

**MOST REV. PHILIP ANYOLO'S SPEECH DURING CUEA'S 2022 – 2023
ACADEMIC CONVOCATION**

- i. Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua Ngari, Rector and Vice Chancellor
of The Catholic University of Eastern Africa*
- ii. Mrs. Prof. Rachel Gesami, Deputy Vice Chancellor-Academic
Affairs and Research*
- iii. Mr. James Theuri, Special Advisor to the Vice Chancellor, In Charge
- Administration, Finance and Planning*
- iv. All Deans, Directors and Heads of Department Present*
- v. The Vice Chancellors-Designate, and Principals of our Constituent
Colleges*
- vi. Principals of our Affiliate Colleges*
- vii. University Faculty and staff*
- viii. University Student Leaders*
- ix. Our students*
- x. Ladies and gentlemen*

Good day to you all.

1. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the beginning of the academic year 2022 – 2023. I also wish in a special way to welcome our first years and we thank you for choosing this great University for your academic pursuit. I thank the continuing students for their commitment and maintaining a positive image of our University. To our staff at the University, we thank you for your commitment and sustaining quality education that advantages our students in the job market as well as innovatively creating wealth for themselves and the society.

2. Beginning an academic year with a Eucharistic Mass and Academic Convocation has two primary roles; to put all that is ahead of us this year before God and to focus the entire University in the direction that all of us wish CUEA to sail in the vast ocean of tertiary education.
3. As a Catholic University we are mandated to evangelize through offering quality education, mentorship, modelling of values and preparing ethical leaders for humanity. The Congregation for Catholic Education puts it well by stating that a Catholic University takes care of cultivating sciences and training true professionals. This implies forming a people of knowledge and culture who, supported by their faith and aware of the commitment that stems from it, are able to testify to their faith in front of the world. With a spirit of service, they work hard to contribute to humankind's true progress, enhancing the human person in all its dimensions, without forgetting the spiritual and religious dimension, thus promoting peace, solidarity, and the good of the human family.
4. As we embark on the new academic year and work for a world that has reclaimed its environmental health through academic means, I also ask you to pray for the global leadership to embrace this noble idea. You can do this through prayer, participating in faith activities like religious retreats and through attending Mass or worship among our brothers and sisters in faith.
5. In addition, as we commence with the academic year, I urge you to avoid places that will lead you into temptation and destroy your integrity, sanity, academic and your spiritual health. I know the world today is full of people who have earned their wealth and fame through unscrupulous means, and have ended up being renowned in society as

pillars of success. Please do not look up to them. Instead, look up to those who have earned their place in society as pillars because of their good deeds and way of life.

6. I wish you well as CUEA formally embarks on the 2022 – 2023 Academic Year and I assure you that the Catholic University of Eastern Africa is always in our prayers.

Thank you and God bless you all

**Most Rev. Philip ANYOLO
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