

Kigezi bishop urges Christians on environmental conservation

RUKIGA

By Vision Reporter

The Bishop of Kigezi Diocese, the Rev. George Bagamuhunda, has called on Christians to embark on planting trees and terracing to protect soils in the steep areas of their land from being washed away by floods.

He was speaking during the induction of the Rev. Charles Biryawita as archdeacon of

Nyabirerema Archdeaconry in Bukinda, Rukiga district, on Sunday.

Bagamuhunda decried the culture of cutting down trees, which has left the hills bare and susceptible to landslides.

"I urge you to return to our age-old wisdom of terracing and planting trees to stop landslides and destruction of the land that we are currently experiencing," Bagamuhunda said.

The bishop noted that land was a finite resource on which livelihood of many depends and must, therefore, be protected from destruction.

"Land does not expand, but population grows. To ensure that we continue feeding our families, we have to protect and nurture the land to keep it intact. Planting trees, digging trenches and terraces is one way of ensuring that the land remains intact," he said.

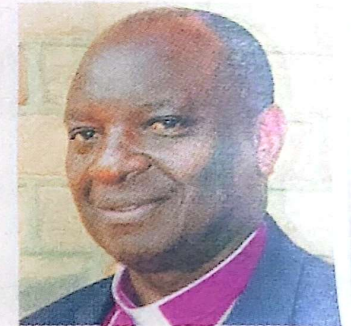
Bishop Bagamuhunda also called on the people of Kigezi to invest in the education of their children. He urged parents and teachers to focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning in the schools, so that they give the children the best education.

He gave an example of Buhumba Primary School on the shores of Lake Bunyonyi. He said parents and teachers of this school, had worked

together to improve the performance of the school in the Primary Leaving Examinations over the years.

Bishop Bagamuhunda advised Biryawita to amplify the message of education and soil conservation as he preaches the word of God in the community.

He also asked him to perform his role as steward of the church with integrity, transparency and accountability.



Rev. George Bagamuhunda