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EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings !!

Dear readers,

Welcome to the second issue of the SACAA Newsletter! We are writing to share our deepest wishes for your health and safety during this challenging time.

Aloysius inspires students to live purposeful and fulfilling lives of leadership and service to others. In short, it helps to create a better world. Regardless of caste, colour, or creed, the college has provided high-quality education to all members of society.

SACAA also intends to assist the college in this endeavour by a variety of events and donations, as well as by instilling Aloysian values in fellow people.

In the current issue, apart from institutional reports, the Newsletter highlights the history of our premier institution.

We are part of a rich history that needs to be shared and preserved. Remembering the past can bring a new awareness to the present.

As the editor, I aim to balance the events and activities happening at St Aloysius Institutions with some of the old stories of Aloysius in this newsletter. I would like to encourage you all to join me in sharing some old stories and memories.

The newsletter also includes a new segment called Men at the Helm. The founders and leaders who have led this great institution are mentioned here.

This issue will introduce you to the college's first three Rectors and Principals, and then the series will continue. It's a nice beginning to a section we hope you will look forward to in future newsletters.

I hope that you will enjoy reading this issue.

Vaishali R.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Congratulations. Very good work. Try to put more informative articles in next issues.

Felix F Dsilva

**Congratulations to the Editor!
Good efforts in bringing the activities to a precise literary form.**

Sunil Kunder

Congratulations to Editor and her team for bringing out the First edition of the SACCA News Letter. Great job and keep going.

Terrance D'Sa

Very informative and well structured news letter. Congratulations to the Editor and everyone responsible for releasing it. Having edited SACAA newsletters in the years gone by, I know the effort and dedication involved in this exercise. Looking forward for the next issue.

Edmund Frank

**Congratulations. Good beginning!!
- Michael Dsouza**

Very nice, Keep up the good work - Sumith Rao

**Congratulations. Good job -
Fr Swebert D'Silva, SJ**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their praise for the SACAA newsletter. I'd like to express my gratitude to the college's administration for their cooperation.

I'd also like to express my gratitude to the SACAA office bearers and committee members for their consistent guidance. I'd also like to thank Mr Edmund Frank for his constant support with the newsletter's content.

All the Alumni/ae are requested to update us with their contact details to enable us to communicate with you all more efficiently.

We request you to share your ideas, news, photographs, achievements, memoirs, and write-ups on E-mail : sac.sacaa@gmail.com. Connect with us on Instagram and Facebook.

FROM THE DESK OF

PROVINCIAL, KARNATAKA JESUIT PROVINCE



Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ

The SACAA Newsletter is a great initiative and a platform for alumni/ae to connect with each other and recall memories of yesteryears. I am happy to pen my thoughts both as Provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province and as an alumnus of St Aloysius Institutions.

I have spent 19 years of my life in this wonderful institution – 15 years while doing my schooling and college studies and four years as Rector. This institution has given me a love for learning, a longing for discovery, and a commitment to pursue the truth.

It has given me ample opportunities to develop my personality and broaden my horizons and has thus prepared me to take up leadership roles in the Society of Jesus during challenging times.

When I was Rector of SAC, I met a man one day who had come to the campus and was spending time visiting the length and the breadth of the campus, visiting and admiring the college building from near and far.

These buildings made sense to him not simply as architectural wonders, masterpieces of brick and stone and wood but took him back memory lane to all that made him who is now.

St Aloysius College is admired as a crucible of creative thought, a force for progress, a place where dreams of generations become reality, a landscape that creates men and women for and with others.

It is here that parents and faculty believe that the spark of possibility burns within every student. The real measure of our education at SAC is “who our students become,” what they value, and what they do later in life and work.

The alumni/ae are the face of our institutions and our vision in the larger society. They are our goodwill ambassadors in the world.

The motto of St Aloysius College is *Lucet et Ardet* which means Shine to Enkindle. This refers to the qualities of the mind and heart.

