

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO JOIN

Mother Ignacia Movement of Canada?

Parishioners who desire to enrich their spiritual life by prayer and good deeds, by disseminating information about Venerable Ignacia del Espiritu Santo, by praying for her beatification are welcome to join the Mother Ignacia Movement of Canada.

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Since 1959 the members of the Religious of the Virgin Mary have gone beyond the borders of the Philippines into the missions overseas. In the Overseas mission, the Sisters are involved in religious education, social work, education ministry, pastoral ministry and special ministries. The RVM Sisters are currently in the United States, Canada, Italy, Indonesia, Pakistan, West Africa. and Taiwan.

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF MOTHER IGNACIA DEL ESPIRITU SANTO

Father in heaven, your name is glorified over all the earth in your saints, men and women, distinguished by their wholehearted service and love for you. Through them, you have established religious congregations in your Church. In your goodness and mercy, you have looked with favor on your people in the Philippines and have chosen from among them your lowly handmaid **IGNACIA DEL ESPIRITU SANTO** to be the foundress of a religious family under the special protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We humbly ask you then to glorify your name in her by performing the miracles needed for her beatification through your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (petition)

May her prayers and intercession obtain for us the favors we ask for, particularly that of remaining ever faithful to your love and service.
Amen.

Mother Ignacia del Espiritu Santo, pray for us.

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MOTHER IGNACIA MOVEMENT OF CANADA (M.I.M.)



VENERABLE IGNACIA DEL ESPIRITU SANTO

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OUR GOALS:

- To spread information about Venerable Ignacia del Espiritu Santo, foundress of RVM Sisters
- To pray for Mother Ignacia's beatification and eventual canonization as St. Ignacia.
- To witness to God's compassionate love for all
- To do spiritual and corporal works of mercy in collaboration with the Apostles of the Holy Face of Jesus
- To help in evangelization by selling religious articles/books at St. Theresa's Bookstore

MOTHER IGNACIA'S BACKGROUND:

Her father was Jusepe luco, a Chinese from Amoy, China. He lived in Binondo, Manila and converted to the Catholic faith in 1652. Her mother was Maria Jeronima, a native Filipina.

Mother Ignacia del Espiritu Santo was baptized on March 4, 1663. She was baptized as **Ignacia del Espiritu Santo** by the Dominican missionary, Father Alberto Collares. Her last name is **del Espiritu Santo**, not luco, because it was customary among the pious parents at that time to give their children devotional name at Baptism.



WHAT DID MOTHER IGNACIA DO?

When Ignacia was 21 years old, she had her retreat under the direction of Father Paul Klein, a Jesuit priest from Bohemia. After this period of prayer, she decided to serve God. Her life of prayer attracted the native women who also felt the call to the religious life. Mother Ignacia accepted these women and the first RVM community was born. Mother Ignacia organized the retreat movement in the Philippines and helped in the education ministry of the Catholic church.

In 1684 Mother Ignacia founded the **Beatas de la Compania de Jesus** now known as the **Religious of the Virgin Mary**, the first Filipino religious Congregation granted papal recognition. Mother Ignacia was the first Filipina to found a Congregation of religious women in the Philippines. Mother Ignacia and her beatas were observed as disciples of Christ serving God in all peoples.

On July 6, 2007 Pope Benedict XVI signed the decree that attests to the heroic virtues of Mother Ignacia del Espiritu Santo, Foundress of the Religious of the Virgin Mary (RVM Sisters).

The community of the Religious of the Virgin Mary celebrated on Feb. 1, 2008 the promulgation from Rome of the Decree of Virtue of Venerable Ignacia del Espiritu Santo, Foundress of the RVM Sisters.

Let us pray that she, who made a significant difference in the society of her time, be an inspiration and a model for our youth of today who are searching for the meaning of life.

VARIED MINISTRIES OF THE M.I.M OF CANADA:

In gratitude for the abundant gifts God has given us, the members of the Mother Ignacia Movement return to Him the first fruits of these gifts through acts of service which we render to the sick, the hungry, the dying, the lonely, and all those who need prayers.

As we follow God faithfully, serve Him joyfully, give generously, live responsibly, we are mindful that our ministry is part of Stewardship.

AT ST. THERESA'S PARISH, WE:

- Serve the sick who need to be visited in the nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals.
- Spread the Good News of God's kingdom
- Bring Holy Communion to the sick
- Lead prayers at the homes of the family of deceased parishioners
- Ask God for spiritual and temporal needs through Venerable Ignacia's intercession.
- Manage the Little Flower Religious Bookstore of Saint Theresa's Church and enhance spiritual growth through the use of DVD, Bible, religious books and other religious articles which help deepen parishioners' love for God, our Blessed Mother and the Saints

For favors received, send a written testimony to the RVM Sisters at

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