

## **Profile of Rev. Dr. S. XAVIER ALPHONSE, S.J.**

**Rev. Dr. S. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.**, hails from Devakottai, a small town in Ramanathapuram District in India. He was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 1951. He has a **Doctorate in Indian English Literature**. He joined the **Jesuit order** in the year 1969 and continues to work for the people of India particularly in the field of higher education and for the dropout children. He is also teaching in the Department of English of Loyola ICAM College of Engineering & Technology, Chennai. He just retired from Loyola College of Arts and Science in 2010 after having completed 28 years of teaching and administration



### **Present Positions:**

1. **Coordinator**, Jesuit Higher Education Commission, Madurai Province, July 2015.
2. **Founder Director**, Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education (ICRDCE), Chennai
3. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, Islamiah College, Vaniyambadi (2010-2011)(2015-2016)
4. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, Sona College of Technology, Salem (2010-2011) (2015-2016)
5. **Member**, Board of Management, Hindustan University, Chennai from August 2008
6. **Member, Managing Committee**, Madras School of Social work, Egmore (2010-2011) to (2015-2016)
7. **Member, Governing Body**, Madras School of Social Work, Egmore (2010-2011) to (2015-2016)
8. **Member, Governing Body**, TBAK College for Women, Kilakarai, Tamil Nadu (2010-2011) to (2015-2016)
9. **Member, Advisory Board**, Orange Educational Trust, Anna Nagar, Chennai
10. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, Vivekananda College of Arts and Science for Women, Elayampalayam (2010-2011) to (2015-2016)
11. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, Adhiparasakthi College of Arts and Science, Kalavai, (2010-2016)
12. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, Sri Sarada College for Women, Fairlands, Salem (2010-2016)
13. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, National Engineering College, Kovilpati (2011-2012) to (2015-2017)
14. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, Virudhunagar Hindu Nadar's Senthilkumara Nadar College, Virudhunagar (2011-2012) to (2016-2017)
15. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, A.D.M College for Women, Velippalayam (2009-2010) to (2015-2016)
16. **UGC Nominee, Governing Body**, Ayyar Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi (2011-2012) to (2016-2017)
17. **Member**, Executive Board of AIACHE, New Delhi (Feb, 2012 - Dec, 2014)
18. **Member, Governing Body**, AIACHE Nominee, American College, Madurai (2012-2015)
19. **UGC Nominee**, Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Tirupranakundram, Madurai (2011-2017)
20. **Member**, The Standing Committee of the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education (NMCME), MHRD, New Delhi
21. **Chairperson**, National Sub-Committee on Vocational Education and Skills Development of Minorities, MHRD, New Delhi
22. **Ph. D Guide** Approved by Bharathiyar University for English Literature (Indian Writing in English)
23. **Ph. D Guide** Approved by Anna University for English Literature (Indian Writing in English)
24. **Member, Search Committee** for selection of Vice Chancellor of **Hindustan University** (July, 2013)
25. **Member**, Academic Advisory Committee, Patrician College of Arts and Science, Adyar, Chennai (March 2015)

### **Positions Held:**

26. **Secretary & Correspondent**, Loyola College of Education, Chennai from June 2013
27. **Director**, Loyola College Alumni Association, Chennai.
28. **PRINCIPAL**, Loyola College, Chennai (1992-1995)
29. **Member, UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (UGC)**, New Delhi, Govt. of India (2006-2012)(2 Terms)
30. **Member of Distance Education Council (DEC)**, New Delhi (November 2006 - 2009)
31. **Member** of Review Committee on Deemed Universities in Tamilnadu by the **Tamilnadu State Council for Higher Education (TNSCHE)**, October 2007- February 2008
32. **Syndicate Member, Tamilnadu Open University (TNOU), Chennai (October 2008-October 2011)**
33. **Member**, Academic Council, Central University of Allahabad - June 2009
34. **Member, Working Group on Higher Education formulation on XII Five Year Plan** (2011), Planning Commission, New Delhi (20<sup>th</sup> June 2011)
35. **HoD**, Department of English, Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology, Chennai
36. **Member**, National **Sub- Committee on Employability Issues in Higher Education** for the Formulation of the **XII Five Year Plan**, Planning Commission, New Delhi
37. **Member**, **Sub-Committee on Equity in Higher Education** for the Formulation of the **XII Five Year plan**, MHRD, New Delhi

38. **Member, Search Committee** for selection of Vice Chancellor of **B.S. Abdur Rahaman University, Vandalur, Chennai** (February, 2012)

