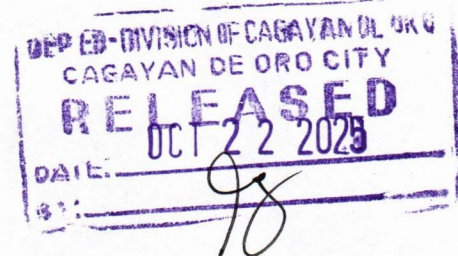




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REGION X

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent



Division Advisory No. 40 s. 2025
October 22, 2025

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE SISTER OF MARY SCHOOLS, INC.

The field is hereby informed of the **scholarship opportunity** offered by the **Sisters of Mary Schools, Inc.** for underprivileged but deserving male and female students.

All interested students are advised to directly contact the Sisters of Mary School or their designated recruitment contact person:

Testing Area	Parish Priest	Contact Person	Contact Number
Naawan, San Isidro Parish Church	Fr. Jessie P. Namocot	Shy Mae Abay-abay	09121416546
Indahag, Three Angels Parish	Fr. Harnifer Godinez	Jason Cabactulan	09161021114
Balingasag, St. Rita Parish Church	Fr. Cesar Ramantin	Edwin Curay	09177770126
Opol, Our Lady of Consolacion Parish Church	Fr. Fermin Tan	Mayette Cheung	09276567787

Additional details, such as the examination and interview schedules, and criteria, are provided in the attached letter.

LLT / scholarship program offered by the Sisters of Mary Schools, Inc.
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October 20, 2025

Dr. Roy Angelo E. Gazo, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
DepEd Division of Misamis Oriental
Fr. William Materson Avenue, Balulang
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CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY DIVISION
Received by: g
Date: OCT 20 2025
Time: 11:00

Subject: Information on the Scholarship Program Offered by the Sisters of Mary Schools, Inc.

Dear Dr. Gazo,

Praised be Jesus, Joseph and Mary!

We are writing to respectfully inform your good office, as the head of the Schools Division of Misamis Oriental, about the scholarship opportunity offered by the Sisters of Mary Schools, Inc. for underprivileged but deserving male and female students.

The Sisters of Mary Schools provide a fully-funded, holistic secondary education (Junior and Senior High School), including free tuition, books, food, clothing, and lodging, consistent with the charism of its founder, Venerable Aloysius Schwartz, of serving the poorest of the poor.

The schedule for the qualifying examination and interview is as follows:

DATE	TIME	TESTING AREA	PARISH PRIEST	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT NUMBER
November 24, 2025	8:00 AM	Naawan, San Isidro Parish Church	Fr. Jessie P. Namocot	Shy Mae Abay-Abay	09121416546
November 25, 2025	8:00 AM	Indahag, Three Angles Parish	Fr. Harnifer Godinez	Jason Cabactulan	09161021114
November 26, 2025	8:00 AM	Balingasag, St. Rita Parish Church	Fr. Cesar Ramantin	Edwin Curay	09177770126
November 27, 2025	8:00 AM	Opol, Our Lady of Consolacion Parish Church	Fr. Fermin Tan	Mayette Cheung	09276567787

The scholarship program requires applicants to meet the following criteria:

- He/ She must be between 12-14 years old and have not enrolled or studied in high school.

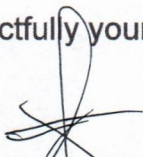
- He/She must have completed her/his elementary studies or presently enrolled in grade 6.
- He/She must come from poor families with monthly income of Php 5,000.00 or below and must present a Certificate of Indigency during interview.
- He/She has no siblings who are currently studying in the Sisters of Mary School neither has siblings had graduated from this school.
- He/She must present/provide a photocopy of her/his PSA/NSO certificate during the qualifying test.
- He/She must secure certificate from the school principal indicating the he/she is currently enrolled in grade 6 and have a general average of 83 and above on their latest grading period.
- He/She must have be accompanied by one of his/her parents or guardian on the day of the examination.