It is the deep desire of this institution to present to the world and our nation, men and women with knowledge and creativity and hearts burning with genuine love and concern for others.

Covid-19 is taking so much from us but it is also inviting us to introspect into our lives, our ethics, beliefs, and socio-economic realities. It is often in pain that one awakens to deeper truths. We begin to notice the woundedness in our society.

This pandemic is inviting us to come together as one humanity, to work together, to learn together, to pray together, and to grow together.

MEN AT THE HELM

PRINCIPALS



Rev. Fr Joseph A Willy, S. J.

1880-1885

A Swiss-born with twenty years of experience in the educational field, having to his credit the founding of three institutions - St Mary's School and St Xavier's College of Bombay, and St Patrick's School in Karachi.

He was Rector, Principal, Prefect of Studies, Clerk, Collector of school fees, Director of College Choir, Spiritual Father of the Nuns at St Ann's, and what not.

RECTORS



Rev. Fr Joseph A Willy, S. J.

1880-1885



Rev. Fr Joseph Hoene, S. J.

1885-1889

Fr Joseph stood firm with Fr Cavadini's visions. He was the driving force behind the establishment of the B.A. program at St Aloysius College. He was sent to Madras University to negotiate with men there.

The appointment of Fr Abundius Cavadini as Rector was announced on 14th May, 1885. He consolidated the working of St Aloysius steadily growing into a mighty institution. He was a model of regularity, courage, and determination.



Rev. Fr Abundius Cavadini, S. J.

1885-1891



Rev. Fr H. Kemp, S. J.

1889-1891

Fr Abundius Cavadini's efforts were assisted by Fr Kemp. His time as Principal was marked by steady and consistent development. The college had seen a number of improvements under his leadership.

When Fr Cavadini handed over his charge to his successor Fr Maffei, he took forward the legacy with his determination and hard work. Fr Maffei was appointed a fellow of Madras University by the Governor of Madras, which was a great honour for him.



Rev. Fr Angelo F.X. Maffei, S. J.

1891-1896



DE DION

Mangalore's first Car



This car in the Aloysius Museum is a French-made De Dion. It was imported by its original owner PFX Saldanha (1860 -1938) of Highland Coffee Works, pioneer of the coffee curing industry in Mangalore, from France in October 1906.

This is the first car that was driven on the roads of Mangalore and attracted curious crowds of onlookers to Mr Saldanha's house regularly.

Luis Williams a 22-year-old licensed driver from Bombay was hired on a signed one-year contract dated 10 September 1907 since there were no licensed drivers in Mangalore.

The salary fixed was Rs 30 a month which was a substantial sum those days. The car had a 10 HP single-cylinder engine and could speed at 19.5 kms per hour.

The petrol had to be ferried from Madras via Bombay in 5 to 10 gallon drums.

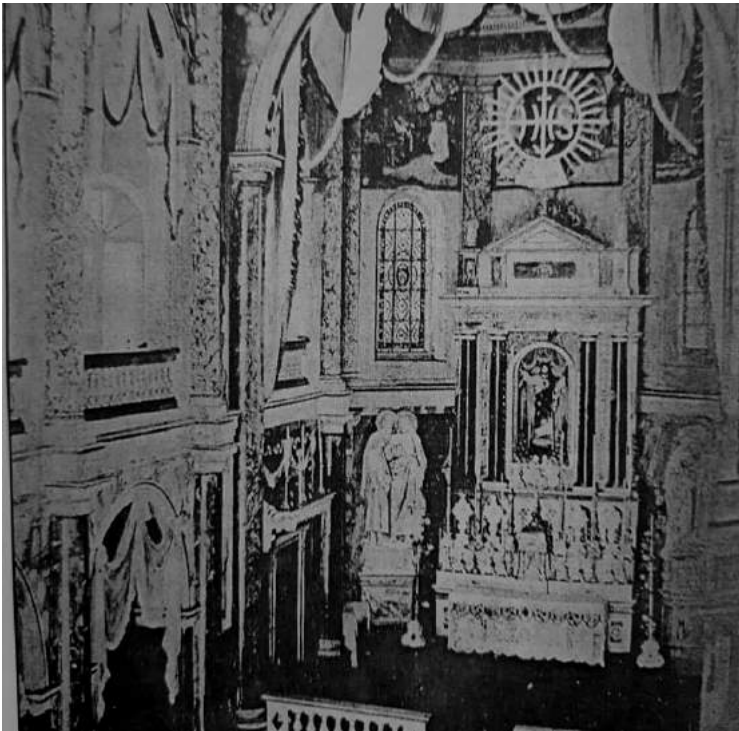
After the death of PFX Saldanha the car fell into disuse. Its engine was removed and was fitted to a water pump. Engineless De Dion in the shed for 10 years was gathering dust.

