

**The Address by the Chairman of Board of Trustees  
Gofrey Okoye University Enugu  
on the Third Convocation Ceremony of the University**



**Prof. Bartho Okolo**

**Saturday, 5 December 2015**

## *The Chancellor's Address*

Your Excellency; Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, the Executive Governor of Enugu State,

Your Excellency, Rt. Hon. Alhaji Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, the Executive Governor of Sokoto State,

Hon. Members of the National Assembly and the Federal Executive Council,

Hon. Members of the State Assembly and the State Executive Council,

Your Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. C.V. C. Onaga, the Catholic Bishop of Enugu Diocese and the Proprietor of the University,

Your Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Anthony O. Gbuji, the Bishop Emeritus, Catholic Diocese of Enugu,

Other Lordships here present,

The Chancellor, Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Ayau Kaigama, the Catholic Archbishop of Jos,

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Prof. Dr. Christian

Nwachukwu Okeke,

The Vice Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Dr. Christian Anieke,

Visiting Chancellors and Pro-Chancellors of other Universities,

Visiting Vice Chancellors of other Universities,

My Lords,

Your Highnesses,

Fellow members of the Board of Trustees,

Members of the Governing Council and the Senate,

Deans and Directors of Godfrey Okoye University,

Lecturers and non-Teaching Staff,

Graduating Students,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen



On behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees of the University, I welcome you to this great occasion which marks the 3rd convocation ceremony of this young but vibrant University. I thank you all who have come from far and near and have left your crowded engagements to be here today for this ceremony. I appreciate you all.

The University was founded in 2009 with a provisional operating licence and within barely six years of its existence, it secured its permanent licence from NUC, and therefore making it one of the fastest growing Universities in Nigeria. This is transparent through the activities of the able Vice Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Dr. Christian Anieke and the dedicated staff of the University who have continued to work assiduously to realize the set objectives of the University. I commend the total support of the Proprietor and the efforts of the Governing Council, the Senate, the Deans and Directors of Programmes, the lecturers and indeed the non-teaching staff for complimenting the effort of the Vice Chancellor in the realization of the goals of the University.

The Board of Trustees of the University, under my chairmanship, will on its part, continue to formulate policies and programmes aimed at speedy development of this citadel of learning. Already two committees have been set up to fulfil the mandate of the Board. These are the Committees on Publicity and Fundraising set up at the inaugural meeting of the second Board of Trustees held on March 03, 2015. The Publicity Committee headed by Dr. Mrs Vero E. Mogbo was saddled with the responsibility of developing a structure for publicity on the funding needs of the University, while the Fundraising Committee headed by Monsignor Prof. Dr. Obiora Ike has embarked on strategic capital campaign to improve the University's internal and external fund generation to assist the University meet its developmental targets. It is our sincere hope that the services of these committees will start bearing fruits in the nearest future.

I salute the graduating students and wish them success in their different endeavours. Having successfully passed through the University in both character and learning, I am optimistic that they will be able to cope in any

competitive environment in which they may find themselves as they leave here. I thank also the parents and guardians of the graduating students who have toiled greatly to finance the education of their children and wards. I equally appreciate the efforts of the lecturers and indeed all the staff of the University who have in one way or the other contributed in making today a success.

Finally, I thank everybody here for finding time to attend this memorable occasion and wish you travel mercies back to your respective destinations.

May God bless you all!

**Prof. Bartho Okolo**

Chairman, BOT.

Godfrey Okoye University.