

Congratulations on Your Silver Jubilee!

On the occasion of your Silver Jubilee, I send you warm greetings from Godfrey Okoye University Group of Institutions. I send you greetings from all our friends spread all over the wide and variegated spatio-temporal human settings. I send you the joy of my heart brimming with inexpressible gratitude to God for the gift of a unique priest of God. I send you love flowing from the spring of my heart as memories of your goodness and kindness fill my mental landscape like an unbroken series of movies! I salute you! I congratulate you!

The Catholic Diocese of Enugu is lucky to have a priest like you! My brief encounter with you has revealed a lot about you: kind, sociable, humorous, good-hearted and generous. These are qualities you have continued to splash on the tapestry of your pastoral and human encounters. The Diocese is lucky because your goodness will be credited to it since you are part of the Catholic family and the clergy of the Diocese. You are not one of those who make the Diocese take paracetamol or some other pain reliever; rather you belong to those who bring smiles and healing to it.

As you celebrate your Silver Jubilee I recall vividly how you have supported our work at Godfrey Okoye University, the Catholic University of Enugu. You have identified with its successes and rejoiced over its achievements. You have given words of encouragement to me and never joined the group of those whose sole vocation in this world is to bring others down or annihilate them. You have also supported the university financially from your little savings.

As you celebrate your Silver Jubilee, I join numerous friends and priests of the Diocese, particularly those in the USA, in thanking God for you. You have spread an aroma of goodness and pastoral care along your lovely way all these twenty five years and the Lord will bless you immensely for being such a wonderful priest.

Finally, I want to apologize for my inability to be present on this singular occasion and present this message myself. I have asked my Pro Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Christian Nwachukwu Okeke, to read my message to you and to convey the warm greetings of the university management and the Governing Council. You have been a reliable friend of our university, and on an occasion like this the presence of Godfrey Okoye University should be felt. Please accept whatever the Pro Chancellor gives you as a little symbol of our love and gratitude for what you are to us and the entire Catholic Church of Enugu and Nigeria. Congratulations! God bless you!

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