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Our IJ Founder - Blessed Nicolas Barre



It was Father Nicolas Barre's experience of God's magnanimous and abundant love for him and the people that inspired him to respond to God's call to be the instrument in founding the Infant Jesus Sisters. As he grew closer to God, he became more aware of the plight of the poor and decided to act in providing education for children and young people especially girls. He felt strongly that a holistic education was the way to lift them from poverty and give them self-esteem, dignity and meaning in life.

His love for God influenced his way of thinking and acting. Although he experienced misunderstanding, rejection and difficulties in his life and work, he was so secure in God's unconditional love for him that he was able to surmount all the challenges to fulfil his mission and purpose in life. He had great courage and fulfilled his deepest aspiration to want all children and persons to know that God loves each person and that He sent His only son, Jesus, to show us the way of salvation.

[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

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[New French Lyrics](#) edited by Sr Brigitte Flourez

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 2020](#) by IJ Provincial Singapore [...read more](#)

[Prayer Service](#) to celebrate Pentecost and the Feast Day of Blessed Nicolas Barre

Here are some resources for Founder's Day Mass – [Version 1](#) [Version 2](#).

Pray the [Novena to Fr 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

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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.

“Believe that God truly loves you.”

“Whatever happens, remain at peace and trust in the Lord”