In 1956 Joseph GX Saldanha, son of PFX Saldanha presented the car to the St Aloysius College Museum.

The museum those days was housed in present office of the Principal of the Evening College.

The museum was shifted to the Red building in the year 2000 and to its present location in 2019.

Mr Edmund Frank



Chapel in 1924

St Aloysius College Chapel

Excerpt from the book - 'On Eagle's Wings'
by Prashant Madtha

The Indian government issued a postage stamp portraying St Aloysius' early life in appreciation of the artistic presence of this magnificent series of paintings.

Shri George Fernandes, the then-Defence Minister of India, issued the stamp on the college's founding day, January 12, 2001, in the presence of Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, the then-Minister of Communication.

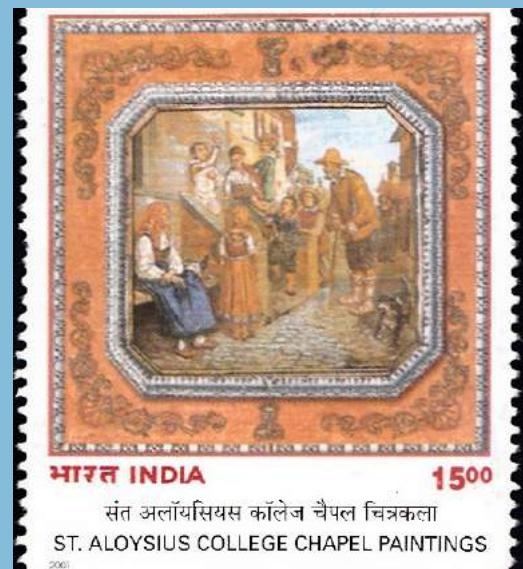
A few days before the release of the SAC Chapel painting stamp, the city's famous neurosurgeon Dr K. R. Shetty inaugurated an exhibition of the chapel's paintings and artefacts at high school hall.

The event was presided over by Fr Aveline Dsouza, former Rector of St Aloysius College. The exhibition was open for four days and a large number of people came to see it.

"It is an education and an elevation. As you enter it, your heart is ennobled and you soar to higher things. Even the fanatic would shed every drop of his fanaticism in the face of such humanising glory"

Late Shri C. Rajagopalachari

One of the greatest exponents of the study of India's culture and heritage commented on the paintings of the St Aloysius College Chapel



The Stamp was released on the Founder's Day of the college, 12th January, 2001

Career counselling sessions at St Aloysius Pre-University College.



Career guidance sessions were held for the II PUC students of Science, Commerce, and Arts sections separately in Loyola Hall.

The resource person for the Science students was Mr Abhilash Kshatriya , Managing Director, Abhijnya Education Private Limited.

Mr Abhilash, who holds a Masters degree in Engineering from Manipal University with prior experience of working in engineering colleges as an Assistant Professor, is an entrepreneur training students for various competitive exams.

Mr Abhilash discussed the various career options and resources available for science students.

He provided an overview of the most recent developments in student preferences for courses and institutes.

The session was moderated by Mr Amogh U Shetty, Lecturer in the Physics Department.

The resource person for the career guidance session for Commerce and Arts was Mr Manoj Louis, Assistant Professor, Government First Grade College, Kavoor.

