THE ADDRESS OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR, REV CANON PROF JOSEPH GALGALO, AT THE 28TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF ST. PAUL'S UNIVERSITY, ON FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2019

The Guest of honor, HON. AMB. UKUR YATANI, The Chancellor, HON. PROF. MARGARET KOBIA,

Chairman of the University Council, His Grace Most Rev Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rt. Rev Julius Mwamba, Members of the University Governing

Council and the Board of Trustees,

All our staff, students and invited guests,

Good morning! and welcome to St. Paul's University and especially to our 28th graduation ceremony.

[Recognition of guests]

It is a great honor to have you grace our graduation, and we thank you for blessing us with your presence.

As we celebrate our granduands and congratulate them, we also celebrate God's goodness and are grateful for yet another year of stability, growth and achievement in many areas.

Our progress in line with our strategic plan has been steady and on course. In the just ended year 2018/2019, we have improved our research output, mounted more programs, expanded our facilities including additional laboratories for our health sciences, an additional training facility for our business unit, and expanded our accommodation capacity; we have enhanced revenue streams, increased library resources, and created new linkages, partnerships and collaborations.

As we order our annual activities based on the approved plans our execution of it is prayerfully undertaken and inspired by the word of God. Our theme for this year taken from Isaiah 4:31, says, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." This verse aptly tells our story, and testifies to how God has always been faithful. We may have had our fair share of challenges but we are ever strengthened to stay the course, and achieve set objectives. We are grateful to our Council, staff and students who believe in our course. Together, we are evermore determined to aspire to greater heights to expand our infrastructure, and other resources as we strife to achieve greater quality in all aspects of our work.

In the coming year, we plan to construct a bigger chapel and a purpose built School of Theology. Our graduands, as we send you out for greater service to God and humanity, we also invite you to partner with us. Please register with the Alumni Association and become part of our

continuing success story. I invite you to consider giving back a little to your alma mater - and together, we can only be stronger.

Thank you to you all, Congratulations class of 2019, and God bless you.