

A VALEDICTORY ADDRESS IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR CHIGOZIE CYRIL ASIABAKA *KSM, JP*, 6TH SUBSTANTIVE VICE-CHANCELLOR, FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY OWERRI BY ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY PASTORAL COUNCIL ON THE OCCASION OF THE THANKSGIVING MASS FOR COMPLETION OF TENURE, JUNE 12, 2016

PROTOCOL

OUTSTANDING FIVE YEARS OF ACHIVEMENTS UNDER THE SHADOW OF GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY

To the eternal glory of God Almighty, it is an outstanding five years of achievements under the shadow of God's grace and mercy as we mark the successful completion of tenure of the 6th Substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology Owerri and Grand Patron of our Chaplaincy, **Professor Chigozie Cyril Asiabaka *KSM, JP*** in today's Valedictory Thanksgiving Mass, June 12, 2016.

On behalf of our dear Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dr. Jude Ike, Assistant Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Anslem Amadi, the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy Pastoral Council and entire Catholic community of our great university, I congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on this milestone achievement.

We thank you Sir for quality service to our University from June 19, 2011 to June 18, 2016 which translated to a harvest of excellence and great transformation in all facets of University enterprise. The testimonies have been captured at various fora in the past two months.

Furthermore, we salute your deep sacrifice and commitment in the growth and development of our Chaplaincy. It is notable that by some dint of pleasant coincidence as already destined by God, the Vice-Chancellor assumed office on June 19, 2011 which was Trinity Sunday. At the thanksgiving mass to mark his assumption of duty as Vice-Chancellor, he promised to complete the Chaplaincy building and build a Rectory. To the glory of God, the two milestones were achieved with completion of the Rectory on February 3, 2014 and completion and dedication of the Chaplaincy on January 30, 2015.

In addition, the Vice-Chancellor supported the Chaplaincy with the donation of several items namely; the ultra-modern tabernacle, baptismal, stations of the cross, pews etc.

We cannot gain say the fact that the Vice-Chancellor came. He saw. He conquered and left large imprints of achievements on the sands of time to the glory of God and benefit of humanity.

VC Sir, although this is a Valedictory Thanksgiving mass to mark your completion of tenure, yet we are confident that you are still and will remain an active member of our Chaplaincy. Therefore, we appeal to you, your family and friends to continue to support our modest efforts towards the realization of some outstanding projects in the Chaplaincy namely; landscaping of the chapel environment, acquisition of a 50KVA generator, 42-seater Coaster bus and complete furnishing of the church with pews.

We pray for God's sustained blessings, guidance and protection on your and your family. To them that love God, all things work together unto good. May God lead you always and grant your good heart desires. Amen.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE ... JUNE 19, 2011 TO JUNE 18, 2016.



Professor I.N.S. Dozie

Chairman, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy Pastoral Council