

PART 13 / DOCUMENTARY DOSSIER

The balance sheet

Forty years of education, finance, enterprise and political contest—read as one public record.

“A serious record must carry its liabilities beside its claims.”

THE FINDING

The strongest argument for Agbaso is the sequence: international student leadership, financial work, Nigerian enterprise and sustained political engagement all preceded his renewed pursuit of Government House.

FOUR DIMENSIONS OF THE RECORD

ROME AND NEW YORK

Vanguard reports study at the Angelicum and election as secretary general of its international students’ committee in 1980. Its accounts then place him at SUNY Old Westbury and Prudential. The Clyde Winfield award belongs to his New York academic history.

ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT

Published accounts date AGAD Nigeria Limited to 1992 and describe interests in construction, energy, dry cleaning and agriculture. Separate newspapers report workforce figures in the hundreds, each with its own date and scope.

THE ELECTORAL RECORD

The reported 1998 Imo East Senate victory came within a military transition later abandoned. The 2010 Supreme Court ruling on the canceled 2007 Imo poll determined jurisdiction, not who had won that first vote.

POLITICAL CHOICES

The 2011 alliance, later rupture and APGA leadership dispute also belong in the account. The Supreme Court affirmed Victor Oye as national party chairman in July 2018, a concluded adverse decision.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD / ROME AND THE ANGELICUM



DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPH

Rome, 1980

CONTRIBUTOR ARCHIVE · ROME, 1980

Martin Agbaso during his student years in Rome in 1980. A youthful portrait from the period in which published accounts place his studies at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

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1980, Rome · The student years that preceded finance, enterprise and political office.

WHAT THE RECORD MEANS

Aspirants who have worked for wages, managed companies and participated in prolonged public contests bring different experience to government. Agbaso’s record offers that range. The responsible conclusion weighs achievements, disputes and the demands of executive office in the same account.

A DATED PUBLIC CHRONOLOGY

1980	Rome student leadership
1983–91	Prudential, New York
1992	Enterprise in Nigeria
1998	Imo East Senate account
2007	Imo poll cancellation
2018	Final APGA court ruling
2026	Signed declaration

Public source register

Source titles open the public articles, university information and institutional records used in Part 13. The signed June 2026 declaration is a source supplied for this series.

01	Vanguard · April 5, 2017	Rome, finance, AGAD and 1998 record	OPEN ↗
02	Vanguard · April 5, 2021	Angelicum, Old Westbury and philanthropy	OPEN ↗
03	Pontifical University · Our campus	Official Angelicum campus history and setting	OPEN ↗
04	Vanguard · December 17, 2013	Agbaso’s account of the 2011 alliance	OPEN ↗
05	Supreme Court · July 2010	Imo election jurisdiction decision	OPEN ↗
06	Guardian · August 17, 2017	Court of Appeal restores Victor Oye	OPEN ↗
07	Guardian · July 14, 2018	Supreme Court affirms Victor Oye	OPEN ↗
08	Independent · June 26, 2021	Agricultural training and jobs account	OPEN ↗
09	ThisDay · March 23, 2023	Enterprise and later party activity	OPEN ↗
10	Debt Management Office · Sept. 25, 2026	States’ June 2026 debt return	OPEN ↗
11	Agbaso · June 21, 2026	Signed renewed commitment to Ndi Imo	

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