



## IN MEMORIAM OF FR. IGNATIUS ZVAREVASHE SJ

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### 1. Background.

Arrupe Jesuit University (AJU) is an African centre of academic excellence that aims at making a quality contribution to integral human formation. It does this through the development of women and men of intellectual competence, compassion, conscience, and commitment in the service of justice and love based on research and innovation. AJU draws from the more than 500 years old tradition of Jesuit – Catholic education that emphasises the appreciation of a learner's context in creating sustainable, innovative, and creative solutions.

Our African context is characterized by among others persons who have exemplified great vigour, excellence and clarity in pursuit of Truth and translating the Christian message in the context of real human problems. The sages or elders who tread the way for the many. AJU holds the late Fr. Ignatius Zvarevashe SJ as one of the illustrious African sages. It is in line with this that we are holding a conference in honor and memory of our beloved writer and countryman. He was an African Jesuit Catholic Priest who made enormous contribution to the literary and educational space in Zimbabwe and beyond. He was born on December 15, 1943, and died on December 17, 2019.

#### 2. Conference goals, venue, and sessions.

AJU invites men and women of good will to this conference in order to:

- a. Honour the memory of the late Fr. Zvarevashe.
- b. Appreciate the life and gifts of Fr. Zvarevashe SJ to humanity in general and specifically to the Zimbabwean intellectual space.
- c. To make known the literary and creative contribution of Fr Zvarevashe



to art and culture in Zimbabwe and the mental emancipation of Africa

The target audience is a wide range of stakeholder groups including the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation, the Catholic Church in Zimbabwe, other Christians and religions, the Jesuits, scholars and academics, and other interested individuals.

The conference will be hosted at Arrupe Jesuit University on **15-16 of February 2023** between **1500 -1700 hrs** of each day. The conference will cover the following key themes that allows attendees to explore the diverse topics that Fr. Zvaravashe addressed in his works:

- a. African Literature and Education
- b. ATR & Christianity
- c. Black/White Power relations in the Church
- d. Spirituality, Theology, and Inculturation

The following are the guest presenters: Mr. Memory Chirere, Dr. Aaron Chiundura Moyo, Dr. Ignatius Mabasa, Chirikure Chirikure, Daves Guzha and Rev. Dr. Dominic Tomuseni SJ.

### **3. Exhibition of Fr. Ignatius' work**

Fr. Ignatius' inspiring works will be showcased.

### **4. Public Engagement**

- a. The general public is encouraged to participate through Q&A and plenary sessions.
- b. The sessions will be live-streamed for online audience.

### **5. Evaluation and feedback**

- a. Participants will be invited to take a survey at the end of the event.
- b. Collected data from registration and attendance per session, time in



sessions, and show-up rate (for sessions and exhibitor booths) will be used to gauge the success of the event.

## 6. Contact Details

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