We humbly request your kind assistance in disseminating this information to the public elementary school principals, teachers, and guidance counselors across the Misamis Oriental Division. Your support would be invaluable in reaching the most deserving students who can benefit from this life-changing scholarship.

For further details regarding the application period, qualifying exam schedule, and complete admission requirements, interested parties are advised to contact the Sisters of Mary School directly or their designated recruitment contact person.

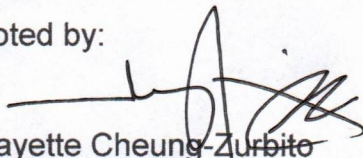
Thank you for your tireless dedication and unwavering service to the students of Misamis Oriental. We pray for your continued success in the division's mission.

Respectfully yours,



Edwin Curay Jr.
President Alumni SMSI Cagayan de Oro Chapter

Noted by:



Mayette Cheung-Zurbito
Recruitment Coordination Misamis Oriental

HISTORICAL GLIMPSE OF THE INSTITUTION

The Sisters of Mary started its operation in the Philippines in 1985 through its founder, the servant of God, Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz. The Sisters work primarily by establishing Boystowns and Girlstowns that serve as a school and home for deserving students coming from poor families. These children are provided for with free food, clothing, shelter, medical and dental services, and secondary education.

With complete facilities and qualified teachers, each Boystown and Girlstown School aims to achieve excellence in both academic and vocational training. Being boarding schools, students have additional hours spent in studying and extensive training to acquire intensive skills in vocational courses they specialize which are responsive to the needs of the industry partners/benefactors of the school. With discipline, good working attitude, and love for virtues instilled in the minds of the student the Sisters of Mary Schools aim to provide graduates fully-equipped with knowledge that will lead them to a better life of an ideal Christian.

In 2005, the Sisters of Mary redesigned and restructured the 4-year academic calendar for the completion of the high school program to just 3-year academic calendar allowing the school to offer post-secondary education program for the remaining 8 months without comprising Department of Education's required number of school days for high school education.

With the onset of K to 12 programs in 2012, the Sisters of Mary deemed it necessary to change the post-secondary education by adding 10 months to accommodate the required Senior High School program, retaining its existing 3-year academic calendar for the Junior High School program.

To assist the charity program of the Sisters of Mary, Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc. (FACFI) was established on November 26, 1992 after the demise of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz. From then on, FACFI have been actively inviting generous benefactors who share the same advocacy of the founder of the institution.

PHILOSOPHY

The Sisters of Mary Schools-Philippines believes that the Almighty God is the very reason of its existence and is therefore the core of its curriculum. Hence, it is firm on its mission of alleviating the suffering of the Poor by providing them with high quality education intensive on vocational - technical training molding them into individuals imbued with moral virtues. It adheres to its commitment of providing the learners with varied learning opportunities to strengthen their potentials that will prepare them for real - life challenges and for a better tomorrow. It remains steadfast to its advocacy of fostering brotherly love among its learners while developing physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, and spiritually into new disciples of God.

"The Glory of God is Man Fully Alive."

MISSION

Inspired by her patroness, the Virgin of the Poor, the Sisters of Mary Schools-Philippines shall direct its energy and resources to the poorest of the poor youth of the country by way of providing them with high quality Secondary Education intensive on Vocational-Technical Curriculum molding them into citizens committed to serve the nation, to love their fellow being, and spread moral and spiritual values based on the Gospels.

VISION

The Sisters of Mary Schools-Philippines envisions that the graduates, in their everyday life and in the pursuit of their calling, will become the new disciples in spreading the work of redemption, and at the same time teach and lead by example the Marian virtues of simplicity, charity, gratitude and joy.

