

BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY
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PROF E N SABIITI, CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH AT THE 2nd INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE CHANCELLOR, BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY, MBARARA.

The Chief Guest, The Arch Bishop of Church of Uganda, Represented by Bishop Dr Muhima
The Chancellor Designate, The Right Rev Dr G Tibesigwa and Bishop of Ankole Diocese,
The Out going Ist Chancellor, The Right Rev Elisha Kyamugambi,
Bishop Emeritus William Magambo, Former Care taker, Ankole Diocese,
Bishops from other Dioceses
Members of Board of Trustees, BSU
BSU Council members,
The Vice Chancellor, BSU,
Vice chancellors from Other Universities,
Hon Members of Parliamen,
Govt officials
Mayor, Mbarara Municipality
RDC, Mbarara Districts
The Clergy,
Senate Members
Deans/Directors
Academic and support staff, Students,
Parents, Guardians
Our esteemed invited Guests, all protocols observed
Ladies and Gentlemen,

You are all welcome to Bishop Stuart University main campus, Kakoba. Sit back and relax in the presence of Our God who reigns as we install the second Chancellor and bid farewell to the first Chancellor.

I am very prevelleged to have witnessed the colourfull installation of the first Chancellor on 1st Dec 2006 and now the second Chancellor, both of them Bishops hence Gods people. I ma happy to be associated with them and the development of the University. It is my humble contribution to the people of Ankole Diocese and Ankole at large.

In 1995 the In coming Chancellor was involved in the baptism of my son and attended the party while in 1996 I invited the outgoing Chancellor to consecrate our small Church in Rwempiri and he came and consecrated the Church and also. The current Vice Chancellor was the Chairman of my wedding 28 years ago! The point I am trying to make is that we should live in harmony, help one another because we do not know what

Confirmed my mother

will happen tomorrow. God works in mysteries. So when the outgoing Chancellor appointed me the first Chairman of Council I did not hesitate and I have dedicatedly served this institution from unlicensed to licensed University. The journey was hard. Let me thank all those who have worked with me to reach this point- Board of trustees, Council Members, Vice Chancellor and his staff, students, parents etc

Allow me to make a few comments about the Outgoing Chancellor. I will quote what a Salvadoran Clergyman who was murdered because of being courageous "We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development---- We can not do every thing, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that." Our first Chancellor, you have done your part and God will do the rest. We wish you the best retirement and we thank you so much for your visionary leadership to establish this University. It is the first the first University to be established by this Diocese. Congratulations. We will continue to consult you in developing this University.

We promise to continue watering the germinated plants and develop further the laid foundation until this University gets a Charter in about 2-3 years. Council will set and maintain high standards of academic staff and programmes to produce high quality graduates that will be competitive globally. A new degree in Nursing Science will start next academic year to contribute to health objectives of our Country.

To the incoming Chancellor; Your story is like that of Jonah in the Bible who had refused to undertake an assignment by God. All of you know about this story.

The story with our new Chancellor is that at one time in the past I tried so hard to convince him to come and be our Vice Chancellor but he gave me a thousand reasons which of course were genuine so I left it to God to handle.

Now you are here but at a higher level and we expect excellent guidance from you to continue the work already started by the Outgoing Chancellor. We welcome you with open arms and congratulate you for being appointed Bishop of Ankole Diocese and today installed as the second Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University.

We request that after your installation as Chancellor, and before you get fully involved there will be another ceremony of INDUCTION done by Chairperson, the deputy Chairperson, of Council, Chairman, Appointments board and Vice Chancellor on behalf of Council to give you a picture of what goes on and what challenges the University faces. Our Chief Guest, this University has one of the best University Councils-it has prominent Ugandans in the Church, Professor, Ministers, Politicians, and it is not surprising that the University has made significant growth in a short time. We thank you for being part of the development of this University.

Allow me to thank the Vice Chancellor, Prof Bibangambah for his dedicated service to the University. My Deputy Chairperson, Rev Can Kamondo, who is also the Chairperson, Planning, Finance and Housing Committee, Can Gucwamingi, Chairperson, Appointments and Staff welfare Board for their commitment and cooperation. This is the team that I consult more on key issues before they are brought to Council.

There is another high ranking and prominent Citizen of this Country who introduced a policy that liberalised Education and that is His Excellency the President of Uganda, Y Kaguta Museveni. He too assisted us in getting this University established. We call upon him and his Government to make enhancing policies for private Universities and you the people to donate to the growth of this wonderful institution.

I thank the organising Committee for doing a good job in making this ceremony successful and all of you for coming despite the rain.

It is now my pleasure and privilege to invite the University Secretary to cite relevant Universities and tertiary Institutions Act (2001) governing the Chancellors appointment For God and my Country.