

THE PIONEER YEARBOOK 2006



THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2006

*Catholic University College of Ghana
Fiapre/Sunyani*

Symbolism of the Coat of Arms

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF GHANA

The shield is in the colours of Ghana and has set within it the central symbol of:

+ **A Stylized cross** set in a second inner outline of the shield.
The cross is designed to represent a chalice

- Placed at the centre of the cross is the Eucharist. The radiance of light from the centre of the Eucharist spreads outward into the cross

+ **Placed on the Eucharist** is the 'Gye Nyame' symbol which forms the backdrop for the cross.

- The motto '**Scientiae ac Sapientiae Lumen Splendeat**' admonishes us to let God's light shine through the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom.



The symbolism is of:

1. The Ghanaian's knowledge and acceptance of God from ancient times [national colours and the Gye Nyame].
2. Christ's new role in harmonizing our faith [the cross] by his sacrifice [chalice and host]. The cross, the chalice and the host together represent the Mass, a pillar of Catholic faith and worship.
3. The radiance has been rendered in yellow and white to signify the Church's role in letting the light of the Lord shine forth, specifically providing this avenue for the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom [motto].

[The Coat of Arms was designed by Mr. Charles Bucknor, Director of Ghana TV.]

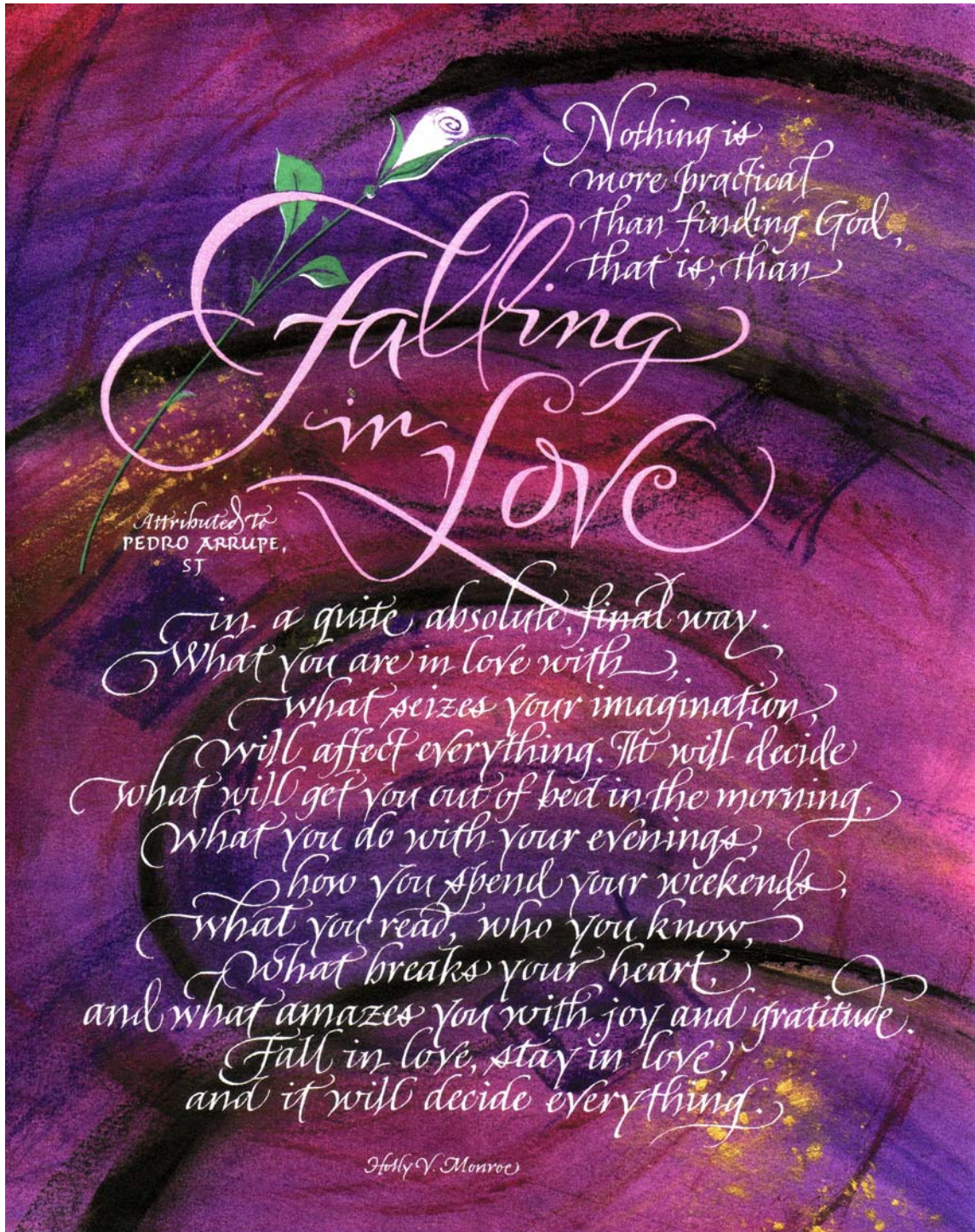
Dedication

The Pioneer Senior Class dedicates this yearbook to Father Michael Schultheis, the first President of the Catholic University, and to the Administration, Lecturers, and Supporting Staff of the University, to our Families, our personal Benefactors and the friends of the University who have accompanied us during these pioneer years.

Preface

The idea of a yearbook by the Pioneer Students was suggested by Father Michael Schultheis, the President of the Catholic University. The Pioneers welcomed his suggestion and immediately formed a committee to work on its preparation and publication. This yearbook is the result of the hard work and dedicated efforts of the editorial team.

This yearbook has elements of the journey of the Pioneers from their arrival in March 2003 to their completion in May 2006. These include a pictorial history of the University and messages from the President, the Acting Registrar, the Deans of Faculties, the Dean of Students and the Chaplain. They also include photos of student events during these first four academic years, ranging from the academic to sports and entertainment. Some of these are in pictures; others are in writing. They invite further memories and reflections!



Message from the President

It is fitting that the Pioneers have prepared this first yearbook of the Catholic University College of Ghana, Fiapre/Sunyani. Although modest, it is a good beginning and may serve as a model for those who follow. Congratulations to those who labored to move it from vision to reality. As the sage says: “A vision that goes no further is hallucination”.

What does the President say to the Pioneer Students, his almost daily companions of these past three years and three months? Unquestionably, it is proper to reflect on these first years, beginning with your orientation week in early March 2003 and the first matriculation in May. You returned to welcome a ‘fresh class’ in early November 2003, and the following week you joined the President of the Republic, the Bishops and many friends for the official inauguration on 13 November 2003. In August 2004, you welcomed the 115 new students who doubled the enrolment. In August 2005, you absorbed another ‘fresh class’ of 175 to double the enrolment again, to 350 students. The growing number finally recognized you as the Pioneers and veterans, with experience enough to guide them, even as your eyes were set on a first graduation.

Indeed, as Pioneers you can look back on many moments of consolation and achievement. Yes, there were also moments of disappointment and frustration – the lack of facilities, crowded hostels, poor transport to campus, and the delay in construction at the new site that kept you from sharing in the next stage of the University’s development. Many of these were my disappointments and frustrations too!

