



Year End Update Newsletter



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LOOKING BACK WITH GRATITUDE, MOVING FORWARD IN GOODNESS

Theme Verse: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” — Galatians 6:9-10



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Looking Back with Gratitude, Moving Forward in Goodness
As we close another remarkable year, we pause to thank God for His faithfulness, provision, and grace throughout 2025. Guided by the diocesan theme, *“Imitating God’s Goodness by Doing Good”* (Galatians 6:9-10), the Education and Ministerial Formation Departments have witnessed inspiring growth, renewed partnerships, and fruitful ministry across our schools,

chaplains, and formation programs. Within the Education and Ministerial Formation Department, our shared commitment to holistic Christian education and faithful ministry has continued to bear lasting fruit—nurturing learners, clergy, and ministry leaders in discipline, leadership, and faith. Through strengthened school ministry, chapel programs, and child-focused discipleship, structured formation, and intentional discipleship, we have seen God’s goodness shaping both the next

generation and those called to shepherd God’s people in faithful service. This Christmas season reminds us of the greatest expression of goodness—God’s gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate His coming, may we reflect His goodness in our teaching, leadership, and service. With gratitude for what has been and hope for what lies ahead, we move forward—doing good and shining Christ’s light in all we do.

I. Education Department Highlights



Diocesan Education Coordinators from the Province of Church of Uganda at COUHEIA conference 2025

The year 2025 marked renewed commitment and growth in our diocesan schools. Guided by the vision of *holistic Christian education*, the department strengthened governance, registration, and academic excellence—especially within directly managed diocesan schools.

- **Governance and Streamlining of Schools:** School Management Committees (SMCs) were formed and trained to support effective oversight. Continuous capacity building remains a priority.
- **Inspection and Monitoring:** Regular visits were conducted to ensure adherence to standards and curriculum delivery.
- **Early Childhood Development (ECD):** A benchmarking visit was

held at Kisugu C.O.U P/S, promoting best practices in early learning.

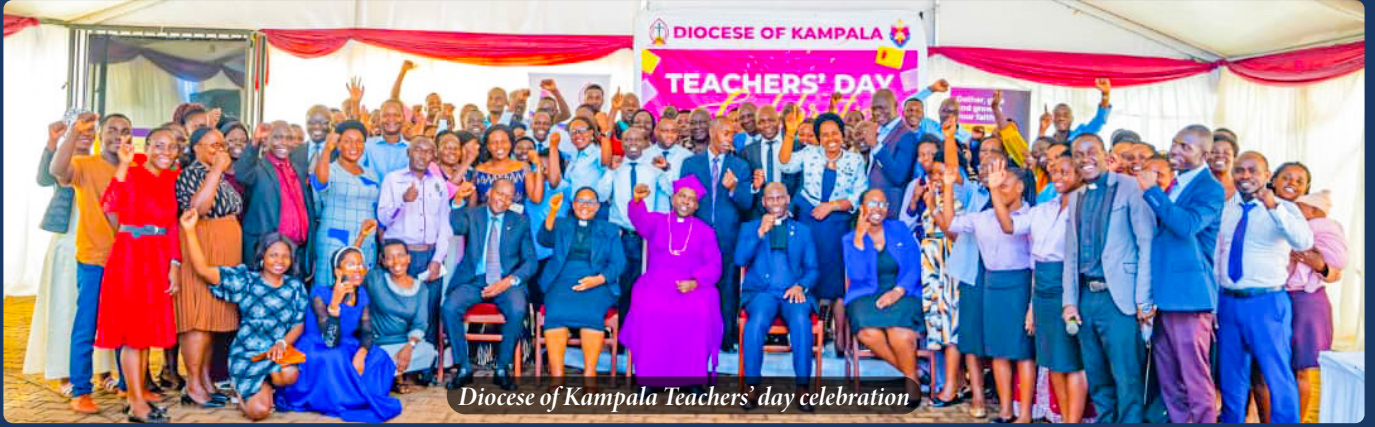
- **Teacher Capacity Building:** Teachers' workshops enhanced curriculum mastery and classroom management.
- **Infrastructure Support:** All Saints' Cathedral, Kampala, donated textbooks worth UGX 5.1 million to Kiwuliriza C.O.U P/S.
- **Academic Support:**
 - » All P.7 candidates sat Provincial/Church of Uganda Mock Exams, and are currently awaiting results from the Primary Leaving Exams done for 2025.
 - » Fathers' Union donated geometry sets to candidates sitting PLE in all the Diocese of Kampala schools.
- **Teachers' Day Celebration:** The first-ever diocesan Teachers' Day (19th July 2025) marked the launch of the

Education Magazine and honoured five retiring teachers.

