members



Sr Maria thanking all for their dedication and commitment

- CHIJ St Theresa's Convent celebrated her 90th anniversary in Nov.





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OUR IJ gives back event



Dr Ng Eng Hen expressed his gratitude to the principal, teachers, students and alumni of CHIJ Toa Payoh for showing care to his residents at Toa Payoh Central on 11 Nov by giving groceries and daily necessities to household in need. The IJ Youth Mission girls were there to help!

CHIJ St Joseph's Convent 85th Homecoming

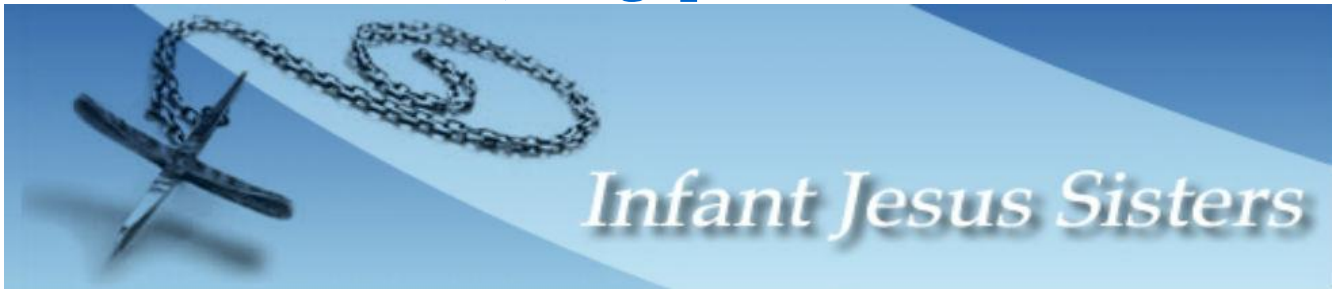


Ex-Principal Ms Susie Ho with Alumni Pauline Chan



IJHCC's presence at CHIJ SJC 85th Homecoming

SJC girls were around to recruit volunteers to help in the CHIJ Infant Homes and Centres!



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Mrs Mathews and Ms Jacinta Cardoza shared with some interested alumni their mission in Laos and Myanmar. Mrs Alice Cheong translated the talk into Mandarin.

CHIJ ALUMNI

IJ CONVERSATIONS
Overseas IJ Mission
GOING BEYOND SELF
Sep, 23rd 2023 10AM - 12PM
More info : www.chijalumni.org

JOIN US!
Come hear from Mrs Mathews and Jacinta as they share their years of experience serving in Laos and Myanmar.
Find out how you can be involved in this meaningful venture!

Mrs Mathews
IJ Associate, Member of the Lao Mission Team

Jacinta Cardoza
Coordinator, Pinya Sanye Teacher Training Institute (Myanmar)

REGISTER NOW!
Scan QR code now to book your seats!

- **Founder's Day 2023 began with the celebration of the Eucharist at each of the 11 schools and IJHCC on 24 May 2023. This was followed by school activities and the IJ Student Forum at CHIJ Secondary school hall. It was attended by both Secondary and Primary school representatives.**
- **The Theme was "Going beyond oneself".**

Our panelists, also our school alumni, were Evelyn Louis, (St Theresa's Convent), Mathilda Ho (St Joseph's Convent), Nadia Ahmad Samdin (Katong Convent), Rachel Teo (St Nicholas Girls' School) and Teo Jin Lee (CHIJ Victoria St), with Jacqueline Loke (the moderator) also from CHIJ Victoria St.





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Students queueing to ask the panelists questions

- **CHIJ Primary schools had an inaugural CHIJ football fiesta at Jalan Besar Stadium on 22 May 2023. It was organised by CHIJ Our Lady of Good Counsel. There was good support from the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) and AFA who sent a few National girls team players and ActiveSG coaches to coach our girls. [...read more](#)**



- **CHIJ St Joseph's Convent had her Awards Ceremony on 5 May. Ms Pauline Chan, an alumna, was there to share her joy!**

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- Our IJ Sisters, Associates and Collaborators were at the Vocation Fair organised by the Carmelite Fathers at Sts Peter and Paul Church to distribute brochures to promote vocations.



Sisters, Associates and Collaborators helping out




Who we are

We are an international group of Catholic Religious Sisters serving in 4 continents, desiring to centre ourselves in God, following Christ by dedicating ourselves in total abandonment to the proclamation of the Good News.

Our Founder - BI Nicolas Barre

Aman of deep faith and contemplative vision, he founded the Infant Jesus Sisters to respond to the poor, in a spirit of abandonment and trusting in God's Providence.



Mother Mathilde Raclot

Responding to the call to start education for girls in the East, she left France with a few sisters on this mission. Her vision, faith, courage and endurance led her to set up a school for girls within ten days of her arrival in Singapore.

The Infant Jess Sisters would like to invite you to a spiritual journey at CHIMES where Mother Mathilde and 3 sisters started education for girls in 1854. They also looked after hundreds of babies and children left at their gate. (The Gate of Hope)

Join them on a spiritual pilgrimage to listen to how the Spirit kept the sisters and those who shared their mission alive till today.

You will hear miracles and how "Simple in Virtue; Steadfast in Duty" is still our distinguishing hallmark of service.

Join us in the U Pilgrimage @ CHIMES
Date: Saturday, 13 May 2023
Time: 9 am to 11 am
Meeting Place: CHIMES Gate of Hope
Contact: Dr Margaret Lee
(Director, Mission & Formation)
(HP:91590426)
Email: margaretmarilee@yahoo.com.sg

[CHIJ SISTERS](http://www.chij-sisters.org) @CHIJ-Sisters.org

Prayer of Abandonment


LORD, I want nothing more, I desire nothing more only to be ready to desire what you desire and as you desire it. It is enough for me that you hold me in your presence, that you take care of everything, that you watch over all my concerns, all that happens to me and that nothing escapes your adorable guidance of my life.

