

# Uganda Girls Project



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

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

Greetings to all our friends from the students and staff at St. Aloysius. . . .



The new school year of 2025 has officially begun with our time for reflection in the traditional retreat. The theme this year is, "What do you want me to do for you Lord?" It is based on Mark 10: 46- 52. This coming week will be our first week of classes.

Of the 32 young S6 (12th grade) students who have just graduated in December from St. Aloysius, half of them received scholarships of varying amounts from you during these last 6 years! I'm very happy to report that now 6 of our 32 graduates have been accepted to enter the Daughters of Mary, as novices! We are thrilled that these young women will hopefully become sisters who will serve our people with care and sacrifice!

Of the 68 girls who finished their S4 (10th grade) year and received their Ordinary Certificates, some of these young ladies will be starting nursing school programs as is the case every year. There are many other popular apprenticeship programs such as sewing and fashion design that some girls also plan to do. For many of these students it is necessary that they get a good job soon to start helping their families financially.

In other news, our new curriculum program being instituted in Uganda is continuing to change which makes teachers as well as students learn new methods of learning. The curriculum now focuses on critical thinking and less on memorization of facts.

We hope this letter finds you, our dear friends, doing well. Your care and support for our girls means so much. We are filled with gratitude for whatever help you can give us.

*Sister Maria Theresa, Principal*

## A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Girls Project Team, February 12, 2025

I wish to share my thoughts and feelings for our Uganda Girls project here at St. Mary by the Sea. It is the gift of an education and with that, an opportunity for change. Part of the attraction for me is the wholistic approach at St. Aloysius; the students are learning academics, life skills, responsibility, spirituality, and gratitude. I am even more attracted to the feelings I experience when I pray for that school and contribute when I can. It is a huge reason for me to be a part of St. Mary by the Sea parish. I love our little church, the fellowship, the feeling of belonging, and the spiritual guidance that I receive from Fr. Mac.

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The energy, grace and belief in a purpose like our Uganda Girls Project is a pure and loving attraction that sets St. Mary by the Sea apart. This project is beautiful Catholic teaching in action. It spreads the Word and makes a huge difference for some very vulnerable families. I will continue to attend St. Mary by the Sea as long as I am able to because of this St. Aloysius School project. It is a project that is near and dear to my heart.

Thank you to all who donate and work diligently to make this project a success. Thank you to those who make it possible to send every dime that is given directly to the St. Aloysius account in Uganda. That is huge! I believe this project attracts people to our church. Our beloved St. Mary by the Sea is helping the Daughters of Mary sisters take care of Mary's needy daughters in Uganda.

*Love from, Christine, Committee Member*

***May God continue to bless you and your family!***

## Our 2025 School Year Has Officially Begun!





← Meet Priscilla who was recently brought to school by her mother for this new school year. She will be given a scholarship as her family has little but Priscilla scored very high on her primary government tests. How can we turn these little ones away who God has blessed with the desire and ability to go to secondary school?

→ Sister Immaculate is on break from Austin Prep High School in Massachusetts where she teaches and is a Superior to four other Daughters of Mary sisters there. During her break to commemorate her 25 years as a sister, she visited St. Aloysius! Congratulations Sister Immaculate!

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**Thank you to all of our friends and patrons!**



## Letters

Dear Sponsors,  
I humbly extend a warm greeting to you in the name of Jesus our Lord. With a grateful bow I thank you for your generosity and support for all six years of contributing to my education.

I can't even imagine where I would be if it wasn't for you paying my school fees to educate me. I would have no chance to be with an education beyond primary school, so I thank you for my future. Currently I am looking forward to joining the Bannabiikira, that is the Daughters of Mary sisters! By the time you read this I will already be pursuing my vocation to become a religious sister with a career in teaching children.

Indeed I don't have the words to express my sincere gratitude towards you, our dear sponsors. I just pray that God takes care of you and lights the path of your feet as you have taken care of me, your loving daughter.

Everlasting peace, and harmony to all your families, Harriet

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My dear Sponsors,  
You have persevered with me through these long six years and not given up on me and I am so grateful. May the Lord who provides, reward you abundantly for sticking with me and granting me this miracle of education. I am now patiently waiting for my government test scores which I know will successfully come back soon. Then I will continue my education at the university level.

Thank you dear sponsors, Robina



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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