You are a gifted group in many ways. For me, it has been a joy and blessing to walk with you as Pioneers, since that day in March 2003 when you set forth into the unknown with courage and confidence. We all can take satisfaction in marking your achievements. But remember too, that although a University degree is an important milestone, it is not a final achievement. Like most completions, it opens to new visions and new beginnings. And what you have begun, do continue. I like the phrase: **be dream builders and dream makers, not dream breakers – for yourself as well as for others**. But to be a dream maker, it means that you must first dare to dream. Let me repeat what you have heard me say before. What the world needs now are women and men of competence, conscience and commitment -- whose heads are clear in thinking of the challenges of the day, whose hearts are moved by the values of integrity and compassion, and whose hands are into the thick of things. Set your goals high. Be men and women of great desires. Cultivate a love of learning and the joy of service.

A final word. Spend some time every day listening to what your inner spirit is telling you. Don’t be shy to pray and to be grateful – recognize the gift that you are. Be thankful for your families, your companions, your teachers, the opportunities to expand your world view. Find time to be a friend with the God who calls you, who loves you, who accompanies you on your life journey! My prayers and those of all of us at the University go with you as you take the next steps of your life journey.

-- Father Michael J Schultheis, SJ (May 2006)



A Word from the Editorial Team

This yearbook celebrates the birth of the Catholic University and marks the first steps in the infancy years. In 1998 the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Ghana, the proud parents, announced its pending arrival. After a lengthy gestation period that focused on meetings and plans, the Catholic University opened its doors to welcome the first students on 3 March 2003. At last, the baby was born! That remains a memorable day in the lives of the Pioneer Students and the many stakeholders and friends of the University. On that day just over three years ago, the first group of students arrived in Sunyani for a week of orientation and to realize a dream, a dream that has now come true. It was exciting to meet new companions from many regions of Ghana, as well as from Ivory Coast and Nigeria, and with them to begin to shape this infant institution.

After a week of orientation, lectures began. Hmm! Enter the real world, which some found tough and others found manageable. Slowly, students adjusted to regular daily assignments and a new University environment. Thanks to the companionship that we were discovering, we eventually settled into the new routine. Many, especially the Pioneer Students and their families, have been yearning to see the growth of this infant University. As the Pioneers complete the four-year programme, our parents and families, our friends and many other stakeholders join in rejoicing that the first fruits have completed their University studies and are on their way to the job market. Imagine the happiness of these people as their dreams come true!

This yearbook aims to share with you some of the memories of the Pioneer years. Along with 3 March 2003, the first day students reported to the University, the Pioneer graduation day will be one of the historical events of the University.

We are very grateful to the builders of this dream for offering us the opportunity to experience a Catholic university education, an education with a difference. We deeply appreciate the dedicated efforts of the Catholic Bishops of Ghana, the members of the Board of Trustees and the various planning committees, the Diocese of Sunyani, the Regional Administration of Brong Ahafo and the traditional authorities, the University administration and academic and supporting staff, the benefactors and friends of the University. All have contributed in diverse ways towards the establishment and progress of the University. You have really made us students of worth. We hope to be worthy of your trust and to make you proud of us.

We are especially grateful to Father Michael Schultheis, the President of the University, for encouraging us and working with us to make this yearbook a reality, to Sister Kathleen Feeley and Michelle Quinn for reading the texts and to Ms. Diana Effah Yeboah for her typing skills.

May the Good Lord bless us. May His light and wisdom shine forth in us.

-- Mabel Akosua Hoedoafia (editor-in-chief) and the editorial team:
Brother Augustine Kubdaar, Yvonne-Marie Bulley, Michael Kumi Badu,
Francis Alhassan Adams, Opoku-Quansah Kenneth, Frimpong Charles.



M. A. Hoedoafia

Goodwill Message from the Acting Registrar

On **3rd March 2003**, the **Pioneer Students** of which you were a part, were admitted into the Catholic University College. The process of admission was completed on **3rd May 2003** with the official matriculation of **50 Pioneer Students**. The day marked the official beginning of your academic journey in the University. Your number now stands at **46**. You were admitted into these three faculties of the University:

- **Economics and Business Administration (EBA)**
- **Information and Communication Sciences and Technology (ICST)**
- **Religious Studies (RS)**

Since **March 2003** you have often toiled under trying conditions. Some of you have not had it easy paying tuition fees. The “Kindly Light” has, however, led you on amid the encircling gloom of uncertainties and difficulties. Your lecturers and other staff members have been very supportive. Now that you have completed the last lap of the race, you cannot afford to look back. You will drop your baton if you do. The God of your fathers, manifested in the cloudy pillar by day and fire by night during the sojourn of the Israelites, has guided you to your journey’s end at the Catholic University. With the completion of the last examinations, you now can breathe a sigh of relief. Your anxieties are over.

And now, what next? I invite you to think over what the Catholic University has done for you and what you in turn are going to give to your **alma mater** and your country. Apart from the knowledge you have gained through the various courses of study, can you in earnest say that you have imbibed the Christian moral and ethical values that have helped in your integral personal development, so as to offer committed service to your community?

As you go forth into the world, the Catholic University will be following you with eagle eyes, confident that you will contribute your quota to national development. With the decay in the moral fibre of the nation, we expect you to go forth from the University as living water to a thirsty land. We wish you God’s blessing and protection in the world beyond the University.

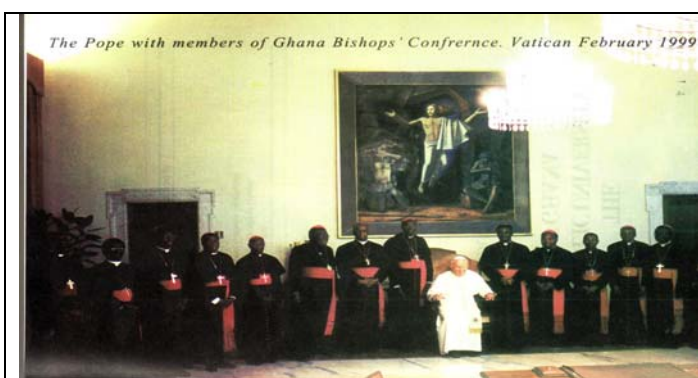
-- E.K.A. Odoom, Acting Registrar



A Pictorial History of CUCG

The History of CUCG? What history and whose history? That depends on where you stand or where you sit. For the Pioneer Students ... their history bridges the significant events surrounding the establishment of the Catholic University. Let us name a few – many will spark memories of other events, each with a personal note. Try to recall **where** you were and **who** you were on those days and during those events.

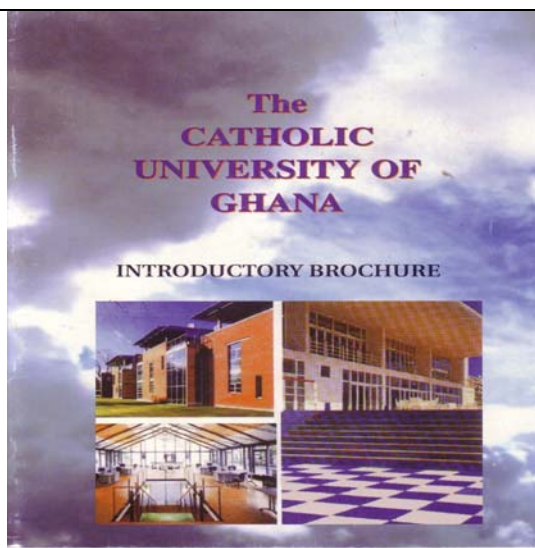
1998. Bishops announce their decision to establish the Catholic University of Ghana
14 June 2002. Fr. Schultheis arrives to assume the role of the first president of CUCG.