- **COUHEIA Conference: 15th-18th December 2025**

The Church of Uganda Heads of Education Institutions Association (COUHEIA) Conference was held from the 15th to the 18th of December 2025, bringing together head teachers and deputy head teachers from all Church of Uganda church founded schools, Diocesan Education Coordinators from across the Province and representatives from selected private schools. The conference provided a valuable platform for sharing best practices, strengthening leadership capacity, and promoting excellence and Christian values in education.

"Each child we nurture, each lesson we teach, and each chapel we hold is a seed of goodness sown for eternity."



Diocese of Kampala Teachers' day celebration



Recognition of retired teachers on teachers day



Children of Makerere Primary school performing on teachers day



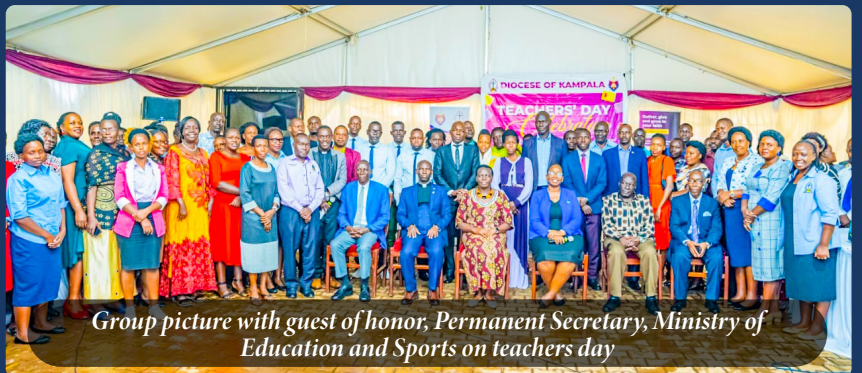
Magazine launch on teachers day



Cake cutting on teachers day



Fathers Union, All Saints Cathedral Kampala donate geometry sets to all primary seven candidates 2025 of Diocese of Kampala primary schools



Group picture with guest of honor, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Sports on teachers day

2. Boys and Girls Brigade (BGBU)



BOYS AND GIRLS BRIGADE

The Brigade continues to nurture discipline, leadership, and Christian service among young people.

Highlights- Last Quarter

- Launched monthly rotational fellowships to strengthen mentorship.
- Expansion: Expanded to new parishes, including St. John's C.O.U. Makerere, Luzira Prisons Chapel, and Holy Trinity Kivulu, with upcoming launches at Lweza and Ntinda.
- Held Brigade Week featuring community service and skill sessions.
- Hosted Heights Camp at St. Janani Luwum S.S Kabagala (May 2025).

“Through disciplined service, many youths discovered purpose, confidence, and Christian maturity.”



3. Children's Ministry

Highlights

The Diocese of Kampala has remained committed to nurturing children in faith, safety, and holistic development through key initiatives, as seen below:

Training of Priests in Charge of Children

The Diocese conducted training sessions for priests overseeing children's ministry, sensitising them on the new Children's Church Curriculum - Dream Wave Christian Education and reinforcing the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy to ensure safe and effective ministry among children.

Provincial Outreach to Nakivale Settlement Camp

In response to the November Focus Month for Children, churches were encouraged to support the Provincial initiative reaching out to children in Nakivale Settlement Camp. The Diocese coordinated deliveries of support items and extends sincere appreciation to all churches that responded generously.

Children's Pastors and Leaders Conference (CPLC)

As part of the Focus Month for Children, the Diocese held the Children's Pastors and Leaders Conference, bringing together organisations and

individuals involved in children's ministry to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices for effective and impactful service.

Support to St. Nicholas Kalerwe Children's Church

The Diocese demonstrated practical ministry during the Focus Month by supporting St. Nicholas Kalerwe Children's Church and reaching out to the wider Kalerwe community.

Christmas Party Workshops

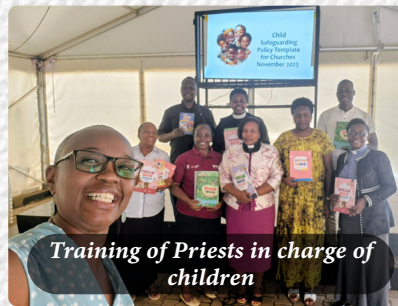
Workshops were conducted to equip Children's Ministers with practical tools and creative approaches for sharing the Christmas message meaningfully with children across parishes.

