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REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL AT THE BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY @ 20 YEARS PRAYER BREAKFAST HELD ON FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

Theme: *"Celebrating 20 years of Generational Transformation of the Community through Holistic Education"*.

Salutation

The Guest of Honour; Hon. Chris Baryomunsi,
House of Bishops
The House of Clergy
Governance; Board of Trustees & Council members
Political Leaders
BSU Staff
Students
All invited guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

I join the Ag. VC, to welcome all of you to this celebration indeed, emerging from childhood into adulthood, at 20 years. We celebrate this transition conscious that maturity comes with responsibilities as is well put in 1st Corinthians 13;11 "when I was a child, I reasoned like a child, when I became a man (woman) I put ways of childhood behind". BSU staff, "Sasa Hakunna Michezo".

At today's prayer breakfast our host is our Lord Bishop and University Chancellor, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, join me and we loudly thank him! He has invited very highly respected people that I wish to appreciate;

- Our Guest of Honour Hon. Chris Baryomunsi,
- The Guest Speakers; Rt. Rev. Nathan Ahimbisibwe, the Bishop of South West Ankole Diocese.
- Prof. John Mugisha, the Vice Chancellor Cavendish University. We honour you and respect you. We know the miracles you are performing at Cavendish University. We like it that you love us, this being the second time you are addressing us in one year. I see a great future in this love. Thank you!

Once again, we appreciate all of you that have turned up, "we are who we are because of you".

Today is a prayer day and I will begin with giving thanks to the Lord. Thanking Him for where He has brought us. Who are we that from 200 students, our enrolment now stands at 5000!

The courses we teach are many and varied. Our graduates are found in many fields, in Mbarara and beyond. Look at Nshara and Ruhengere government farms! And very significant, the Mayor Mbarara City His Lordship Mugabe Robert Kakyembezi! One of our graduates is a Dean of a Faculty at BSU and others are heads of Departments with PhDs. Glory be to God!

To paraphrase the famous line from Oliver TWIST "Please Lord, we want some more ". We have a science Block on which HE the President made a pledge of seven billion. It is a 4-level building and now we are on the 3rd level. We pray that the good Lord opens the hands of the treasury and we get the balance and complete the building.

We have the library building, our flagship project, which is now at finishes level. We pray that we ceremonially open it when you come back here for next graduation ceremony. We are happy to tell you that we have completed a 4 level Block for Nursing school at Ruharo. Both project using your money from fees collected, Clap for yourselves.

In all this, I wish to thank you our students who have done us proud, I am a Ntare School OB and our Motto is "Better your best ".

We thank the parents of our students, current and past who have trusted us with your children. Please keep sending more.

Hoping family planning won't sabotage our prayer.!

We thank the Government which gave us a charter and which provides the conducive environment in which we have prospered.

We thank our Academic staff for the selfless service. Public universities are giving us headache with their enhanced salaries but you have stuck with us. We appreciate you!

We thank the University administration led by our renowned one and only Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha. She has steered the university for eight (8) years and she has a lot of achievements to be proud of. Despite her being sick, she is here present to celebrate with us. Thank you Maud!

But we have hope and faith that the good lord knows what we want before we even ask for it. we trust that BSU is destined for great things.

Once again, thank you for joining us for today's celebrations. And thank you for listening to me. God bless you!

Our God Reigns!



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