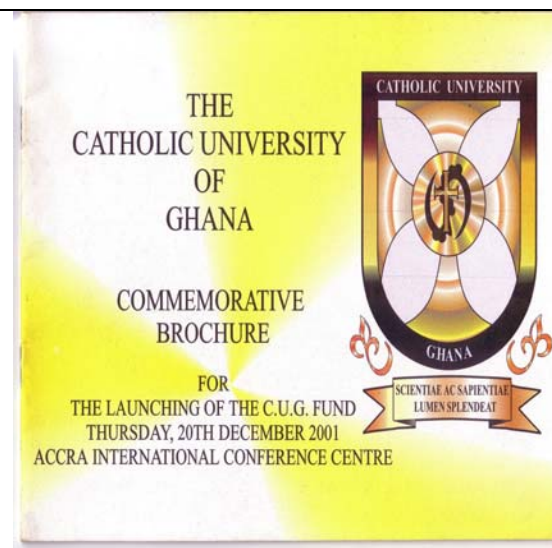
Ghana Catholic Bishops Meet in Rome, 1999



GCBC Meeting in Aflao, July 2002




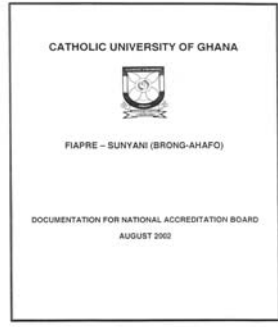

CUCG Introductory Brochure, 1999



Launching the CUCG Fund, 20 Dec 2001

July and August 2002. The preparation of documentation for the National Accreditation Board begins in earnest and is submitted to NAB.




4 December 2002. In Accra, the National Accreditation Board grants accreditation to the Catholic University College of Ghana and approves three Faculties.




		
NAB Document Cover page	NAB Document Title page	NAB Accreditation Panel visits, Sept 2002

November 2002. In Sunyani, the renovation and painting work of the temporary facilities at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre is completed.

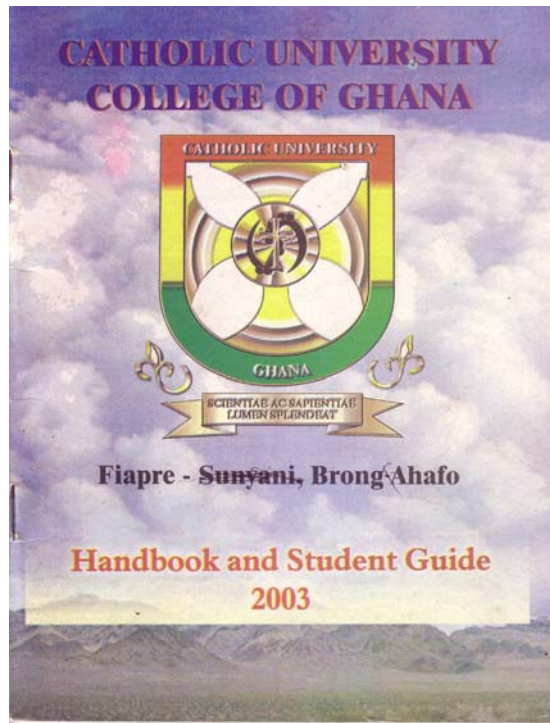
			
Directions for CUCG, 2002	Entrance to Admin Block	Painting Classroom Block	Installing Computers

15 January 2003. Formal press conference at the Catholic Secretariat in which Archbishop Peter K.A. Turkson, the Chancellor and soon to be appointed Cardinal, announces that the Catholic University will welcome its first students on 3 March.

		
The Daily Graphic, January 2003	The Standard, January 2003	Ghana Review International, March 2003

		
Members of Board of Trustees, February 2003 – Sunyani	AB Sarpong, C Kofie and B Osei-Bonsu, Board of Trustees, Feb '03	Board of Trustees in Session, February 2003 - Sunyani




First Academic Year, 2003



3 March 2003. Pioneer Students arrive for orientation week.
10 March 2003. Pioneer Students begin lectures.






The Pioneer Students are greeted near the Cathedral and given instructions on lodging, registration and events of orientation week. Welcome to the Pastoral Centre!

		
Prof E Mensah welcomes the Pioneers, 3 March 2003	Prof D Yeboah-Amankwah Choosing words carefully	Nana Gyan Gyau III welcomes Students to Sunyani – Akwaaba!

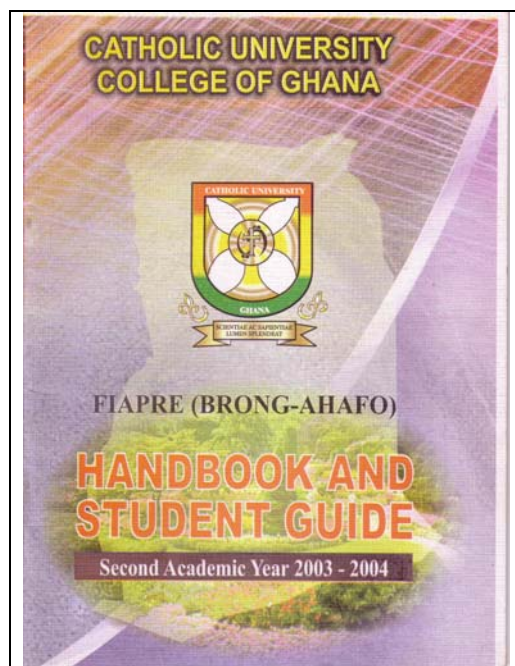
		
Pioneer Students listen carefully	Time out for lunch	Pioneer Students are here!

10 May 2003. Matriculation of the Pioneer Students.

		
Entry Procession, May 2003	Assembled Dignitaries, May 2003	Other Invited Guests, May 2003

		
Registrar Fr. A. Kuuire Calling Matriculants	J H Mensah, MP, Bishop Osei-Bonsu and Matriculant Francis A Adams, May 2003	Senior Members at Post-Matriculation Lunch, May 2003

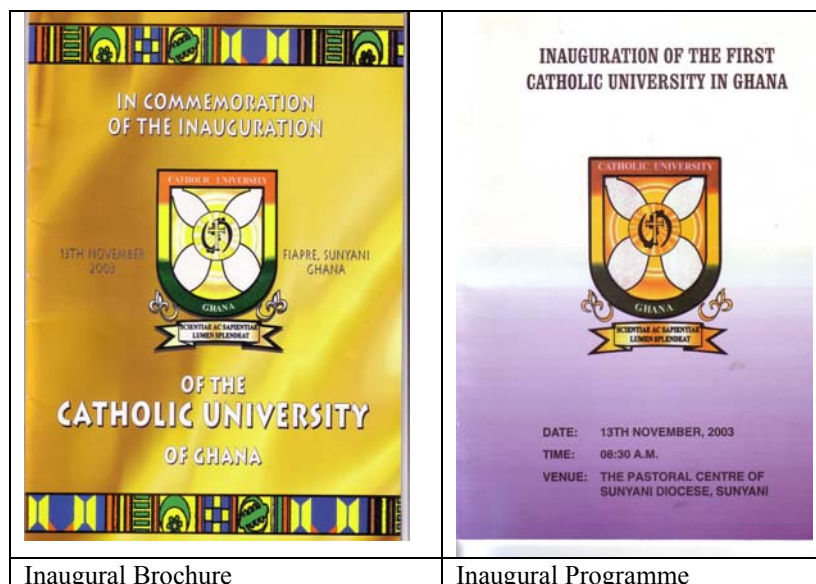
Second Academic Year, 2003-04



3 November 2003. Orientation week.

10 November 2003. Lectures begin for all students.

13 November 2003. President J.A. Kufuor, Cardinal Turkson and Archbishop Kocherry, the Papal Nuncio, join the other bishops and many friends for the official inauguration.