O Jesus! O Love! You are my God and my All, centre and unfathomable depth of goodness and greatness! May Jesus live and he will live again! There is nothing left for me to desire. Choose Lord, what you want of me. Order all things, plans, and arrange all things in the way that pleases you, and I will try and make my desires and actions yours, to follow you in everything and everywhere, without reserve or limit.

Finally, Lord I want to belong totally to you, no more measuring or portioning out, neither in life nor in death, in sorrow or in joy, on earth or in heaven. My beloved is all mine, and I am his forever.

O Jesus! O Love!

(Nicolas Barre: Letter 12)



Infant Jesus Sisters,
Nicolas Barre

Rooted deeply in the mystery of the Incarnation, the IJ Sisters with the Associates, Collaborators, Friends and Partners in Mission proclaim the Good News and foster the growth of all people, especially the disadvantaged in their human and spiritual development.

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This is our brochure!

- On 29 April, CHIJ St Theresa's Convent invited the children of the IJHCC's Galilee and Agape Centres to her School Carnival as part of her 90th Anniversary celebrations.



Statue of St Theresa at the entrance of the school



Our 3 Special ladies – Valerie, Clara and Veronica



Sr Elizabeth and staff with Valerie, Clara and Veronica





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IJHCC children participating in the activities

- On Mar 29 2023, 28 students and 2 teachers from Yokohama Futaba High School, Japan, visited CHIJ ST Theresa's Convent. The visitors were introduced at Assembly and had some interaction with our girls.

Our Japanese friends with some students and staff at CHIJ St Theresa's Convent



- On 27 Mar 2023, some students and teachers from Shizuoka Futaba School visited CHIJ secondary, that has a standing Twinning Programme with the above-named school, Fukuoka Futaba and Yokohama Futaba since 2011, and Denenchofu Futaba since 2017. [... read more](#)

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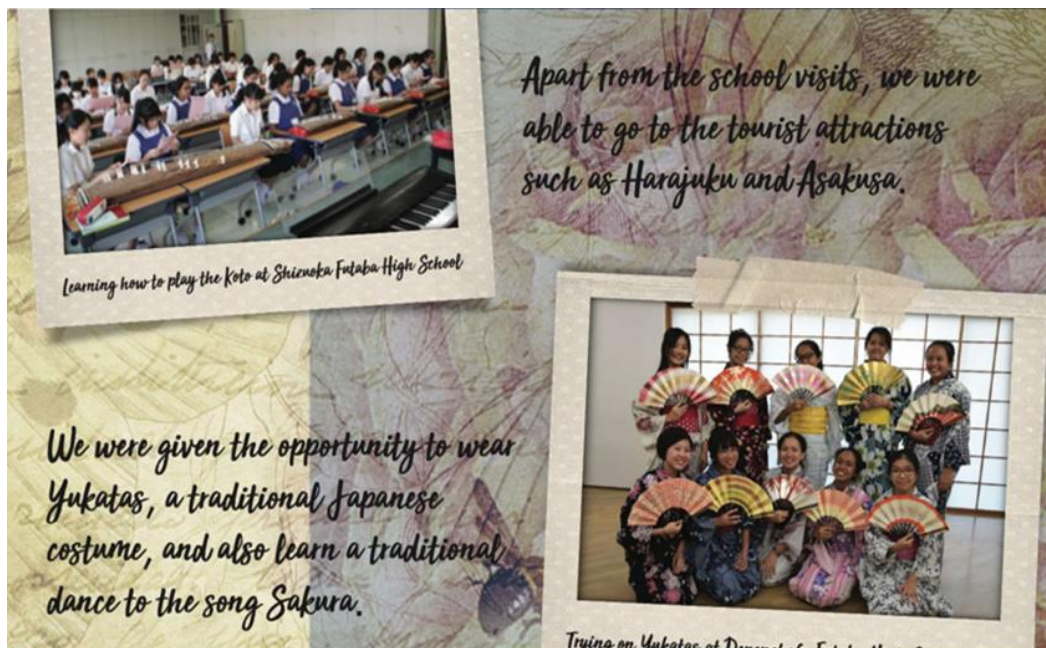
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The Japanese Visitors with some students and staff at CHIJ Secondary

Our CHIJ students visited Japan too.

There was great interaction among the students!



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- CHIJ St Joseph's Convent celebrated her 85th Anniversary with a mass on 24 Mar.



Some Sisters and Associates also attended the Catholic Education Conference via Zoom.

- Members of the CHIJ Family attended the Catholic Education Conference on 14 Mar 2023



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- CHIJ Katong Convent celebrated Honours' Day on 9 Mar.

- We were honoured to be graced with the visit of our IJ Superior General, Sr Brigitte Flourez, and her General Councillor, Sr Jane, in late Feb 2023.

Welcome Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane!



Sr Jane and Sr Brigitte at CHIJ Secondary School chapel

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Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane welcomed by the key personnel of CHIJ Primary and Secondary Schools



With the Sisters

With the Associates at Fr Barre's statue



Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane at lunch with the Pioneering Community



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Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane with the Principals of the 11 CHIJ Schools and Fr Danker SJ



Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane at the Infant Homes and Children's Centres (IJHCC)

Read more about [Sr Brigitte and Sr Jane's visit](#)

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- CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' held a CNY Thanksgiving mass and launched their 90th Anniversary celebrations on 20 Jan.



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