



SADA SAHAYA SANGHAM

Website: <https://alphonsusschools.org/>

Rev. Fr. Joseph Morgan, the parish priest of Holy Ghost Church at that time, after visiting his vast parish consisting of 75% of Tamil speaking people, started a Tamil Medium school. He approached Mother Anne, a French sister, who was the provincial of St. Joseph of Tarbes Sisters at Cleveland Town. She generously came forward to help and sent two sisters Sr. Maria Alphonse and Sr. Paula to begin the school.

St. Alphonsus School, with the name of the founder of the Redemptorists, started exactly on 17th January 1955 with 90 children. Rev. Fr. Mathew Hickey, C.Ss.R., who was Vice-Provincial & Rector of Mt. St. Alphonsus, with great generosity, gave all the rooms of the Redemptorists Seminary building on the ground floor facing the Church, for the poor school. The school was recognized by the Education Department and a Government Grant was sanctioned in 1956. In 1962-63, St. Alphonsus School was a higher Primary School with Standards 1 to VII. A new society called Sada Sahaya Sangham was registered in 1964 which looked after all the activities of St. Alphonsus School.

Fr. Mathew Hickey had acquired some land measuring about acres on Davis Road for the charitable purpose. After losing some part of the land to the government and encroachers, the foundation stone of the school was blessed by Archbishop Lourdasamy on 19th March 1970, the feast of St. Joseph. The building consisted of 12 class rooms and two office rooms. The ground floor and first floor were blessed and opened by Most Rev. Fr. Amaral, the former General of the Redemptorists on 2nd February 1972. The second floor of the main building of the school and the construction of the ground floor hall with tables and benches for the children to take their meal was built by Rev. Fr. Cruice Sanjivi. It was later when Fr. Osmond D'Souza was Parish priest that another hall was constructed on the first floor.

The High School was started in 1976 with the permission of the Education Department and Government grant was sanctioned in 1981. The first headmistress of Alphonsus High School was Rev. Sr. Mary Basil. The two-storied building on the west was supervised by Fr. Santiago, while the building on the East with its first two stories was supervised by Sr. Julianna when Fr. Louis Salvadoray was the Parish Priest. The foundation stone of the Convent building (teacher's Residence) was blessed by Fr. Frank da Costa on 14th September 1981. The computer centre on the second floor was blessed and opened by the Provincial of Redemptorists Fr. Xavier Sanjivi, C.Ss.R on 1st August 2001. On 17th January 2005, St. Alphonsus celebrated its Golden Jubilee. On 30th of May 2019, the school was

granted the permission from the Educational Department to commence the English Medium School from Nursery to VII Std on the 14th of May, 2019.

We shall always remember with gratitude all the priests, sisters and lay teachers, both men and women, teaching & non-teaching staff, who worked hard with great dedication and sacrifice to impart sound and all round education to the poor children. The school is managed by Redemptorists Fathers Year of Establishment 1957

Our Motto Service and Progress

VISION: Walking in the footsteps of The Holy Redeemer We, the Redemptorists Fathers, through our educational institute Aspire to impart an education that fosters integrated and holistic progress of the students

MISSION:

*We endeavour to enhance the quality and breadth of our teaching and activities to meet student goals.

*We nurture a culture that supports diversity, inclusion, and accessibility where the student's voice and presence matters.

*We help discover opportunities that evoke passion and the continuous building of skills and knowledge required for becoming socially responsible leaders and global citizens.

*We search together for opportunities that inspire curiosity and the continuous building of skills and knowledge.

*We create prospects for openness, vulnerability, and focus where students can learn more about who they are, and develop the capacity for a deeper understanding of both themselves and others.

*We instil love and a spirit of hard work for the building up of a great Nation.

*Finally, we impart the vital knowledge that we ought to always live with a heart of gratitude and thanks giving to God for our life and the gifts we have received.