Christian Youth in Action (CYA) Mentorship Programme

Christian Youth in Action continued to nurture teenage leaders for Children's Ministry through structured mentorship and practical training. Two training sessions were held during the year. The pioneer cohort, with a total enrolment of 33 participants, is expected to graduate next year.



Children's Pastors and Leaders conference



Training of Priests in charge of children



Diocesan support during the outreach to Nakivale Settlement Camp



Christian Youth in Action training

Ministerial Formation



Debrief meeting for postulants on black placement

We thank God for the opportunity to attend Uganda Christian

University, Mukono, to pursue the Master of Divinity programme, sponsored by the Diocese of Kampala. Our time at UCU has already been profoundly formative, transformative, and inspiring in ways we did not fully anticipate.

First, joining UCU has reshaped our understanding of God. Through rigorous theological and biblical study, we have come to know God in deeper and broader ways. The academic engagement with Scripture and theology has helped us appreciate the richness of God's revelation, strengthening both our minds and our faith.

Second, our time at UCU has helped us grow closer in our personal faith in Christ, especially as Anglicans. We have learned to appreciate our Anglican identity more intentionally—its theology, liturgy, and tradition—while also engaging respectfully with other Christian perspectives.

Third, the spirit of teamwork and fellowship among colleagues has been

a great blessing. We pray together, study together, endure challenges together, and support one another both academically and spiritually. This sense of Christian community has strengthened us and reminded us that ministry is never a solitary calling.

Fourth, the programme has helped us explore spiritually formative and intellectually grounded work that equips us for effective ministry. Our studies are not only academic but also deeply spiritual, shaping our character, calling, and readiness to serve God's people.

Finally, UCU has equipped us with the skills to critically evaluate and respond to the needs and questions of both religious and broader communities. We are being prepared to minister thoughtfully, compassionately, and contextually in a changing world.

We give glory to God for this journey and thank the Diocese of Kampala and Uganda Christian University for providing an environment that nurtures faith, scholarship, and ministry. We look forward with hope to what God continues to do in and through us.

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4. Teacher's Voice



Serving as a chapel leader/head of liturgy at Kiwuliriza Primary School, C.O.U. has deepened my understanding of children as receptive and hopeful learners. Each child carries a heart ready to receive love, guidance, and values rooted in God's goodness. Through worship, prayer, and shared reflection, I have witnessed how simple messages of faith, kindness, and compassion can shape their character. This role has reminded me that nurturing spirituality alongside learning helps children grow not only academically, but also morally and emotionally, laying a strong foundation for their future.

*By Tr Salome Oroma
Kiwuliriza Primary school.*

Brigade Testimony.