- He is an authority on **College Autonomy** in India. He also **pioneered** the formation of **Community Colleges** and has initiated the implementation of an alternative system of education for the poor and downtrodden from 1995.
- He started **ICRDCE** in January 1999. It is a facilitating and coordinating agency for Community Colleges in India. He has been involved in the preparation, establishment, monitoring and evaluation of **315 Community Colleges in 19 States of India**. He has also trained **2,247 teachers**. He has conducted **140 Workshops & Consultations** involving **2,406 Organisations, 6,123 participants** and has also organised **11** important National Consultations/Conferences with 1,415 participants. He has also prepared basic curriculum material and supplied to all the Community Colleges. He has **published 44 books** and **75 articles** in the leading educational journals of India and abroad on the concept and implementation of the system. The **Tamilnadu Open University (TNOU)** has recognized **204 Community Colleges** [G.O.(Ms).No.163 Higher Education (K2) Department dated 22-05-2008]. The **Ministry of Human Resource Development**, Government of India and the various State Governments are considering the possibility of recognition at the local and national levels.
- Chairman of National Committee on Community Colleges to discuss the concept and methodology for establishment and functioning of Community Colleges, appointed by UGC in January 2007 and served as a member of various UGC committees. Consultant, to Haryana and West Bengal Governments for the Community College Project, Dr. Xavier Alphonse has travelled widely all over the world, particularly to **USA, UK, South Africa, Kenya, Lesotho, Phillipines, Papua New Guinea (PNG)** and Asian and European countries and visited Universities and Community Colleges. He has made presentations and encouraged and helped people to start Community Colleges in India, South Africa, East Africa, Lesotho, Philippines and PNG.
- The book on Life-coping skills **"We Shall Overcome"** has been translated in to Afrikaners language with the title **"ONS SAL OORWIN"** Vaardighede om die lewe te hanteer (433 pages) and prescribed as a textbook approved by the Government of South Africa. He has been appointed as the Consultant to the Honourable **Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea (PNG)** for the creation of 20 Community Colleges under the scheme **"Inclusiveness in Education for National Development through the Community Colleges"**.
- Fortunate to have close association with Mother Teresa for thirty long years. He has written the first biography of Mother Teresa in Tamil **"Vasanthangal Meendum Varuvathillai"** in 1978. He has published a book on the spirit of Mother Teresa **"Symphony Goes On"**– Legacy of Mother Teresa to the Modern World in 2003.
- Dr. Xavier Alphonse's contribution to higher education in India is immense. He has been the resource person for **55 National Conferences** and **60 Orientation programmes for College teachers**. He has delivered scholarly lectures in educational institutions all over India. He has published **"Autonomous Colleges in India – History, Performance and Future"**, Jan. 2000 (934 pages).
- As a sequel, he has brought out the book **"Towards New Pastures" College Autonomy – Three Decades (1978 – 2008)** (564 pages), Feb, 2008. As a member of UGC he has led many teams to inspect Deemed to be Universities and Colleges all over the country.
- He has been the **resource person** at the **Annual Congress of the Association of Community Colleges in USA** at Tampa, Florida in April 2007 and also at the **World Skills Congress** organized by the **World Association of Universities and Colleges** in New York in Feb. 2008 and **Pan Commonwealth Forum 5** organized by the Commonwealth of Learning in London in July 2008.
- As **President of Inter Faith Movement for Human Solidarity** he has contributed richly towards inter-religious and communal harmony. He has organized meetings and Conferences to promote harmony. He is also the Co-chair of the Community Advisory Board of YRG Care, an organization that is promoting AIDS Research at Chennai. Twice, he has made presentations at HPTN International Conference at Washington D.C. **In recognition of all his achievements and contributions, Dr. Xavier Alphonse has been conferred with prestigious awards**
- **AIACHE National Award** for Educational Innovation instituted by All India Association of Christian Higher Education (AIACHE), New Delhi, February 2000 for his contributions to the **promotion of College Autonomy** and his **pioneering work in implementing institutionalizing and popularizing the concept of Community College in India**.

- Roorkee Adventist Community College **National Award in the field of Educational Leadership**, \_ **December 2002.**
- **Gananaoli Thiruthoothar Award** for Inter-Religious Harmony and Peace, VGP Temple of World Peace, Chennai, **November 2003.**
- **Seva Ratna Award** by the Centenarian Trust presented by **Sri Jayendra Sarasvati Swamigal**, Peedathipathi of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt, **January, 2004.**
- **International Award as a Leader and Founder of Modern Day Community Colleges** in India by **Hartnell Community College, USA**– May 2004
- **Life Time Achievement Award** presented by **Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia**, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India on **9<sup>th</sup> of January 2005** at Chennai by United Writers' Association and Frank Moraes Foundation, Chennai
- **Rashtriya Rattan Award** presented by His Excellency Shri. V. Rama Rao, Governor of Sikkim by the Global Economic Council, New Delhi on the **23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2005** at New Delhi.
- **International Gold Star Millennium Award** given by the Citizens Integration Peace Society, Katmandu, Nepal – Feb. 2007
- **United Writers Association Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Award** – April 2007
- Towards the cause of the Community College movement for the marginalised Award by Asha Nivas Society, Chennai - August, 2007
- **"Alpha Distinguished Citizen Award"** in the field of Education was awarded by Alpha Arts & Science College during the Decennial Celebrations, Feb 2006.
- **Life Time Achievement Legendary Award** Presented by the History Department, Loyola College, Chennai. **4<sup>th</sup> of March 2008.** On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Department.
- **Social Scientist Award**–2007 by Tamilnadu State Council for Science & Technology–August 2008
- **Anna Birth Centenary Award** for Community Education – September, 2008, Loyola College, Chennai
- **Dr. KALAINAR AWARD** for Community Education – February 2009, St. Joseph's College, Trichy
- **Service Veteran Award**, Presented by Tamil Educational Research and Development Institute, Chennai, April, 2010.
- **Life Time Achievement Award**, Loyola Forum for Historical Research (LFHR), Loyola College, Chennai - March 2012.

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