Inauguration Mass, 13 November 2003



President Kufour greeting Cardinal Turkson



Dignitaries at Inaugural Ceremony, 13 Nov 2003



President Kufour Addressing the Community



Bishops Prepared for the Inauguration Mass, Nov 2003



Invited Guests, Inauguration Ceremony, November 2003



USA Ambassador Hon. Mary C Yates
Canadian H. Comm. A. Balduc



Pres. Kufour at Sod Cutting



Bishop Gyamfi at Sod Cutting



ABishop Kocherry at Tree Planting

Dec 2003. Second Matriculation and Installation of First SRC Leadership.



Senior Members with Matriculants, December 2003



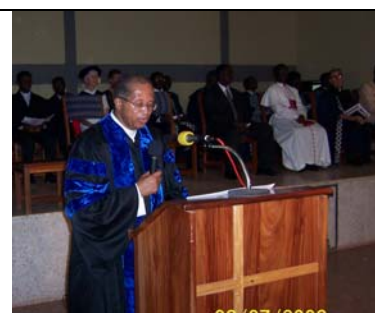
First SRC Executive and Officers, Dec 03



Dignitaries at Matriculation, Dec 03



Cross Section Matriculants Dec 03



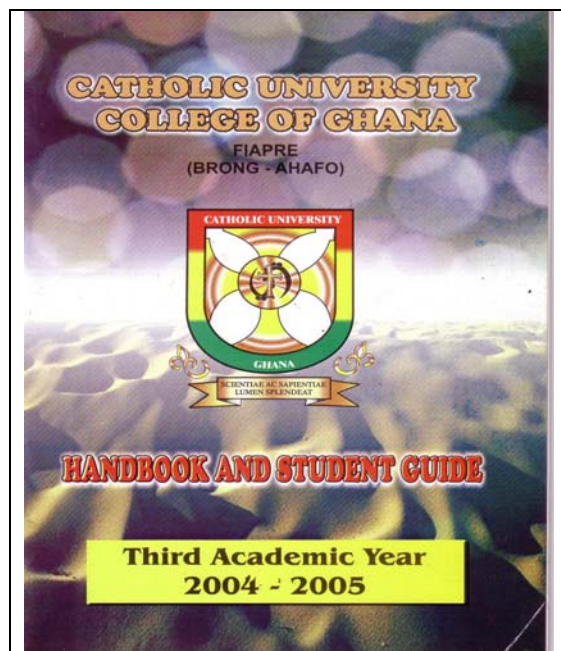
Fr. Kuuire Addressing Assembly

Peace

*In our dear motherland
At the Northern region (Yendi)
Which is beyond the mountains and seas
I hear the sound of war drums beating profoundly.
More than twice in the history of our motherland
War has brought annihilation,
Death and untold torment to the innocent,
Breaking apart families and shattering lives.
Men driven by their lust for power
Have defiled the land with innocent blood.
When shall we learn from the mistakes of our ancestors?
And put our arms down (guns and cutlasses)
O mankind, let us with one accord long to hear once again the drums of peace.*

-- Mavis Obeng Frimpong, ICST 2006

Third Academic Year, 2004-05



22 August 2004. Orientation Week with 115 New Students.
Night School Programme Begins.

31 October 2004. Third Matriculation



President Addressing
Matriculants, October 2004



Regional Minister Seinti
Addressing Matriculants

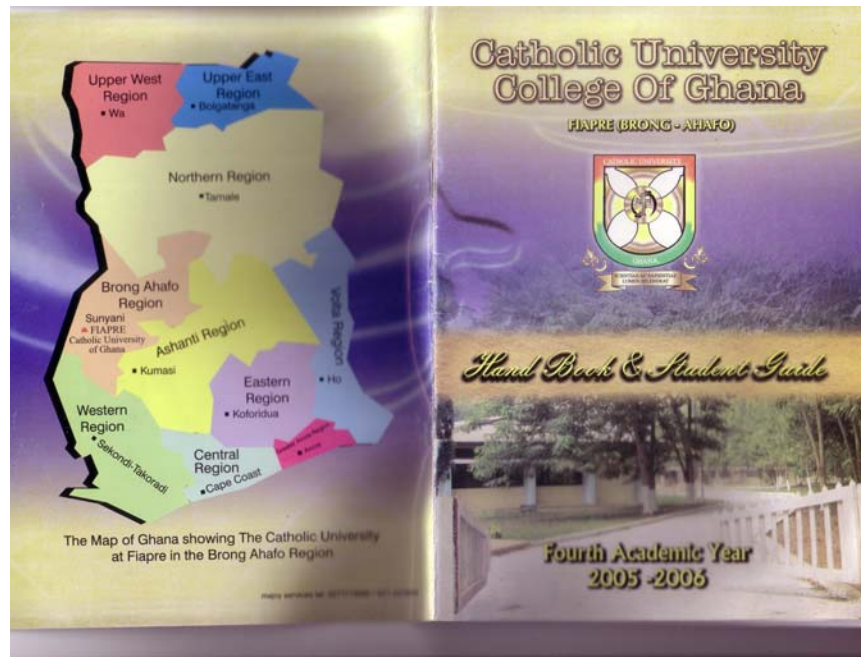


Dignitaries Assembled for
Matriculation, October 2004



CUCG Matriculants, October 2004

Fourth Academic Year, 2005-06



Dignitaries at the Matriculation, 29 October 2005



A Cross Section of Matriculants, 29 October 2005



Student Awards -- the Dean's List



Pioneer Students, February 2006



Pioneer Students, February 2006

The Faculties

Economics and Business Administration (EBA)

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration is the largest of the three faculties in terms of number of students. Professor Ebow Mensah, the Dean of the Faculty since its beginning, guides the Faculty in equipping students with the analytical tools required to understand economic issues and the entrepreneurial skills to meet the challenges of administration and management in a competitive global situation.

Specifically, the programme seeks to train graduates who will have the capacity and versatility to meet the needs and requirements of commerce, industry, and Ghana's development agenda. Additionally, it seeks to nourish graduates with values and a dedication to contribute positively to society.



The Night School

The Catholic University began a night school programme in October 2004. Eleven students enrolled in the first year of a six-year degree programme; 32 students enrolled in the second year.

During the first two years, the University restricted the offerings in the night school to courses in the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. Courses will be offered in the other faculties, ICST and RS, during the 2006/2007 academic year. The Director, Dr. Kofi Bobi Barimah, also serves as Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration.



