

# Uganda Girls Project



Rockaway Beach, Oregon and Peabody, Massachusetts

March 2026

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

I apologize for the delay in writing. I have been quite sick for the past few weeks, but I am now feeling much better, thank God. I am pleased to share a few updates about the activities and progress at the school as we begin the new academic year.



**First, we thank God for the successful return of the 2025 National Exam results. St. Aloysius was ranked the best school in Kalungu District and 5th in the entire Masaka Diocese, which covers 10 districts. This is a great achievement, and we continually thank God for this blessing.**

We are still in the process of receiving new students in Form 1 and Form 5, but we officially welcomed them on March 8. On that same day, we also celebrated our exam results in a spirit of thanksgiving. **The International Women's Day celebration gave both staff and students an opportunity to reflect on the important role women play in society. Our girls were encouraged to pursue their dreams with confidence and determination.**

The orientation process—introducing students to the school routine, culture, values, rules, and expectations—has helped them settle in well. They have now begun their academic journey with great enthusiasm.

In addition, we organized a spiritual retreat for both staff and students. This retreat provided a meaningful time for reflection, prayer, and renewal, helping to strengthen our shared values and our commitment to education and personal growth.

**We thank you for your continued support. We will keep you updated about the school's progress and activities.**

*Sister Maria Theresa, Principal*

## FROM THE TEAM . . .

As you know, *The Daughters of Mary Sisters* have now been blessed with nonprofit status in our country and Sr. Immaculate is faithfully taking on the challenge of managing this 501(c)(3) for her order—while continuing her full-time teaching ministry at Austin Prep in Boston! She is currently working through the requirements of the Boston Catholic Diocese to run a nonprofit. She hopes to receive final approval soon, which will allow her to wire funds directly to Uganda. This will involve, however, some additional costs in wiring fees—something we have been able to avoid in the past thanks to the kindness and generosity of Holy Rosary Parish in Seattle.

Though these changes have required some adjustment, we are reminded once again that the Holy Spirit is always at work in this mission with guidance and we trust fully that we are doing God's will. We are grateful to share that, through your generosity, **\$6,725 has already been sent to St. Aloysius this year. We hope we can reach our goal of \$40,000 for 2026.**

Any ideas that you may have for simple and sustainable fundraising efforts are welcome, especially those that our small (and faithfully dedicated!) team can carry out.

**Please hold the young women whose lives are being changed through our scholarships in your hearts. Remember that because of you, they are given the chance not only to attend school, but to remain there with dignity, hope, and purpose.** Many will grow into confident, capable leaders who uplift their communities and become living witnesses to the power of education. Some of you met student Jane Frances, one of our scholarship students from St. Aloysius at our yard sale last summer! She is definitely one of tomorrow's leaders!

**St. Aloysius continues to flourish as a place where futures are shaped. This is God's work—and you are a vital part of it. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and belief in this mission. You are truly making a difference in the lives of these young women.**

**Weebale! Thank you, friends!**

**St. Aloysius was ranked #1 in the Kalungu District in the National Exam results! Congratulations!**





**Weebale!**

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

*Our school community was deeply saddened to learn that two of our returning students recently lost their parents. The news has touched the hearts of many students and staff, and there has been a quiet sense of grief among our girls as they try to understand and support their classmates. During this difficult time, we are keeping these students and their families in our prayers and surrounding them with care, kindness, and support.*



**Thank you for your very generous donations! Sister Maria Therese appreciates all you have done for her girls. To contribute online, go to: <https://bannabikirasisterscorp.org> OR mail donation checks to:**

**Daughters of Mary Sisters  
c/o Sister Immaculate  
136 Lynn St.  
Peabody, MA 01960**

Make your checks out to **Daughters of Mary** and write **St. Aloysius School** in the memo line. Please include your email address!

**\$650 provides a girl in-need with room, board and tuition for a year!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS!**