

# Uganda Martyrs University

## WRITING COMPETITION

### The Uganda Martyrs and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life Perspectives of UMU Students

- **Introduction**

As part of her celebration of 25 years of excellence in the footsteps of the Uganda Martyrs, Uganda Martyrs University (UMU) celebrates the gift of human imagination by exploiting youth creative capacities that correlatively address personal life questions, national challenges, continental issues and sustainable education. Raising UMU's visibility can be achieved by publicising our strength, celebrating our culture, achievements, and distinctiveness. It may not be possible to meaningfully understand the gist of the UMU spirit if those who we are named after are not put into context. Determined to celebrate the skill of writing and reflectiveness, this engagement offers an opportunity to derive a university students' perspective on the relevance of the life of the Uganda Martyrs to today's youth.

- **Areas of focus**

In the first initiative of its kind, the envisaged publication breathes life into the 22 Uganda Martyrs who were canonised and elevated to sainthood by Pope Paul VI on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1964 and the two Martyrs of Paimol who were beatified by Pope John Paul on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2002. We particularly focus on student reflections on personalities of the martyrs from a University Students' perspective. Contributors are expected to narratively explain how they are inspired by the lives and personalities of either a particular martyr or a number of them. One could as well highlight how the Uganda Martyrs (or a martyr) are contextually instrumental for them in solving individual, family, societal, continental and global challenges. Each story should reflect both good writing skills, knowledge/research on the martyr(s) of focus, and realistic connections.

- **Write-up parameters**

The paper should be;

1. 4-5 pages
2. Single spaced
3. Well referenced (where necessary)
4. Well researched

- **Prizes**

- The winner shall be awarded **a plaque and 500,000 Ug. Shs**
- The first runner-up shall be awarded **a certificate and 300,000 Ug. Shs**
- The second runner-up shall be awarded **a certificate and 200,000 Ug. Shs**
- The winning and other selected well-written pieces will be considered for publication in a special collection

- **Publication timeline**

1. Submission deadline 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017
2. Feedback on articles 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017
3. Publication date 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

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