

MUNI UNIVERSITY



**WELCOME REMARKS BY THE ACTING VICE
CHANCELLOR DURING THE INAGURAL MEMORIAL
LECTURE IN MEMORY OF THE FOUNDING VICE
CHANCELLOR, THE LATE PROFESSOR CHRISTINE
DRANZOA HELD ON JULY 15, 2023 AT THE MAIN
CONFERENCE HALL IN MUNI UNIVERSITY**

July, 2023

1.0 Protocol

- Cabinet Ministers,
- Ministers of State
- Members of Parliament,
- Permanent Secretaries
- Traditional Leaders,
- Brigade Commander,
- Regional Police Commander,
- Regional Prisons Commander,
- Chancellor, Muni University,
- Vice Chancellors of Universities,
- Muni University Council and Senate Members,
- The University Partners,
- Opinion Leaders
- Resident City Commissioner,
- Resident District Commissioner,
- Local Council V Chairpersons,
- Principal City Education Officer,
- Staff of Muni University,
- Students,
- Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

2.0 Welcome

I would like to welcome all of you to this inaugural memorial lecture during which we honour the magnanimous contribution of the founding Vice Chancellor, the Late Prof. Christine Dranzoa.

Our Chief Guest, your presence in this assembly is a clear testimony of your immeasurable love and care for Muni University. We shall continue to thank you more and more for always standing by our side at times of joy as well as difficult times. May the good Lord bless you as you continue to steer the education sub-sector to greater heights. **You are warmly welcome!**

The main speaker during this memorial lecture was extremely prompt in replying to our proposal to have her speak during this occasion. We thank you for demonstrating readiness of action in the matters concerning Muni University. I therefore take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to Muni University. **Please join me in welcoming our main speaker with a thunderous applause.**

I would like to warmly welcome the family of our founding Vice Chancellor, the late Prof. Christine Dranzoa, the relatives, and the entire Madi-Aulogo community members living in Arua City and beyond to this memorial lecture. We thank you very much for bearing with us at the first instance when the actual day for the memorial lecture was moved to this day. I thank you very much for understanding and warmly welcome you to Muni University for this memorable occasion. **Join me in welcoming the family, relatives, and the entire Madi-Aulogo community to this memorial lecture.**

In humility, I would like to welcome our dear Chancellor, the Retired Archbishop Henry Luke Orombi to this occasion of the inaugural memorial lecture in honour of our founding Vice Chancellor. Mr. Chancellor sir, we thank you for providing us a strong spiritual cover, strategic direction, as well as giving us a father-figure in managing Muni University. **Join me in welcoming our beloved Papa to this occasion.**

The Chairperson and members of the University Council as well as Senate members are present. At an appropriate time, they will be introduced to you. However, allow me introduce to you two new members who were recently appointed by the Minister of Education and Sports to Muni University Senate. Mr. Georges Aswa Asea has completed one term of his tenure as a member of Seante representing the public. The Minister has re-appointed him for a second term. Congratulations and we welcome you warmly to this occasion. The second person is Prof. William Worodria, who is a senior Consultant Physician at Mulago Regional Referral Hospital. We congratulate you upon this well-deserved appointment and welcome you to this occasion. By the way, Prof. William Worodria was one of the key doctors in a team who offered his whole to do what he could in the treatment of our fallen founding Vice Chancellor. For your selfless efforts, we leave you God's blessings. You are most welcome!

Staff and students of Muni University; distinguished invited guests, ladies and gentlemen, you are all welcome.

3.0 Council Resolutions

By the time of her demise, the third University Council was being formed and that time, the University Council was being inducted. The induction was immediately suspended and an emergency University Council meeting was convened and at that time the Council resolved to:

- (a) build an effigy in memory of the late Prof. Christine Dranzoa on this Campus,
- (b) establish Prof. Dranzoa Educational Trust Fund to support the education of the Girl-Child,
- (c) name one of the buildings on Campus after our dear founding Vice Chancellor, a resolution that has been fully achieved,
- (d) compile a book of tributes,

- (e) organize memorial lecture on every 28th day of June in memory of the founding Vice Chancellor, the late Prof. Christine Dranzoa.

Dear Chief Guest, I am happy to witness the last resolution being implemented for the first time today as an inaugural event. This event started with.

3.1 Radio Talk Show on Thursday, July 13, 2023

It all started on Thursday evening with a radio talk show on Arua One FM, which is part of the Vision Group of Companies. The purpose of the radio talk show was to bring the legacy of our founding Vice Chancellor to the public domain. The talk show received very good responses from the public and an expression of fond memories and support for the event was evident.

3.2 Inter-faith Prayers held on Friday, July 14, 2023

Yesterday, Friday, July 14, 2023, the University held very successful inter-faith prayers for her soul. The prayers were led by the Right Reverend Sabino Ocan Odoki, the Ordinary of the Catholic Diocese of Arua, the Right Reverend Charles Collins Andaku, the Bishop of Diocese of Madi West Nile (represented by Rev. Capt. Hellen Munduru), and the District Khadi, Arua. The religious leaders acknowledged the immeasurable contribution of the Late in the education sub-sector and preached unity, inclusiveness, and love as a legacy of key virtues upheld by the late Professor Christine Dranzoa. We shall always remain indebted to our religious leaders for their love and active participation in the matters of this University.

3.3 Memorial Lecture and Memorial Research Symposium held today, Saturday July 15, 2023

Today, we are witnessing the Memorial Lecture in memory of our founding Vice Chancellor, Professor Christine Dranzoa on the theme: “*Upholding the Legacy of Transitioning Muni to a Research-led and Community Engaged University*”.

The day started with a memorial match led by the brass band from the City Centre to the University where ten memorial trees were planted in remembrance of her passion for the preservation of our environment.

We also witnessed the launching of Prof. Christine Dranzoa Lecture Block and now we are yet to listen to the memorial Lecture that will be delivered by one distinguished person who has journeyed with the Late from school times till the time of her demise.

The Late Professor Christine Dranzoa was very passionate about research. Her legacy in building the research arm of this University will be remembered today through a research symposium. I welcome all of you to the symposium and wish you fruitful stay at Muni University.

Once again, I welcome all of you to this occasion.

**FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY
and TRANSFORMING LIVES**