Some Photos of Faculty



Ted & Kiki Straathof and Family






G. Agbozo, Lecturer



Vida Korang, Lecturer

		
Part-time Lecturers, Dialog Education Workshop, August 2005	Participants and Resource Persons, Dialog Educ Workshop, Aug 2005	Prof. E. Mensah with Workshop Resource Persons, August 2005

Photographs of Pioneer Students, EBA Faculty

 Abiza Azekyum	Wiaga, U/E R SSS. Accra '02 Hope to be a Banker. 024-4563495 aze182003@yahoo.com "The road is surely tough but with determination and prayers, success is yours".	 Donkor Abigail	Kumasi, A/R SSS: Yaa Asantewaa Hope to be a Banker. 024-2856934 Abigail_donkor@hotmail.com "The goodness and mercy of the Lord shall transcend all the impossibilities of our life".
 Achiaa Vida Yeboah	Chiraa, B/A R S.S.S.: Sunyani '02 Hope to be Resourceful. 020-8532196 vdbringht2yahoo.com "Cherish whatever you have".	 Easmon Lawrencia Lily	Koforidua, E/R SSS: St Roses Girls Hope to be a Chartered Accountant/Business Tycoon 024-4787540 "Anything worth doing is worth doing well".
 Agyemang Stephen	Techiman, B/A R S.S.S. Techiman '02. Hope to be an Administrator "Prayer and determination is the way to accomplish your ambitions".	 Enokou Yves Alexandre	Bouaké, Cote d' Ivoire SSS: Coll Cath. St. Viateur '01 Hope to be the Minister of Finance of Cote d' Ivoire. 024-4211966 alex.enokou@gmail.com "Hope is faith and belief is strength. Meditate on this and you will succeed".
 Anaba Aganda Oswin	Bolgatanga, U/ R SSS: Opoku Ware '01 Hope to be President of Ghana 024-45743322 "In life, it is the spirit that is important, not the age".	 Frimpong Charles	Sekondi, W/R SSS: Mfantipim '02 Hope to Head a Solar Energy Company in West Africa 024-4521748 "Life is too short, why waste it on sleep? Enjoy your youth and plan your future appropriately".
 Akomeah Osman Marfo	S.S.S.: Prempeh College '02 Hope to be Ambassador to China!	 Hoedoafia Mabel Akosua	Adzato, V/R SSS: Notre Dame Girls Sec '02 Hope to be an Administrator 024-3177020 mhoedoafia@yahoo.com "Always know where you are going and you will arrive safely".

	Doninga, U/E R SSS: St Louis '02. Hope to be a Financial Controller of an Int. Org; 0244-473355 "Life is like a rolling ball; choose the direction to roll the ball to succeed".		From Techiman, B/A R SSS: St James Sem Hope to be an Administrator 0246-253594 "The sky should be the starting point of the Pioneer Students".
	Sunyani, B/A R SSS: Prempeh College 024-4774581 "It's just nice to be nice".		Sunyani, B A R SSS: St Louis Girls '02 Hope to be an Entrepreneur 0244.825580. "The future is a subject of fascination. Who knows what will happen next month or year? Make use of every second".
	Fumbisi, U/E R. SSS: Bolgatanga '01 0242.627391 "Remember to always be who you are".		SSS: Yilo Krobo Sec Hope to be the first female President of the Rep. of Ghana 024-4671212 minimadey@yahoo.com "Always remember to keep your dream alive".
	Keta, V/R SSS: St. Rose's '02 Hope to be a Lawyer and Administrator 024-4890355 bouncyyvy@yahoo.com "Step into the world with determination, perseverance, discipline and self confidence".		Accra SSS: Aburi Girls Hope to be an Administrator/ Consultant/Business Woman 024-4215383. "Life is what you make it. Determination and hard work make our dreams come true".
	Ksi-Asokwa, A/ R SSS: T. I. Ahmadiya '02 Hope to be a man of history 024-2138123 ebenezerdns@yahoo.co.uk "Where determination exists, failure cannot dismantle the flag of success".		Berekum, B/A R SSS Sunyani Hope to be the Sec Gen of UN 020-8372693 "Friends are like stars. You may not see them always but they are there".
	Kwahu Tafo, E/R SSS: Konongo-Odumase Hope to be a Musician. 024-4358955 johnnyeboah@yahoo.com "Think positively. Live peacefully".		SSS: Saint Louis '02 Hope to be a Woman of Substance. 024-4528040 florenctakyi@yahoo.com "Always be who you are and not what people want you to be".

Information & Communication Sciences & Technology (ICST)

Message from the Acting Dean

After four years of toil, frustration, uncertainty and much last minute advice, you are ready to celebrate with your families and friends. Let me offer some parting thoughts. Remember the importance of relationships and the power of connections that open you to a wider world. You have received a pioneering and extraordinary education. This will be more apparent to you as time goes on. During these years you created many positive relationships, and they must be acknowledged.

Let me note some relationships:

- with your families and others who have worked and sacrificed to make your education possible. Continue to rely on them; stay connected with them;
- with your professors, faculty and others of the University community who have shared with you their wisdom, inspiration and at times material assistance. Continue to rely on them; stay connected with them;
- with your colleagues who have made a difference in your lives. After you leave the University, join with them to make a difference in our society.

Your education has prepared you to make a difference. You have competencies and skills to address some of Ghana's development goals. Some have prepared projects and systems that if continued, will contribute to improve our hospitals, businesses and society. Continue with such projects. Finally, "Congratulations"! We are proud of you!
-- Gyaase Ohemeng Patrick



Prof D Yeboah-Amankwah, 03-5



Visiting Faculty, KNUST



Fr. P. Amponsah, Lecturer

		
Samuel Gati, Technician	ICST Students in new Laboratory	Satellite Antenna, May 2006

Photographs of Pioneer Students, ICST Faculty

 Abban Joseph	SSS: Achimota Hope to have money, power & respect 024-4699126 jwa-69@yahoo.com “Live, Suffer and celebrate”.	 Asante Audrey	Kumasi, A/R SSS: Kumasi Girls Hope to be a Professor aud83uk@yahoo.co.uk “Determination is the key to success”.
 Adams Alhassan Francis	Damongo, N/R SSS: Presby Sec. Berekum '00 024-3626118 francisadams2004@yahoo.com “The only way to reduce the work of tomorrow is to tackle the most difficult work of today”.	 Ba-iremourg Francis Xavier	Dapuori, U/W R SSS: St. Augustine's College Hope to set up my own firm 024-4643668 “In life you determine your happiness; never let your colleagues down”.
 Adu-Bonsu Andrew	Jamasi, A/R SSS: Sunyani Sec Hope to be a PHD holder 024-4158955 adubonsu@hotmail.co “You miss 100% of the shots you never take”.	 Fesu Anthony Semekor Kossi	V/R SSS: Koforidua Sec. Tech. Hope to be a Finance Manager 024- 4485523: “Attitude is everything”.
 Yaw Adu-Gyamfi	Kumasi, A/R SSS: Prempeh College Hope to be a Market Leader in Information Technology. 024-480475	 Feyi Sobanjo Funmi Layo	Nigeria Hope to be a lecturer tutufunmi@yahoo.com “Life is a learning process. Many of its lessons are painful, but few are fatal”.
 Nana Amoatin Ike	Shama/Aboso, W/R SSS: Opoku Ware Hope to be a Pilot. 024-4823512 don-mafio@yahoo.com “With or without you, the world goes around. Be sure to be part of it”.	 Gyanfosu Ernest (Space)	Fiapre, B/A R SSS: Osei Tutu Hope to be a Network Administrator. 024-4747520 “Thanks be to Almighty God, for making possible a University education”.

	Cape Coast, C/R P.O. Box 227, Elmina nasta_anaisie@yahoo.com “Memories worth repeating”.		Kwahu-Abetifi, E/R SSS: Holy Child Sch. '02 Hope to be an Information Systems Manager. 024-4185141 “Though there have been many ups and downs, we give praise to almighty God”.
	Duong, U/W R SSS: St Augustine's '02 Hope to set up my own firm 024-4880081 “People will criticize anything that you do, so act not to please others but to please yourself and God”.		SSS: St Augustine's Hope to be a Network Manager/Administrator 024-4660620 “No dream is impossible”.
	Jema, B/A R SSS: St Louis Girls '02 Hope to be a Lawyer/Judge 024-3714528 yaakorang@yahoo.com “In life, the outcome may be what you wish. Live your life as you want it, and be proud of what you do”.		Hope to be successful. “Don't let what is around control you; control what's around you”.
	SSS. OLA Girls, Kenyase '02 024-4108854; aninyiep@yahoo.com “True friends are like diamonds; rare and scarce”.		U/W R SSS: Archbishop Porter's Sec Hope to be a professor 024 4720432 severa700@yahoo.com “Keep your friends close and your enemies closer”.
	Bolgatanga, U/E R Hope to Manage a Database & Network. 024-4548530 “Money, power, respect. Achieve one and hope for the rest”.		Bechem, B/A R SSS: Opoku Ware '00 024-4863566/020-8892841 emmayeboah2000@yahoo.com

Religious Studies

Interview with Father Patrick Nkrumah, RS Dean (by Kumi Badu & Mabel Hoedoafia)

Father Nkrumah, what is your vision for the Faculty?

