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Priests, professors, mourn don killed in motorbike crash

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ACADEMICS trooped to the sleepy village of Umuogbo-Uno in Enugu Ezike, Igboeze North Local Government Area, last Thursday, to mourn one of their own, who died just months after getting his doctorate.

Dr. Chijioke Adonu took a PhD in Anthropology at the University of Ibadan, UI, and returned to his home state of Enugu, where he had been promised a lectureship position.

Family sources said a little after his 44th birthday, he left on a motorbike to the nearby University of Nigeria, Nsukka, UNN, to compare notes with some of his friends when the tragedy occurred on his

way back to his village.

He had arrived his community, Enugu Ezike, but had not got to his village when a hit-and-run driver knocked him down. He was confirmed dead on arrival at a hospital he was taken to.

At the funeral, academics came from several universities to join his former schoolmates at UI and from his secondary school days at the Sacred Heart Seminary, Nsude, in Udi Local Government Area of Enugu.

Rev Fr Tony Anichebe led two other Catholic priests, Rev Fr Osita Asogwa and Rev Fr Livinus Odo in obsequies where speaker after speaker praised the intellectual prowess of the late young academic and lamented his untimely death.