CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AT THE INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST CHANCELLOR OF THE MIDLANDS STATE UNIVERSITY - 17TH MARCH 2001

Your Excellency, it is my singular honour and pleasure to congratulate you on your installation as the Inaugural and First Chancellor of the Midlands State University, and the entire University community warmly welcomes you to the august office of their institution. Your installation marks the birth of this new University in the Midlands. We all sincerely celebrate your ascension to this position as your personal achievement and honour. But we also look up to your elevation and consummation of your relationship with our young institution with great expectations. We wish that God rewards your Chancellorship with sufficient prosperity to enable us to realize our dreams and ambitions. Big dreams and visions for the University itself and Zimbabwe as a whole, we have. What we don't have are the material resources to turn them into reality. We therefore hope to ride on your wise leadership, your long experience as Chancellor of State universities and to use your powerful networks to unlock the resources we desperately need. May I close, by once again extending my sincere congratulations and by giving you my honest pledge to work with you loyally.