Dean: The Faculty provides students with a background in theology and philosophy and strength in adult education. It addresses the role of religion in the modern world and trains students academically and spiritually so that they can contribute to the development of modern Ghana and to a just and humane society.

What do you see as the achievements of the Faculty?

Dean: The Faculty presently has 21 students, six women and fifteen men. The first three have completed the four-year programme and will graduate with the other Pioneers. The Faculty has developed an MA in Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, which offers individuals the opportunity to upgrade their knowledge and to strengthen their pastoral work. The Programme began in January 2006 with four priest students, but it is open to lay and religious men and women and welcomes qualified persons from other Churches.

What are the major challenges of the Faculty?

Dean: The Faculty would like more students in both the undergraduate and the MA programmes. We are promoting these programmes through personal contacts and radio announcements, hoping that these will attract more students.

What message do you have for the graduates?

Dean: Our desire is that students will utilize the knowledge they have acquired and the social and moral formation they have received to contribute to the development of Ghana. Our graduates should be leaders who are recognized for their academic achievements and the moral excellence of their lives.



Fr. Stephen Ntim, Lecturer



Fr. M. Ntow & Sr. K Feeley



Sr. K. Feeley, Public Lecture, April 2006

Photographs of Pioneer Students, RS Faculty





Kubdaar Augustine
(Rev. Bro, FIC)

Nandom-Tantuo, U/W R
Hope to be a more exemplary
teacher. 024-4545283
“Thanks to all the stakeholders
of this ideal institution”.



Paale Fidelis Livingston

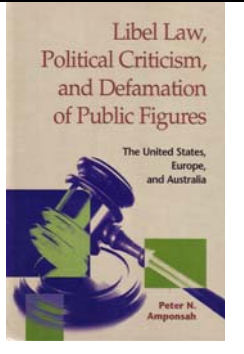
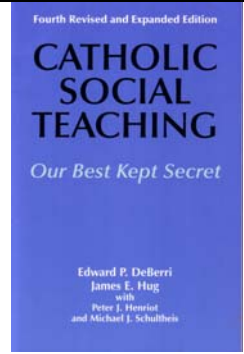


Jirapa-Tampaala, U/W R
Hope to be a Servus
Servorum
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“Pray and work; Ora et
Labora”.

	<p>Fielmuo, U/ R Hope to be a Principal of a Teacher Training College. 024-4831768 “The pioneer staff and students of the University deserve a lot of gratitude. God bless them all”.</p>		<p>Pioneer Students in MA Programme: Religious Educ. & Pastoral Ministry, Kato-Berekum</p>
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The Centre for Enrichment Studies

The first-year students in all faculties follow a general programme of enrichment courses as foundation for the degree programmes. These include logic, language and communication studies, computer usage, mathematics, social analysis and social ethics. In subsequent years, students take “value” courses, such as Philosophy, Catholic Social Teaching and Interfaith Dialogue. Sr. Kathleen Feeley, PhD, coordinates this programme.

		
Exhibition of Memoirs, April '05	Learning Computer Basics	Instructors, Language Studies

Recent CUCG and Faculty Publications

The Library

Pioneer Students remember when a voracious reader might have devoured most of our library books in one or two days. Today the University library has more than 6,000 books catalogued and receives several journals in the disciplines of the Faculties. With internet access now available, faculty and students will have a wider range of resources for study and research.



Library Staff (from right): 1) Mrs C Kisiedu, Charles and Mrs Arthur, Ms Kezia Abrefa, Fr M Schultheis; 2) Charles Arthur & Library Asst Ms Veronica Asante; 3) Ms Veronica Asante at work in the library.

The Chaplaincy

In keeping with the vision that Msgr. George Kwame Kumi, the first chaplain of the Catholic University, articulated and the foundation that he laid, the Chaplaincy provides students and staff opportunities to “explore and develop the spiritual dimensions of their lives”. The new chaplain, Fr. Michael Ntow, prepares liturgies and retreats, gives spiritual counseling and promotes other activities for the entire University community.

Through the sacramental life, the Chaplain endeavors to encourage students to develop habits of worship and a personal spirituality. The Chaplain offers daily Eucharistic celebrations, Days of Recollection during Advent and Lent, and Thanksgiving Masses to mark the opening and closing of the academic year.

We thank the administration, staff/workers, students and especially the priests and religious whose support and encouragement enabled the Chaplaincy to achieve its cherished goals. God bless you all!

-- Father M.K. Ntow, University Chaplain



Father Ntow at daily Mass



Concelebrating daily Mass



Msgr. Kumi and students after Mass

Message from Dean of Students

The Catholic University has nourished you during these past four years, and not only your mind but the whole person, and has sought to shape your view of life. Life has its challenges, and you need the right sense of judgment to relate to your world. The Dean of Students has sought to mould, shape, and guide students to act responsibly.

I believe you will shine wherever you are. Be assured of my prayers, and know that we support you in life and want what is best for you. Do not hesitate to consult us at any time.

May success follow you!

-- Fr. Peter Amponsah



Student Representative Council (SRC)

The Catholic University has established the Student Representative Council (SRC), an organization characteristic of tertiary institutions in Ghana. The SRC offers students the opportunity to assume leadership positions. It represents students to University authorities. Its principal functions are:

- to foster an academic atmosphere conducive for students to study
- to encourage the organization of seminars by hostels, faculties and societies
- to formulate such rules and regulations as will promote cordial relationships among students without discrimination on any grounds
- to work towards healthy staff - student relationships, based on trust and respect
- to advise the administration on matters relating to the general welfare of students.

SRC officials include the executive officers (President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President) and other officers (Assistant Secretary, Public Relations Officer, Entertainment Chairperson, Sports Chairperson, Porter, Welfare Officer and Organizer).

Since its organization in December 2003, the SRC has become an important voice for students. A significant contribution was to draw up the SRC constitution in collaboration with the Dean of Students and the University Administration. During these first years the SRC faced many difficulties and challenges, but its activities have improved the academic and social life of the students. Here the SRC presidents share their views and experiences.

Messages from SRC Presidents

2003/2004 Academic Year

During the 2003/2004 academic year, Francis X. Ba-iremuorng was elected to serve as the first SRC president. He and the executive committee drew up the first SRC constitution. As the first SRC of a new university, we had many problems and challenges.

To make life easier for students, the executives established a Mini-Mart and acquired a student common room. The Mini-Mart was able to sell snacks to students at a relatively lower price and to serve students who used the library in the late afternoon. It was also a source of revenue for the SRC, since student dues alone could not fund all the activities. During the year, the SRC undertook several initiatives that have become traditions: the SRC week (celebrating days of culture, 'weirdness,' and African Heritage Day) and a night of singing (the Carols Night).