CORE VALUES

The values-driven education of Sisters of Mary Schools-Philippines is expressed through the core values which are interwoven across its academic and extra-curricular activities. It lives and breathes the six values that form the basis of everything its stakeholders do which is the acronym for CHRIST who is the reason for its existence and vitality. These include:

- C** - Christ centeredness
- H** - Honor and Leadership
- R** - Responsibility and Excellence
- I** - Innovativeness and Confidence
- S** - Service and Joy
- T** - Temperance and Obedience

GOALS and OBJECTIVES

I. As a Charitable Catholic Schools

- Cultivate a sense of generosity and gratitude as well as simple joyful disposition, in imitation of the Virgin of the Poor;
- Inculcate supreme and constant love of God, and adherence to the teaching of His Catholic Church.

II. As Secondary Schools with Intensive on Vocational-Technical Curriculum

- Produce graduates equipped with the best academic and vocational-technical skills characterizing at the same time the virtue of honesty, integrity, loyalty, and self-discipline;
- Teach the goal of perfection in doing everyday work to honor and glory God, love of country and fellowmen.



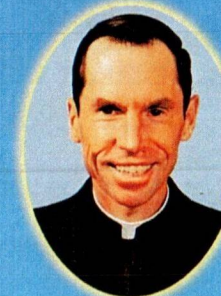
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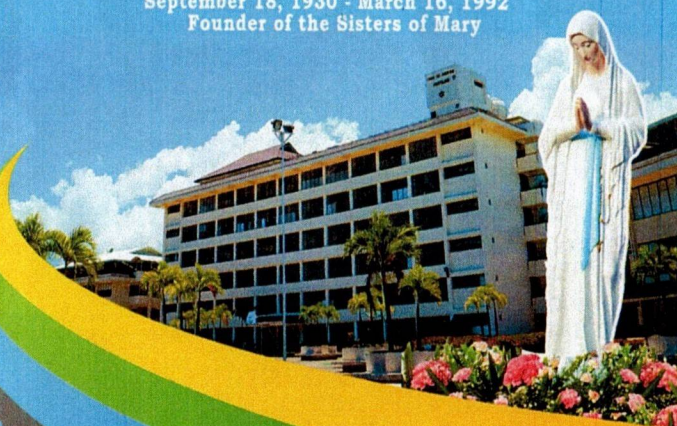
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VENERABLE ALOYSIUS SCHWARTZ

September 18, 1930 - March 16, 1992

Founder of the Sisters of Mary



HISTORICAL GLIMPSE OF THE INSTITUTION

The Sisters of Mary Congregation was founded by Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz, an American diocesan priest, in 1964 in Busan, South Korea. It provides free educational and vocational welfare for the underprivileged children/youth, medical care to the sick and the dying, and shelter service to the homeless and helpless. Fr. Al, as he is fondly called by many, was a recipient of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding in 1983. In 1985, he set up his religious community and charity programs in the Philippines.

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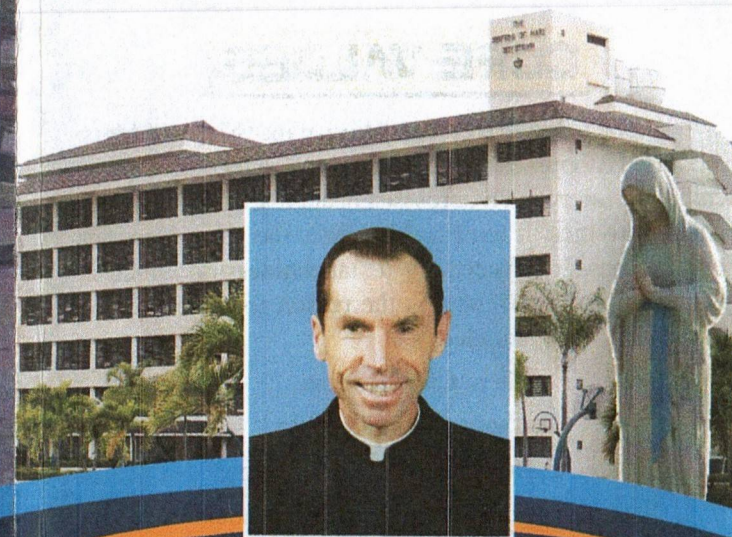
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