



ST. JOHN OF GOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES 42 STATE REGISTERED NURSES

It was a joyous celebration on Saturday, the 2nd April, 2022 when families and guardians of students who have undergone a three (3) year rigorous training as Professional Nurses to be registered under the laws of Sierra Leone, together with the Staff of the training Institution and friends joined these students to celebrate their formal exit from the school and public announcement of these students as qualified professional nurses.

The celebration took three (3) hours colourfully and in attendance were representatives from the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, the University of Makeni, Spain, the Netherlands, traditional authorities and many others. The key note speaker Prof. Kemoh Rogers invited the graduates to go out and accomplish the mission of healing Christ commenced. The Provost, Br. Michael M. Koroma gave the 2020-2021 school annual report wherein he mentioned that the school has now produced eighty-eight (88) professional State Registered Nurses since it acquired accreditation in 2017 and this year 2021, the school presented 41 candidates for licensure examinations and 100% pass rate was scored.

The St. John of God Catholic School of Nursing was established in October 2007 when the hospital celebrated her 40th Anniversary and the inception of the school was a memorial need to address the shortages of community health nurses working in the hospital and also in the country. After the ebola epidemic, it was an urgent need to increase the number of professional nurses in country and so the hospital joined this road to Emmaus in order to dialogue with our Lord. Many key players have joined this road to where we are today and we remain very grateful to each one of them. In fact it was very relevant to announce that amongst these grandaunts, about 85% of them were provided with scholarships from different partners in Spain and the Netherlands.

St, John of God, our Founder was not a nurse but his legacy has left the Order to continue demonstrating to those who need hospitality the highest quality through training young males and females how to care for sick people. The Hospitaller Order has Nursing training schools around the world. On 19th February 2022, the School was upgraded into a University Campus, a level which has taken us three years to get this novel accreditation. Now the campus is preparing itself to commence training in Post Basic Nursing Programmes and higher education in Nursing such as Bachelor of

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