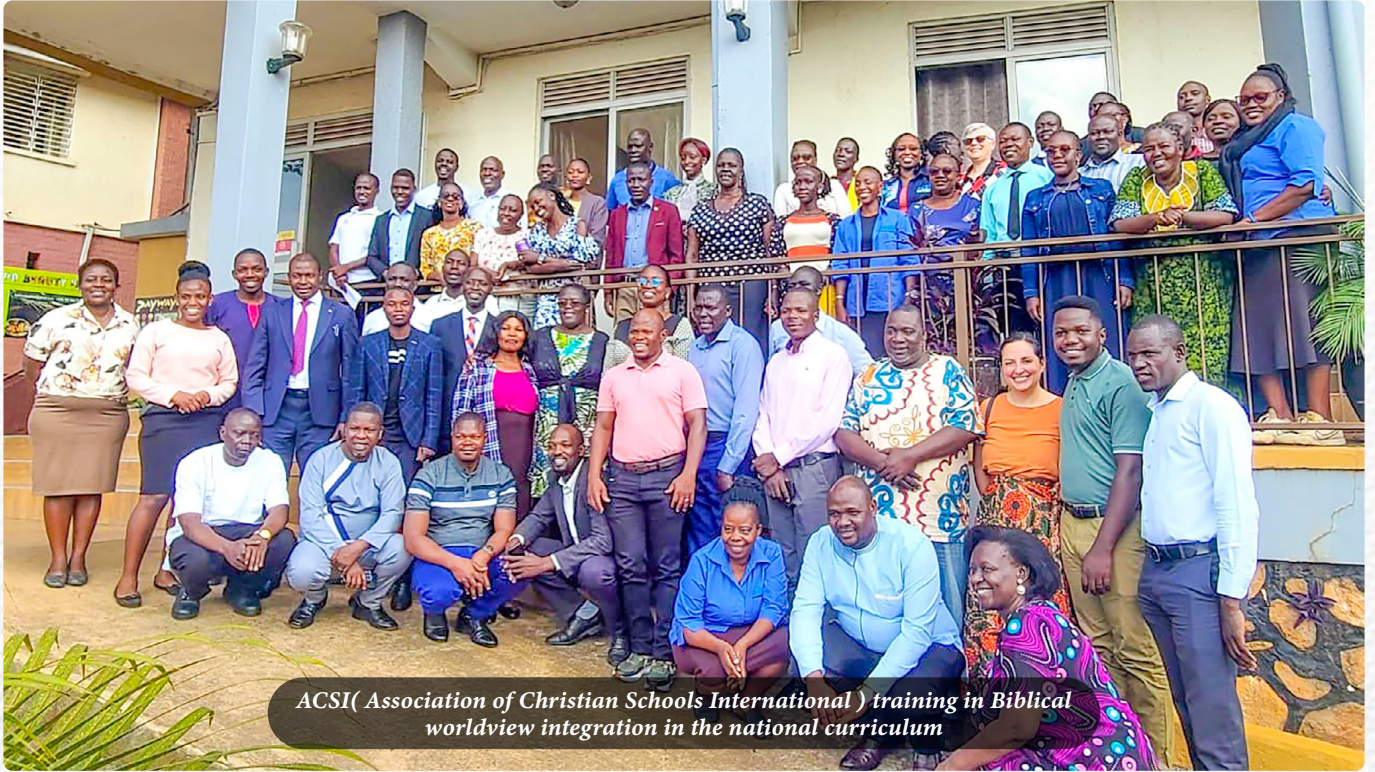


The Boys and Girls Brigade has helped me grow not only in skills but also in my faith in God. Through Bible lessons, prayers, and learning together, I was taught that Jesus wants us to love and care for one another. The Brigade showed me that being a good child and a good leader starts with having a kind heart that follows Christ.

One special lesson the Brigade taught me is to serve others before myself, just as Jesus did. We learned to help our friends, respect our leaders, and care for people in our community. Even small acts—like sharing, listening, and helping someone who is struggling—can show God's love. These lessons helped me understand that serving others makes God happy.

Now, as a new father, these teachings mean even more to me. I want to raise my child to love God, serve others, and walk in humility. I thank God for the Boys and Girls Brigade for planting these values in my heart, and I pray that the same spirit of love, service, and faith will continue in the lives of many children.

By Epila Lawrence.



ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) training in Biblical worldview integration in the national curriculum



Completed and Awarded a Certificate in Administrative Law course from UCU Mukono.



Children involved in gardening in Kisugu primary school and Makerere Primary school



MOVING FORWARD IN GOODNESS (VISION FOR 2026)

Key Focus Areas:

- Strengthening Christian Identity across all church-founded schools.
- Standardization and Rebranding of diocesan education for excellence.
- Empowering Teachers Clergy and Chaplains through training.

- Expanding Brigade Ministries for holistic growth.
- Enhancing Ministerial Formation through structured training cohorts.

Vision Statement:

“To shape a Christ-like generation—rooted in truth, equipped for service, and committed to doing good in every season.”

The Gift of Goodness

Christmas reveals God’s greatest act of goodness—the giving of His Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate His birth, may we carry that same goodness into our schools, homes, and communities through kindness, generosity, and faithful service.

Prayer:

Lord, help us imitate Your goodness this Christmas and in the year ahead. Make us instruments of Your peace and bearers of Your light. *Amen.*

Gratitude & Acknowledgements

We extend heartfelt appreciation to all who supported the mission of education and ministerial formation this year—school heads, teachers, chaplains, clergy, SMCs, parents, and partners. Your labour and prayers continue to make visible the goodness of God in our diocese.

“Your labour in the Lord is not in vain.” — 1 Corinthians 15:58

Closing Message And Blessing

As we conclude 2025, we do so with hearts full of gratitude. God has been our guide, strength, and source of every good work. May 2026 find us steadfast in imitating His goodness in teaching, leading, mentoring, and serving.

Blessing:

“May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ.” — Hebrews 13:21

Ordination 2025





**2026
Outlook**
Upcoming Key
Events

- Chaplain, Student Leaders & Teacher Training – *February 2026*
- Special Needs Conference- *February 2026.*
- Clergy Formation Workshop – *2026*
- Teachers’ Day Celebration – *July 2026*

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