We started and surely did not look back. It is our hope that future SRC officers will increase the pace and do even better. Long live the Catholic University of Ghana. Long live the Student Representative Council of the Catholic University.

-- Francis X. Ba-Iremuorng (SRC President, 2003-04)



2004/2005 Academic Year

Students at the Catholic University are encouraged to assume leadership roles in developing the University's on-campus culture. As the first generation of students at the Catholic University, we are charged with the responsibility of building social and academic awareness so that students may understand student problems and propose solutions. The second SRC undertook to create an environment that would enable students and administration to build a strong community on campus.

Through efforts in student activities, such as forums, sports and SRC week celebration, these goals were reached. These programmes endeavored to develop and train students and to help them grow in wisdom and knowledge, the pillars on which the University is built. Since the University is a fledgling one, the SRC has limited resources on which to build a student community with vibrant leadership. Nevertheless, the SRC Executive and the students used their limited funds to organize various programs to improve the socio-cultural environment of CUCG. Life at the Catholic University is a valuable experience for students who are preparing to meet the challenges of today's society.

Thanks to all who in different ways supported us in our programs, especially to Mr. & Mrs. Bennett and Mr. & Mrs. Siaw and family.

-- Fesu Anthony Semekor Kossi (SRC President, 2004-05)



2005/2006 Academic Year

Indeed, with God all things are possible! As in other institutions, the beginnings at the Catholic University were difficult. The SRC officers who assumed office in April 2005 faced a number of challenges. Immediately they began to address them. As a result, some achievements can be noted. For instance, the Council developed a diplomatic consultation and dialogue approach with the Administration to resolve student concerns. In addition, the Council provided 32 benches at several locations on campus where students can study, relax and interact.

Indeed the SRC has a future. Once the necessary institutions of the Council, e.g., the Judicial and Constitutional Committees, are in place, the Administration will have to grapple with fewer administrative difficulties and will be able to concentrate on academic difficulties and student welfare issues as they arise.

-- Cosmos Alex Charles (SRC President, 2005-06)



Student Activities

Academic Activities



Pioneer Students at First Lectures, March 2003



Students in Computer Laboratory

First-Year Students Recognize Sister K. Feeley, April 2005

Lecture in Social Analysis, 2005



Homework Assignment, April 2005

Household Chores, April 2005

Welcoming Visitors 2005



Father P. Nkrumah with Students



Students Preparing a Float



Tutor E. Anane with Students



Pioneers at Classroom Block



EBA Pioneer Students



Pioneers at Kintampo Waterfall

April 2005. SRC Week Celebration



SRC Week Float, April 2005



SRC Week Float, April 2005



SRC Week Float, April 2005



SRC Expecting the Float, 2005



SRC 'Weird Day' with K. Barimah



SRC 'Culture Day', 2005

Sports Activities



Women's Volleyball, 2005



Women's Volleyball Team, 2005



Men's Hockey Team, 2005



Men's Soccer Team, 2005



Men's Volleyball, 2005



Table Tennis, 2006

Administration and Finance

Finance and Administrative Offices



Mr. A. Banga, Finance Office



Ernest, Paul and Students, Finance



Sister Priscilla, Registrar's Office



Giftly and Mercy



Diana Effah Yeboah



George Antwi



C Danquah and Mr. Nettey

University Office of Public Relations and Development

Father Samuel Batsa is Director of the University's Public Relations and Development Office and divides his time between Accra and Sunyani. As a private institution, the Catholic University receives no Government assistance but relies on student fees and the generosity of friends and benefactors to meet operating costs and raise funds to develop the new campus at Fiapre. An active programme invites support of local communities, the rock on which the University is built. Ghanaians abroad also support the Catholic University.



Fundraising and Administrative Office in Accra



Mrs. Sarah Bucknor



Mr. Alexis Nakaar



Mrs. Catherine Mensah

National Fundraising Activities

13 December 2003. The 'Cardinalia' Fundraising Event in Accra

<p>Programme for the Fund Raising Event, December '03</p>	<p>His Eminence Peter Cardinal K. A. Turkson</p>

24 April 2005. Fundraising Event, Accra



Accra Fundraising, April 2005



Accra Fundraising, April 2005

Kumasi Fundraising, August 05

Other Fundraising Activities



Get Fund Donation, Oct. 2005

National Fundraising Committee

Tamale Fundraising Committee



Family Contribution, 2005

Knights & Ladies of Marshall,
B/A Region, May 2006

Knights and Ladies of Marshall
Visit CUCG, May 2006

International Support Groups



Ghanaian Comm Ohio, May 2005



Kwasi Yeboah, Chicago, May 2006



Ghanaian Comm Chicago, May '05



Toronto Ghanaian Community Fundraising Event, October 2004



Toronto Benefit Concert, March 2006

Ghan Comm Amsterdam, April 2004

International Visitors: Canada and the Netherlands






St Mary's Univ, Halifax, NS
Visit to Ghana, January 2006



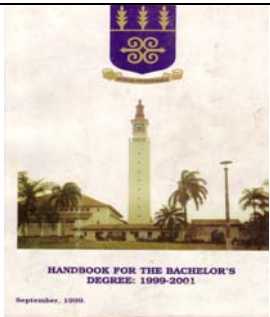
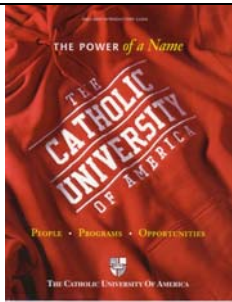
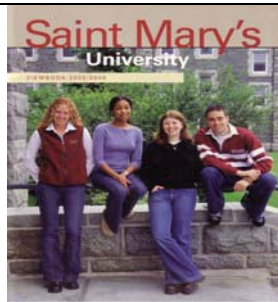
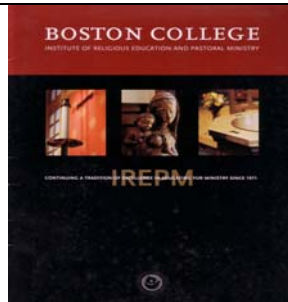
Dr. Francis Boabang, Leader of
Delegation, SMU, January 2006






Roermond Diocese Delegation
Visit to Sunyani, January 2006

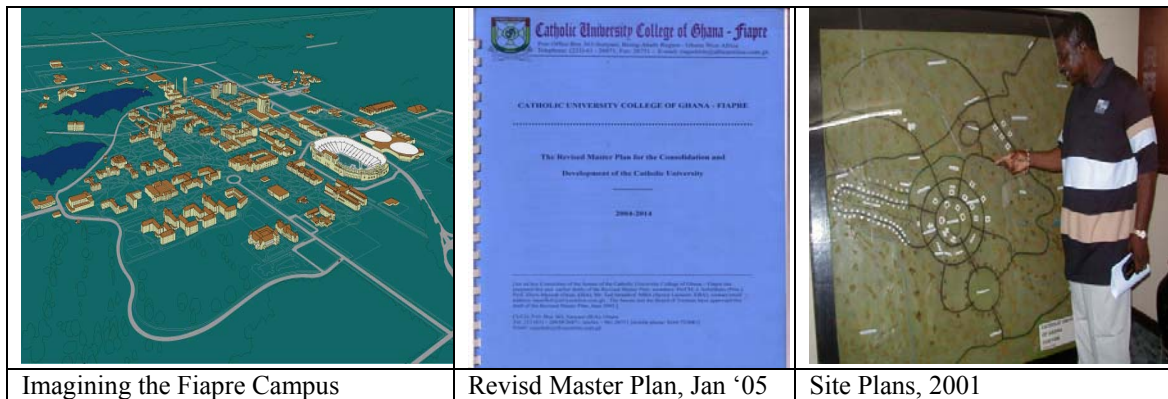
		
Viewing Fiapre Site, January '06	Bishop Wiertz, Roermond Dioc.	Reception, Dutch Embassy Res.

