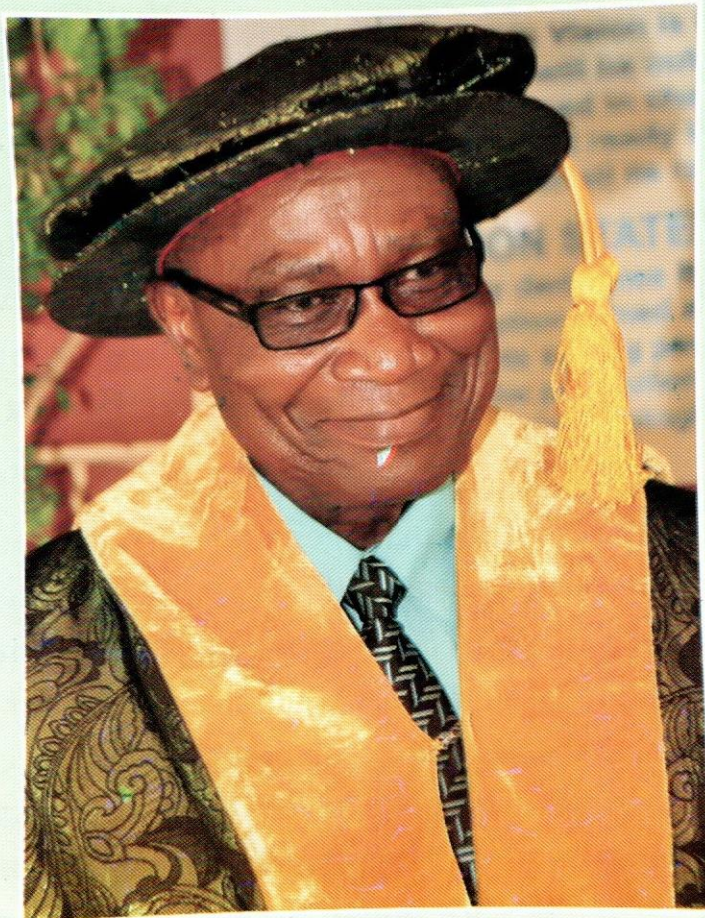


**ADDRESS OF THE PRO-CHANCELLOR & CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNING COUNCIL,  
PROF. DR. CHRISTIAN N. OKEKE, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 5TH  
CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF THE UNIVERSITY**

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**PROF. DR. CHRISTIAN NWACHUKWU OKEKE**  
**Pro Chancellor and**  
**Chairman of the Governing Council**

### **Protocols**

I wish to express my gratitude to God Almighty for a day like this, a day of exceeding joy, a day to present to the world the fruits of our labour, a day to tell the world of the global standard, quality, sound and moral education we have here in Godfrey Okoye University. Where is the evidence? This day is the evidence that we are of global standard. You can all see the well-nurtured, well-cultured, well-disciplined and intellectual minds we are giving to our



world today for the service of God and humanity. This is what we stand for as God's Own University.

On behalf of the Governing Council of Godfrey Okoye University, I specially appreciate friends of the university, for the sacrifices they have made to be here this day considering the economic stress you have undergone. Indeed, we are grateful for your presence which has made this event colourful. I also appreciate the parents who believed in the vision of this young but fastest growing university in Nigeria and entrusted their wards to us. Your wards are now men and women of great value to this country and the world due to your super-marvelous support and encouragement. I would urge all parents to keep up with the good work to ensure they attain the highest peak in life and academia.

I strongly commend the efforts of management, staff (both administrative and teaching) for bringing out the best in these graduates. These graduates can compete anywhere in the world because we have put in them all it takes to excel and make impact wherever they find themselves. Your efforts will never be in vain. My special thanks and appreciation go to the Vice Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Dr. Christian Anieke, for his "can do" spirit and the zeal to achieve the best for his staff and students. Prof. Anieke is, indeed, a blessing to this generation, a cleric of selfless life, a man of higher dreams and a mentor per excellence. From the time Go-Uni was established in 2009, the Governing Council under my Chairmanship, we all pledged our total support for your leadership. You have not let us down, rather you have continued to do us proud in different many ways too many to recount in this short convocation address.

But, suffice it to point out that through your dedication to hard work and unique management style, you have, with the support of our staff, students and all the statutory bodies, achieved a recent rare feat for the image and integrity of our young University. The best news of this year so far is the ranking of Go-Uni 24th in the latest 2018 NUC ranking of top 100 Universities



in Nigeria. More good things for the University are yet on the way. I hereby reassure Mr. Vice Chancellor that the Governing Council will re-double its efforts to support your endeavors to succeed in forming and shaping the lives of our younger ones both in character and in learning as well as to advance the growth of the University. Besides, the Governing Council will continue to dedicate herself to the development of the University by enunciating and approving new policies that will facilitate the smooth operation and modernization of the university on our all campuses, especially at Ugwuomu-Nike.

Furthermore, the university recorded monumental achievements in the area of academic growth by establishing two faculties in 2017, namely: the School of Postgraduate Studies and the Faculty of Law. This was made possible by my ever-hardworking tireless Vice Chancellor and his staff members who worked hard to see this become a reality.

It may be pertinent at his function to express the Governing Council's profound gratitude and appreciation to certain persons. We thank the Proprietor and Visitor to Go-Uni, His Excellency, His Lordship Dr. CVC Onaga, Bishop of Enugu Catholic Diocese for his continued unflinching support to our collective efforts. In the same token, we thank the Bishop Emeritus of Enugu Catholic Diocese, His Lordship, Bishop Dr. O. Gbuji for his continued interest and support in our affairs. The Council in a special way expresses its immense thanks to the Executive Governor of Enugu State, His Excellency Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, for his financial support and the flag-off of the 10 kilometre Ugwuomu-Nike, Nkwubo, Emene road project leading to the Ugwuomu campus of the University. Governor Ugwuanyi is a miracle to us and we highly appreciate him for this singular road project. This project has become a reality due to the combined efforts of the Promoter and the Board of Trustees and the Governing Council.

Finally, we cannot forget to publicly express our thanks to the Executive Governor of Sokoto State, His Excellency, Alhaji Aminu Tambuwal for the



redemption of his promise to Go-Uni by commencing the construction of our main auditorium at the Ugwuomu Campus. According to his wish, he requests that it should be named after his father in Enugu, Chief Anthony Okoye Mogboh, Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN). God will bless your Excellency for bestowing such a huge honor to a most deserving illustrious son of Enugu State. Council enjoins other public-spirited philanthropists to follow suit and join hands in supporting and aiding the young but fast growing institution.

To our graduates, I congratulate you all on this great milestone you have achieved today. It is a step in the right direction. As a university, we have invested in you everything you need to climb the ladder of greatness. Do not let the spirit go down, keep it up. "If you can dream it, you can do it - the road to your dreams is not always easy to navigate, sometimes dotted with mountains to climb, obstacles to overcome - and hard, mind-numbing times that will make you feel like quitting. Just remember this, if you get lost along the way: anything worth having does not come easy. So do not turn back around. Don't give up" - (Walt Disney). I hope to see you on top of life. Be committed to discipline, hard work, dialogue, integrity and excellence to change our world for the better.

Finally, I thank you all for making it to this great occasion and wish you safe journey to your different destinations. God bless you all.

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