

THEOPHILE VERBIST

Hymn for the 200 Years of Fr. Theophile Verbist, cism
Founder of CICM (1823-2023)

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Two hundred years ago,
a son was born
in the city of Antwerp,
a shining star that sent the gloom away.

A priest and man of God,
he cared for the Youth;
a man of great heart, he gave joy and hope
to the orphans and the Poor.

Chorus

Theophile Verbist,
Theophile Verbist,
you are the servant of God,
rejoice with the Lord.

Full of zeal and eagerness,
he left his homeland
to bring the Gospel to the Poor of China;
he gave his life for them.

One of heart and one of soul,
we are CICM.
We carry on the work with the Lord by our side,
to the nations, we will go.

Chorus

**Theophile Verbist,
Theophile Verbist,
you are the servant of God,
rejoice with the Lord.**