

of misappropriating more than Shs3.6 billion of a Ugandan paper conversion, resumes today. Mr Aniket Patel (R) and three others are charged with 14 counts of embezzlement, theft and forgery, which prosecution says led to the collapse of Crown Converters Limited belonging to Mr Gopal Patel in Kampala in 2005. The case is before the Anti-Corruption Court in Kololo. [Ephraim Kasozi, Monitor]

Bishop Kakubi laid to rest in school chapel

Tribute. Archbishop Paul Bakyenga said the deceased was prayerful, hardworking and wanted to champion good things.

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MBARARA. Hundreds of Catholic faithful from Mbarara Archdiocese thronged Nyamitanga hill at the weekend to bid farewell to Bishop Emeritus John Baptist Kakubi.

Bishop Kakubi died at Kampala International Hospital last Thursday at the age of 87.

His requiem Mass started at midday at Nyamitanga Cathedral led by Archbishop Paul Bakyenga. It was five hours of prayers and tributes before Bishop Kakubi's body was interred at St Joseph's Vocational School Chapel, as per his wish, at 5pm.

Archbishop Bakyenga said the deceased bishop was very proud of hav-



The casket containing the remains of Bishop John Baptist Kakubi is lowered into the grave at St Joseph's Vocational School last Saturday. PHOTO BY COLLEB MUGUME

ing started St Joseph's Vocational School, the 35-year-old institution that has produced reputable profes-

sionals, including priests, doctors and lawyers. He said the school old boys informed the church that Bishop

Kakubi made a wish that he should be buried at the school and that when they checked records, they indeed found it in writing.

Archbishop Bakyenga said he had to consult the Pope's representative, who okayed it. "Had he not wished (that he should be buried at St Joseph's), he would have been buried in the cathedral here," said the archbishop. Catholic bishops are buried in a church or chapel.

Bishops Vincent Kirabo (elect-Hoima Diocese), John Baptist Kaggwa (Masaka Diocese), Callist Rubaramira (Kabale Diocese), Robert Muhirwa (Fort Portal), Egidio Nkaijanabo (Kase), Lambert Bainomugisha (Auxiliary-Mbarara) and Edward Baharagata (Emeritus-Hoima) attended the burial.

Religious heads from other faiths, including Ankole Anglican Diocese Bishop Sheldon Mwesigwa, Mbarara District Kadhi Sheikh Ramadhan Khamis and his predecessor Sheikh

Abdu Noor Kaduyu attended.

"I stayed with Bishop Kakubi for long. He was far sighted about things that would help the Catholic Church; he was very humble. He would say 'me (Kakubi) from Birunduma (village) to get such an honour (title of Bishop)?" said Archbishop Bakyenga. He added that the late was prayerful, hardworking and wanted to champion good things.

Model priest

In his tribute, Mr Gervase Ndyanabo, the head of laity Mbarara Archdiocese, said Bishop Kakubi was one of the greatest human beings he has met. "He is my role model priest. I want to ask priests, if you ever get stuck on how to deal with or handle something, ask yourself what Bishop Kakubi would do about it (if faced with the same)," he said.

"He made us love the Eucharist. He was good at teaching and explaining essence of the Eucharist," he said.

ABOUT BISHOP KAKUBI

Birth and education. He was born on September

charge of Social Apostolic for Ankole region.

• Katigondo Major Seminary: Teacher and Formator.