

Ntagali asks govt to waive taxes on private institutions

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KAMPALA. The Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, the Most Rev Stanley Ntagali, has called on government to waive taxes including Value Added Tax (VAT) and Income Tax, on private institutions to enable them invest in academics to boost quality.

“We appeal to the government that we are involved in a lot of developments and therefore, we should be exempted from taxes,” Archbishop Ntagali said.

He said private institutions do not have access to government funds but rely mainly on tuition fees and bank

loans that attract abnormally high interest rates from banks to develop and grow.

He said this during prayers at Uganda Christian University yesterday, where he was on his last pastoral visit as the Archbishop of the Anglican Church and chancellor of the university.

Advice

Archbishop Ntagali also advised students to avoid sinning.

“Let us offer ourselves to God and avoid sins committed against our bodies,” he said.

He said it is bad for one to say he or she is a Christian and yet do things

contrary to what is expected of them.

The Vice Chancellor of Uganda Christian University, Dr John Senyonyi, said a large number of students are in private universities and they too deserve to benefit from education grants, subsidies, scholarships and guardians benefits.

He said government universities on the other hand enjoy subsidies which he thinks is good and only natural that government assists them too.

“Such assistance to private universities should also be normal and natural after all taxes paid by Ugandans are the same that are used by the government to subsidise public universities,” Dr Ssenyonyi said.



Asked. Archbishop Stanley Ntagali