Affiliate University and International University Partners


			
Univ of Ghana/Legon Affiliate University	Catholic Un. of America Washington DC, USA	St. Mary's University Halifax, Nova Scotia	Boston College Boston MA, USA

		
Mr. Ger Paulusson, Radboud U. Visiting Prof, ICST, April 2005	Prof Theo Schouten, Radboud U Visiting Prof, ICST, April 2006	Professors of Loyola Univ/Chicago with Father M. Schultheis, March 2006

The Fiapre Site: Full Speed Ahead



Why Do Students Choose CUCG?

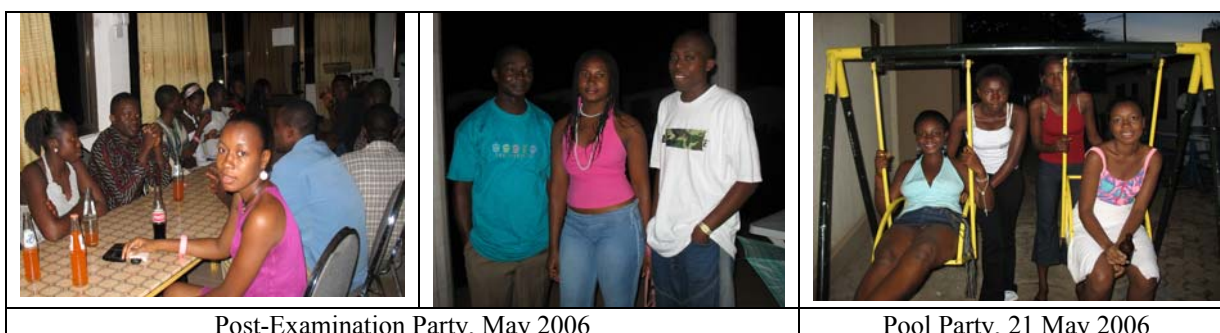
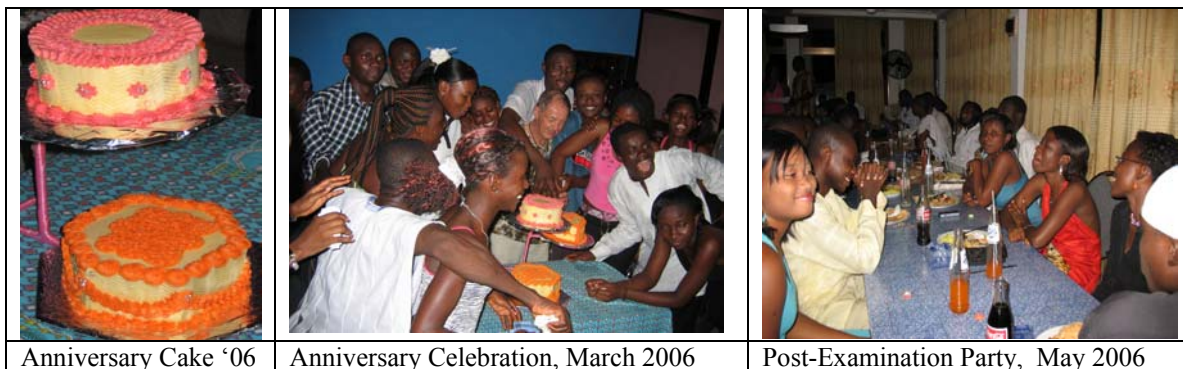
 <p>Ken Opoku-Quansah, ICST '06</p>	<p>"I decided to come to the Catholic Univ because I knew that it would provide quality education. So far, they haven't proved me wrong"!</p>	 <p>Paula Aninyie, ICST '06</p>	<p>"I chose the Catholic University because throughout history, it has always promoted academic excellence, moral and ethical values".</p>
 <p>Yvonne-Marie Bulley, EBA '06</p>	<p>"I came to the Catholic University for an education that is practical and attentive to students. I knew this was where to get it. I have no regrets about coming here".</p>	 <p>Doris Anokye Siaw, EBA '07</p>	<p>"I came to CUCG because its vision fits my life goals. Here I find an environment of teaching and learning with well qualified lecturers, good facilities and spacious lecture rooms to ensure regular lecturer-student contact".</p>
 <p>Sr. Adeline E. Ayivor, RS '08</p>	<p>"I chose the CUCG because Catholic institutions are noted for discipline and academic excellence and CUCG will help me achieve my goals".</p>	 <p>Lilian Dome Yeng EBA '08</p>	<p>"CUCG is a place that help one to grow in his or her Christian faith and it promises to offer its students the best".</p>
 <p>Stephen Agyemang EBA '06</p>	<p>"I came to the Catholic University because Catholic institutions are recognized for their high academic performance, good morals and discipline".</p>	 <p>Bro. Stephen Nanyeale RS '06</p>	<p>"I decided to come to the CUCG to enjoy the status of being a pioneer and to be equipped properly to contribute towards the development of my country and the world".</p>
 <p>Gertrude Yartel-Kubin EBA '08</p>	<p>"As a religious education institution, the Catholic University is contributing to make my dreams a reality".</p>	 <p>Mary-Ann Atagabe EBA '06</p>	<p>"My dream has been to be enrolled in an institution that offers the best in terms of education and social up-bringing and is located in a wholesome environment. The Catholic University offers these unique characteristics".</p>

 <p>Ayentimmi D Tutu, EBA '08</p>	<p>"I came to CUCG because Catholic institutions focus on developing both the character and the skills to prepare students to contribute to society".</p>	 <p>Enokou Yves Alexandre EBA '06</p>	<p>"I want to be a bilingual economist, and the Catholic University is helping me achieve this. I also wanted to be the first Ivorian enrolled in the Catholic University".</p>
 <p>Mabel Akosua Hoedoafia EBA '06</p>	<p>"I came to CUCG to experience the opportunities and challenges that it offers for both the spiritual and academic development of its students".</p>	 <p>Azekyum Abisa EBA '06</p>	<p>"The building of positive attitudes and the enhancement of skills enable a person to contribute to the welfare of society. CUCG offers that to students".</p>

"The University remains the place where fundamental questions that touch the person and community can be aired, in the areas of economics, politics, culture, science, theology, the search for meaning. The University should be a bearer of human and ethical values; it should be the critical conscience of the society; it should illuminate with its reflection those who are addressing the problematic of the modern or postmodern society; it should be the crucible where the diverse tendencies in human thought are debated and solutions proposed". (Very Rev. Peter-Hans Kolbenbach, SJ. From an address to Presidents of Jesuit Universities, Rome, May 27, 2001)

Time to Celebrate!

May 19, 2006. Examinations are Over!



Words to Live By

*The greatest of all mistakes is to do nothing because you can only do a little.
Do what you can. -- Sidney Smith*

*The great thing in this world is not so much where we are,
but in what direction we are moving. -- Oliver Wendell Holmes*

*I shall pass through this world but once. Therefore, any good that I can do,
any kindness that I can show to another, let me do it now and not defer it,
for I shall not pass this way again. -- Stephen Grellet*

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
Where there is war, peace
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving, that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
(Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.)



**"Love is the light – and in the end the only light ... that
can give us the courage needed to keep living and working".
-- Pope Benedict XVI, "Deus est Caritas"**

