

Uganda Girls Project



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear Esteemed Sponsors,

On behalf of St Aloysius, I am writing to express our deepest gratitude to you for your unwavering support and generous sponsorship to our girls throughout this year 2024. Thank you for your kindness and generosity that has enabled our students to pursue their education with enhanced resources, opportunities and experiences in school. With your support of their educational journey, I believe they have become empowered with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make informed decisions about their lives. This includes health decisions, career options and relationships. In the future, the access to education they have received will help these girls to break the cycle of poverty in their homes and offer them employment opportunities. This will enable them to support themselves and help their families. Most importantly these young, educated women will create a difference in their communities as they serve the church, and our nation as educated women.

This year has been challenging to many parents in terms of paying school dues. Your scholarship support has greatly helped us and enabled our school to meet the needed requirements in the form of salary for staff, food for students, water, electricity, repairs, internet, health needs and many more needs.

Your generosity has made St Aloysius stand strong and has made a significant difference in the lives of our daughters. We are immensely grateful for your partnership.

May God continually bless the work of your hands and may His face shine upon every one of you.

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal



A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Team, December 14, 2024

At this time of year let us remember the St. James 2:14-18 reading. Many years ago, team members, Tony and Michelle Vinciguerra wrote of the relevance of this passage to our St. Aloysius project. I believe this remains relevant even more so today. ***If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day and you say to them, goodbye and good luck, keep warm and well fed, but do not meet their bodily needs, what good is that? So it is with faith that does nothing in practice. It is thoroughly lifeless.*** Tony and Michelle heard our priest at that time clearly state that there is an energy within Love and Compassion that desires to be shared, a deepening of the Christ-life in us that wants to deepen the Christ-life in others. Supporting poor students, who have need of scholarship help, is one of many projects that we can do to help deepen our own Christ- life as well as help others on their journey.

St. Aloysius has made major progress through YOUR generous donations! We have helped over 350 young women complete their education which would not have been possible without our scholarship support to the poorest young women. These girls are the future of Africa, and it is only through education that change will occur in Africa. Tony and Michelle know this is true because they have been to Africa working in dental clinics, and they have observed firsthand the need for education.

Thank you, friends, for your very generous response to our Christmas appeal letter! You are making a difference! We will update the specific and end of year numbers in our next newsletter!

Merry Christmas from The Team!

**Merry Christmas from
St. Aloysius Girls' School
Masaka, Uganda**





Letters



A letter from Claire, one of our first full scholarship recipients 9 years ago. And, no, we did not know about the other classmate of Claire's who is already a doctor. We just learned from Sr. Immaculate that she was also a scholarship recipient! What a difference YOU have made, friends! Here is Claire's letter:

Hello dear friends, it has been a long journey for me since you first became my donor when I was at St. Aloysius and had nothing. My humble regards and thank you to you and your families. I am checking in to send much love and tell you that I'm heading to my finals! I ask for your prayers that I do well and become a physician very soon.

Did you know that there is another St. Aloysius classmate of mine that you also helped with a scholarship that has already graduated and is now a physician? She was like me, probably dropping out of high school because we did not have the money for school. Thank you for your gift of education to us that enabled both of us to get government scholarships for the university!

Claire



The girls are now on break until January when a new school year will begin! (Opposite of the United States.)



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**. (Please write UGANDA on the memo line) and mail to:

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ATTN: Catherine Imbrie
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OR give online at: www.stmarybythesea.com click on Online Giving and under Fund choose St.Aloysius School in Uganda.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS!