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Rev. Fr Brian Pereira SJ
Rector -St Aloysius "Deemed To Be
University".
Director -SACAA

FROM THE PATRON...

Dear friends in SACAA,

It is said that the growth and expansion of an educational institution depends on the strength and connect among its alumni base. Our Alma Mater is a nourishing mother, nurturing its children with affection, discipline and character. I am sure each one of you fondly cherish the days, months and years of your lives spent in this sprawling and empowering campus. Your alma mater has inspired you and blessed you into your chosen fields of careers and professions. Today, you have come back in a significant way to give back and be a part of its growing and flourishing journey as all MJES institutions move forward with surging pace towards excellence forming men and women, for and with others. Being a university, we have an emphatic role to play in its journey ahead. I am told that SACAA, its office bearers and the executive council have been working tirelessly towards building the image and character of the institution. In the last few months, I have witnessed your passion, loyalty and commitment to the Jesuit Vision and Mission. I appreciate your support and cooperation to the Heads of Institutions, and wish that your loyalty and goodwill will continue to shape the future of our institutions.

As the Patron of SACAA, I wish on each one of you and your families, God's abundant blessings and strength to continue the great Aloysian legacy as we reach the 150 years of the Aloysian iconic presence and service to society.

Continue to be a part of this great Jesuit tradition of traditions!

May God bless you!

Long Live SACAA!

Rev. Fr Brian Pereira SJ





Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ
Vice Chancellor-St Aloysius “Deemed To
Be University”.
Director -SACAA

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

My dear friends in SACAA,

Warm greetings from St Aloysius University! It is with immense joy and gratitude to God that I write these few words recognizing and sharing the pleasant tidings from SACAA. As always, the dynamic and ever vibrant SACAA has been in its action-packed elements in the past few months. The enthusiasm and proactive approach of the Alumni Association have been catalysts in facilitating innovative ideas, social service initiatives and student-centric activities on and off the campus. The presence of the alumni in all our endeavours not only have added value to the quality of education but also enhanced the public image of the institutions throughout the region, state, nation and across the globe. St Aloysius (Deemed to be) University has accomplished unprecedented accolades and recognitions within just two years of Transforming itself into a university. I see the divine hands guiding the trajectories of our growth; its providential. God has blessed the untiring collaborative efforts of the management, staff, students and SACAA in abundance. Let us thank God for the showers of blessings. All the units of MJES have recorded highest of academic performance, and have beaten several benchmarks of yore through the hard work and unstinted commitment and dedication of the staff and students. The Schools of Engineering, Law and Education have exhibited tremendous growth in performance in the very first year of their commencement. This is not only heartening but also indicates a flourishing future driven by innovation, erudition and leadership. Our dream of creating future leaders with purpose, creativity and compassion, will no doubt, be a reality. SACAA has been

setting inspirational example for our young learners creating a legacy of Aloysian values permeating the communities. As we approach the milestone of 150 years serving the cause of education, I appeal all former Aloysians to come together and celebrate the golden legacy

of Aloysius institutions as true ambassadors of their Alma Mater – their nourishing mother. I take this opportunity to proudly announce that recently, the University has been declared as CATEGORY-1 University by the UGC and Government of India. With this, our university is recognized within the top 14 universities in India. This is indeed a significant accomplishment. I congratulate Sri Anil Kumar, the president, office bearers, executive council members for consistently standing by and supporting the university. The members of the editorial board deserve our appreciation.

Long Live SACAA!

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ





Mr Anil Kumar J
President- SACAA

President's Message

Dear Aloysians,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the St. Aloysius College Alumni Association. Our alumni community is built on the values of excellence, service, integrity, and lifelong friendship that we have inherited from our beloved institution.

The Association continues to strengthen the bond between alumni and our alma mater through meaningful engagement, mentorship, service initiatives, and opportunities to reconnect. Together, we celebrate our shared legacy while contributing to the continued growth and development of St. Aloysius.

On behalf of the St. Aloysius College Alumni Association, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to our new Rector, Rev. Fr Brian Pereira SJ. We are delighted to have him as part of the Aloysian family and look forward to his guidance and leadership. We assure him of our wholehearted support as we continue working together for the greater glory of God and the advancement of our institution.

I invite every Aloysian to stay connected with the Association, participate actively in our initiatives, and continue to uphold the values that define us. Together, let us preserve our rich heritage and inspire future generations of Aloysians.

With warm regards,

Mr. Anil Kumar J
President
St. Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA)



Dr Alwyn V. D'Sa
Editor-SACAA

EDITORIAL

Friends in SACAA,

It is matter of great pride and satisfaction to send you this edition of the E- Bulletin of SACAA. The association has been teeming with multifarious activities during the past few months. Thanks to the President, Office bearers and members of the Executive Council, who have been true catalysts in facilitating a plethora of vibrant activities and initiatives, the glimpses of which are presented in this newsletter. The association has maintained the discipline of convening regular monthly Executive Council meetings without fail. This is also an occasion to come together and brainstorm ideas for the month, set SMART goals for the future, especially as we come closer to the landmark of reaching the 150 th anniversary of the inception of this iconic tradition of traditions called 'Jesuit Education' here in Mangalore. I am sure all of us extremely excited and overwhelmed with the idea of the extraordinary milestone approaching fast. Let us make plans and make the occasion a grand, meaningful and most memorable experience. SACAA has not only been maintaining a close connect with the Regional, National and Global Jesuit Alumni Networks consistently, but also our Executive Council members have been actively involved as office bearers of such significant alumni bodies. Senior leaders like Mr Edmund Frank, Dr Richard Gonsalves and Mr Naveen Mascarenhas and other members of the Executive Council have been regular attendees to the alumni meets and conferences of such bodies.

I like to place on record the supportive role played by the members of the editorial board and Ms Namratha, the Office Assistant. Her dedication in collecting data and designing the layout of the newsletter deserves utmost appreciation. As she moves ahead for greener pastures, let us wish her a bright and prosperous future. Her meticulous work resulted in the timely publication of the newsletter. We welcome the new Office Staff, Mr Nihad and wish him a pleasant and fruitful service at SACAA office. Once again, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all SACAA members for their unstinted support and guidance, A special word of thanks to the President, Mr Anil Kumar for expediting the timely publication of the newsletters!

Long Live SACAA!

Dr Alwyn D'Sa – Editor



ST ALOYSIUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS ELECTED FOR THE TERM 2024-2026

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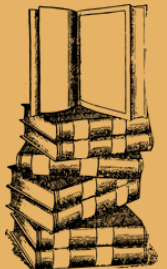


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St Aloysius University Signs MoU with University of Namur, Belgium



We are delighted to be partnered with University of Namur , a reputed Jesuit institution in Belgium, known for its strong emphasis on academic excellence, research, and social responsibility. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ visited the University on 16 April 2026 and signed a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of St Aloysius University, while Dr Annick Castiaux , Rector, represented the University of Namur. This MOU is focused on research collaborations and exchange programmes.



MJES Seed Money Grants Awarded to Promote Research Excellence



MJES Seed money for research is distributed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 6 March 2026 along with the Registrar. 36 Student-Teacher research proposals, 19 Minor Research proposals of Faculty and 5 Major Research proposal grant letters are distributed.



Mother Theresa convent on Sturru Road on 10 March 2026



Vice Chancellor Serves as Chief Guest and Resource Person at Regional Conference

Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis, SJ, Vice Chancellor of St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, graced the Regional Conference of Educational Administrators and Academic Leaders in Higher Education as the Chief Guest. The programme, held on Tuesday, 24 March 2026 at Bishop Benziger College of Nursing, Kollam, featured him prominently during the inaugural session, where he delivered the Chief Guest's message, addressing key themes related to autonomy and innovation in higher education.



In addition to his inaugural address, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis, SJ also served as the Key Resource Person for Session I, where he led deliberations on “Transforming Higher Education Institutions into Autonomous Colleges and Universities.” His insights contributed significantly to the academic discussions and set the tone for the day's proceedings, engaging participants in meaningful dialogue on the evolving landscape of higher education.

SACAA Inaugurates BMSF Summer Coaching Camp 2026



St Aloysius University Delegation Visits O.P. Jindal Global University



Karnataka Jesuits Higher Education Commission lead by the Chancellor, visited O P Zindal Global University, Haryana on 30 and 31 of March to understand their institutional model. St Aloysius University was represented Rev. Dr Praveen Martis (Vice Chancellor), Dr. Ronald Nazareth (Registrar), Rev. Dr. Kiran Koth (Director, AIMIT), Rev. Fr. Vishwas Misquith (Finance Officer), and Dr. Shwetha Rasquinha (HOD – Social Work)..



Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto SJ

Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto SJ was more than a Rector—he was a mentor, visionary, and a pillar of strength for the entire Aloysian community. As Patron of SACAA, he stood as a constant support, inspiring alumni engagement with his warmth, simplicity, and forward-thinking spirit.

From “thinking out of the box” to “throwing the box itself,” he redefined leadership with humility and courage. His role in steering the institution towards university status will remain a historic milestone.

As we journey towards the 150-year vision of our beloved institution, we, the President and members of SACAA, still find ourselves in a dilemma—grappling with the void left behind and the magnitude of the path he has shown us. Yet, in that very uncertainty lies his inspiration: to move forward with courage, to build with purpose, and to carry his vision ahead.

He believed in forming “men and women for others,” and lived that mission every day—quietly transforming lives, supporting the needy, and uplifting the Aloysian spirit.

His legacy continues to guide us. His absence reminds us: the time to do good is now.

Strengthening Ties with Trnava University, Slovakia



Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ met Rev. Milos Lichner, Rector of Trnava University on 14 April 2026 during his visit to Slovakia. St Aloysius University already shares an MoU with Trnava University, and this visit marks an important step towards strengthening academic collaboration and creating new opportunities for student and faculty exchange.

St Aloysius University Partners with University of Namur, Belgium



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St Aloysius University Honoured as 'Exemplary Researcher of the Year'



St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, has been honoured with the prestigious “Exemplary Researcher of the Year” award by EducationWorld India Higher Education Rankings and was ranked in All India 7 , Karnataka 1 and Mangalore 1, in the Emerging University category

The award was received on behalf of the University by Dr Ronald Nazareth, Registrar

This recognition is for the University’s sustained efforts in fostering a vibrant research culture, encouraging interdisciplinary scholarship, and contributing meaningfully to national and global knowledge systems.



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CONGRATULATIONS



Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ

on being elected as the
Executive Committee Member
of the

**Global Research Alliance of Jesuit
Universities (GRAJU)**



Global Research Alliance
of Jesuit Universities

St Aloysius University Signs MoU with Universitat d'Andorra



St Aloysius (Deemed to be University) has entered into a partnership with Universitat d'Andorra (UdA), a public university in the Principality of Andorra, known for its personalized education model and strong employability outcomes. The Vice Chancellor, Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ and the Rector of UdA, Dr Juli Minoves-Triquell signed the Memorandum of understanding (MoU) on behalf of two institutions on 20 April, 2026.

The University of Andorra offers programmes in Business Administration, Computer Science, Education, Health Sciences and Laws. This collaboration opens up significant opportunities for us across the fields of technology, business, and education.

MoU Signed to Establish Centre for Religion and Culture



As a first step towards establishing the Centre for Religion and Culture (CRC) at St Aloysius Deemed to be University, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Karnataka Theological College, Mangalore, on 5th May 2026.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ, Honourable Vice Chancellor; Rev Dr Watson, Principal, Karnataka Theological College; Rev Fr William Marcel, Director, Radio Sarang and Secretary, CRC; along with other esteemed members of the CRC Advisory Board.

This initiative was spearheaded by Dr Mona Mendonca, Head, Department of History and Joint Secretary, CRC.

The Centre for Religion and Culture aims to foster academic engagement, interfaith dialogue, and research on the role of religion and culture in nation building, with a special focus on the contributions of the Christian community.





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Congratulations



Vice Chancellor Conferred Honorary Rank of Colonel Commandant in NCC



UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM / CAMPUS NOTICE

Ref No: UN/NOTICE*/2026/102

Date: 25 June 2026

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY RANK OF COLONEL COMMANDANT UPON VICE CHANCELLOR REV. DR PRAVEEN MARTIS SJ*

The University Management is proud to announce that the Government of India has officially conferred the rank of Honorary Colonel and the appointment of 'Colonel Commandant' in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) upon our Vice Chancellor, Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ .

This distinguished national recognition is detailed in the Official Gazette of India dated 02 May 2026. The Vice Chancellor will hold this honorary rank for the duration of his office.

This historic milestone reflects the exceptional leadership of our Vice Chancellor. It also underscores our institution's unwavering commitment to fostering discipline, civic responsibility and youth leadership through the NCC.

The Piping Ceremony Details :

Timeline: July 2026

Officiating Authorities: Senior Officials of the Indian Armed Forces (NCC Officials)

Congratulations

Aloysius Senior Citizen Forum

St. Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA), in association with St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, successfully inaugurated the 'Aloysius Senior Citizen Forum' on June 30, 2026, at Sahodaya Hall. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 82 senior Aloysian alumni and other elders from the community. The formal inauguration was solemnized by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis, SJ, alongside the Rector of Aloysius Institutions, Rev Fr Brian Pereira, and SACAA Executive Committee members. This unique initiative aims to provide a dedicated space for elders to socialize, play, and stay connected. The afternoon was packed with vibrant energy as participants thoroughly enjoyed interactive sessions, open mic performances, and a spirited round of Housie Housie. The attending senior citizens deeply appreciated the platform, sharing nostalgic memories and offering valuable suggestions for future meets. This marks the beginning of a historic chapter in the university's community engagement initiatives for elders, with these social gatherings planned for every alternate Tuesday. The next forum meeting is scheduled to take place on July 14, 2026, at the same venue."