He has published research papers at the national and international levels and has 23 years of experience in teaching commerce.

Mr Manoj Louis encouraged students to pursue careers that they were passionate about rather than those that were dictated by family or peer pressure.

The session was moderated by Mrs Vilma Fernandes, Department of Statistics.



Yakshagana Seminar and Macbeth Yaksharoopaka held at SAC



The inauguration of the dialogue and workshop on the theme: "Yakshagana- Rethinking in the Light of the Present" was held on April 10, 2021 in the LCRI Hall of the College.

The programme was organised by St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru in collaboration with the Karnataka Yakshagana Academy and UGC-STRIDE Scheme.

Veteran Director and former Principal of Neenasam, Heggodu, Sri Venkataramana Aithal formally inaugurated the workshop and senior Folklore Research Scholar, Prof. Chinnappa Gowda was the Chief Guest.



The Principal of the College, Rev. Dr Praveen Martis, SJ, presided over the programme.

The Chairperson of the Karnataka Yakshagana Academy, Prof. M A Hegde, Dr Alwyn D'Sa, Registrar-in Charge and the Coordinator of UGC-Stride, and Dr Dinesh Nayak, Convenor of the programme were on the dais.



A unique and experimental dance drama based on the Shakespearean play, Macbeth was performed by the College Yaksha Team along with guest artists in Mother Teresa Peace Park, the open air stage of the College at 6.00 pm on the same day.

Sri Soorikumeri K Govinda Bhat, the veteran Yakshagana artiste and national awardee brought the play to the Yakshgana form and directed the performance.

The enthralling dual back stage singing by renowned Yakshagana singers, Bhagavatha Hamsa Puttige Raghurama Holla and Dinesh Ammannaya were an added attraction to the performance.



The background accompaniment of instruments was rendered by the well-known artistes such as Murari Kadambalithaya, Krishnaprakasha Ulithaya and Madhusudhna Alevooraya.

Entry for the Play was absolutely free and many Yakshagana lovers watched this unique play and applauded the effort of the College.

Both these programmes were held following all the COVID-19 related protocols and SOP, Govt. of Karnataka.

MJES & SACAA Launch 'St Aloysius Covid Care Centre'

On May 12, 2021 the Mangalore Jesuit Education Society (MJES) and the St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) launched the St Aloysius Covid Care Centre to support the needy people and families who were infected and impacted by the pandemic.

Alumni of St Aloysius Institutions will once again try to give back to those in need. The aim is to reach out to the poor families of migrants and daily wage earners by providing them with Provision Kits and Covid-19 essentials weekly.

Apart from provision kits and essentials they are also trying to help people with medicines and health facilities.

The college's Community Radio, Radio Sarang, has been broadcasting continuous awareness programmes to the citizens of the area about the current situation.





The Aloysius Covid Care Centre will operate from the Gelge Hall (Main Auditorium) situated adjacent to the College parking lot from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Centre was inaugurated and blessed by the SACAA Director & Principal of St Aloysius College Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ.



The President of SACAA, Mr Stephen Pinto and Fr Cyril D'mello SJ, the Project Coordinator and Director of St Aloysius Industrial Training Institute were also present at the inauguration of this Care Centre.

The Covid-19 kit will contain KN95 face masks, sanitiser, Oximeter; and Rice, daal, Salt and Coconut oil in the food kit.

Donations can be sent to the Bank Account given below:

Name of the Account: MJES Institution Development Fund

Account Number: 0045053000057600

Name of the Bank: South Indian Bank, Hampankatta, Mangaluru

IFSC Code: SIBL0000046

MICR Code: 575059002

CALLS WILL BE TAKEN BETWEEN 9 am and 5 pm

**Aloysius Covid care Centre:
(Help Desk 1) 7204313231
(Help Desk 2) 7204432353**

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manothejaka@gmail.com**

**Counselling Services:
(Contact 1) 9995031182
(Contact 2): 9048409985**