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**UNLESS QUOTING FROM** sources or the names of scholars, this work adopts the revised romanization conventions developed by the National Academy of Korean Language. Macrons are used in Japanese romanization, following the revised Hepburn system, except where the word has become a common loanword in English.

Names of historical individuals typically follow Korean, Japanese, and Chinese language conventions, with family names preceding generational, and given and baptismal names.

The names of modern scholars are presented in the order and style used in the relevant publication, although they are consolidated under one version in the bibliography.



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## TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

- 1549      Arrival of the first Jesuit, Francis Xavier, in Japan
- 1566      First known investigation of a mission to the Joseon kingdom by the Jesuits, instigated by Superior Cosme de Torres, explored by Gaspar Vilela.
- Late 1560s      Establishment of the Jesuit enclave at Nagasaki
- 1587      Toyotomi Hideyoshi issues anti-Christian edict
- 1592      The first Japanese invasion of the Joseon kingdom
- 1593      *Conversions of captured Koreans begin in Japan*  
              Jesuit Gregorio de Céspedes arrives in Joseon in the train of Konishi Yukinaga  
              Retreat of Japanese forces
- 1597      The second Japanese invasion of the Joseon kingdom
- 1598      Death of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, withdrawal of Japanese forces from Joseon
- 1606      *The Jesuit João Rodrigues Giram documents Ana, Ursula, and Clara in his annual letter*
- 1607      King Seonjo sends envoys to the Tokugawa leadership, seeking repatriation of captured Koreans
- 1609      *The Church of Saint Lawrence is built by the evangelized Korean community in Nagasaki*
- 1612      *Marina joins the community of nuns in Miyako*  
              *Julia is exiled for her faith to Ōshima, then Niiijima, later Kōzushima*
- 1613      *Máxima is punished for her faith in Arima*
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- 1620      *Destruction of the Church of Saint Lawrence in Nagasaki*

- 1622 *Inés is beheaded in Nagasaki*
- 1624 *Catalina is beheaded in Shimo Innai, Akita*
- 1627 First Manchu (Later Jin) conflict with the Joseon kingdom
- 1629 *Isabel is investigated and tortured at Mount Unzen*
- 1636 Second Manchu (Qing) conflict with the Joseon kingdom
- Marina dies in Manila*
- Lady Gang with her husband Crown Prince Sohyeon, Lady Jang and Prince Bongrim, and their entourage are taken as political hostages of the Qing to Shenyang*