

# Uganda Girls Project



St. Mary by the Sea Parish, Rockaway Beach, Oregon

## A message from St. Mary by the Sea . . . Uganda Team . . . January 13, 2021

Hi! I am Maria Patterson, Uganda team member from St. Mary by the Sea. . . . With so much terrible dis-connect these days, it is good to reflect upon St. Aloysius girls' school in Uganda and all the unadulterated good! One of my readings today made me think of Sister Immaculate. It was by Charity Kiregyera of Kampala. She had inadvertently set a fire while working on a garden plot. In her panic she suddenly remembered to call upon the lord. She prayed: *"Lord help me; you always help me when I ask. Please don't let this fire cross the boundaries."* She continued that *"the fire eventually died down and I lifted my hands and thanked God. Anxiety is a natural response to misfortune and danger. When we hold on to our anxiety and allow it to overwhelm us, fear may keep us from being able to think calmly or trust God. . . . We can cast our fears on the Lord. In times of anxiety we can trust the God who cares for us will move to help us solve our problems."*

Doesn't that remind you of our own Sister Immaculate? Such a woman of great faith!

**Thanks to all for your help in this amazing endeavor!!**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear Friends!

I am so grateful for all the donations that have been sent this past stressful year of 2020! Oh my Goodness! We are so blessed to have you as our wonderful friends! You are such a great consolation in my life and have helped me so much in my ministry here at St. Aloysius. Your continued support has given opportunity to many many girls to get a good education through these past years.

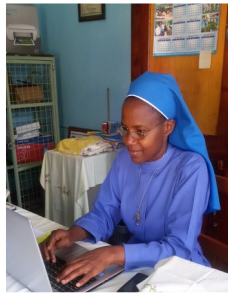
St. Aloysius is to reopen this coming Monday for classes again. Please pray that every girl will return to school healthy!

Our teachers were very happy to get their full salary before they left for Christmas break! You have loved us and cared for us indeed.

With our election in just two days from now (Thursday, January 14th), we are in political tension these days in Uganda. The government is shutting down all social media! I will have no more communication with anyone until the government decides. I guess that tells it all, dear friends! We wish you many blessings and good health in this new year of 2021.

With deep gratitude . . . . .

**Sister Immaculate, Principal**





*Our farm truck driver thanking us for his Christmas gift of bananas. He thanks you for being able to have a job and receive pay. He rides his bike to and from work, but with his bananas on his bike, he will push it home to-day .*



*This is the mother of a student who is working for us to supplement her daughter's scholarship money. She was so grateful for the bananas we gave her for Christmas.*



*Dear Friends . . . . We thank God for you and your willingness to join our efforts to support St. Aloysius Girls' School in Uganda! This has been a difficult year everyone around the world but, thanks to you, St. Aloysius continues to operate at a time when many schools are closing in Uganda!*

**WeeBale!**

*Thank you from the St. Mary by the Sea Uganda Girls' Project team!*

**Thank you for your very generous donations! Sister appreciates all you have done for her girls. Future donation checks should be made out to St. Mary by the Sea Church and mailed to:**

St. Mary by the Sea  
ATTN: Catherine Imbrie  
P.O Box 390  
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

**On the 15th of each month, checks will be deposited into the account for Sr Immaculate, then wired to Uganda. She will use the money to buy food for the girls, pay teachers and continue building projects. Forty dollars sent each month can keep a girl in school ! It costs \$450 a year for tuition, room, board and uniform.**