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IN HONOUR OF REV. DR. FR. SYLVESTER R. ARINAITWE, Ph.D

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We have received with profound sorrow the news of the untimely passing of Rev. Dr. Fr. Sylvester R. Arinaitwe, Ph.D., a devoted priest of the Apostles of Jesus, a distinguished member of the Academic Advisory Council of the Catholic Lawyers Society International (CLSI), and a tireless servant of God and humanity.

Uganda, the Church, and the wider global community mourn a remarkable man whose passing leaves a deep void. Fr. Sylvester offered his life generously in service to Christ, the Church, and society. His witness of faith, integrity, and humility stands as a powerful testimony of a life wholly given to God and to others. He served the Academic Advisory Council with distinction and was instrumental in the conceptualization and founding of Karamoja Peace and Technology University (KAPATU). His outstanding service as Executive Secretary of the Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC) marked him as a unifying voice, a bridge-builder, and a steadfast advocate for dialogue, reconciliation, and peaceful coexistence across faiths.

On a personal note, I was privileged to work closely with Fr. Sylvester both at UJCC and within the Inter-Religious Council in promoting dialogue among different faith communities. His wisdom, humility, and commitment to unity deeply influenced my own journey, making this loss not only institutional but profoundly personal. I was also honoured, as a young seminarian at Apostles of Jesus Bukinda Seminary, to attend his priestly ordination at Rushoroza Cathedral in Kabale in 1986 and to be part of the choir that sang in joyful celebration, an enduring memory that continues to inspire me.

To the Superior General, Apostles of Jesus, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Ziwa, Chairman Uganda Episcopal Conference, the Rt. Rev. Giuseppe Filippi MCCJ, the Rt. Rev. Dominic Eibu MCCJ, the Rt. Rev. Damiano Guzzetti MCCJ, we extend our deepest heartfelt condolences, we do so with firm faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr. Sylvester lived for Christ and served Him faithfully; we are confident that he now shares in the eternal joy of the risen Lord. As Scripture reminds us in Job 1:21, *"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."*

On behalf of the Catholic Lawyers Society International, the Council of KAPATU, and on my own behalf, I extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to you, the Apostles of Jesus congregation, his family, and all who mourn his passing.

May the soul of Rev. Dr. Fr. Sylvester R. Arinaitwe rest in eternal peace, and may all be comforted and strengthened by the promise of the resurrection in Christ.

Yours Sincerely,

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