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**CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE CRITICISMS AGAINST GOVERNMENT LONG OVER DUE.**

The NDC Pro-Forum North America wishes to send its felicitations to the Catholic Bishops' Conference. We also wish to welcome their interest in the country's political discourse at this crucial time. It is long overdue and better late than never.

It is gratifying to note that the Catholic Bishops' Conference is concerned about the current hardship in the country. However, the forum seek to bring the bishops up to speed with some major issues that has happened when they were away and how it has ultimately affected Gods people and the economy as a whole. In your absence, the health minister of our country Ghana, Kweku Agyeman Manu signed a dubious Sputnik V vaccine deal worth US\$ 2.8 million. The CEO of the Public Procurement Authority used a privately registered company to sell government contracts; there was the Kelni GVG deal worth US\$ 178 million; Hawa Koomson used GHC 800,000 to develop a website for her ministry; there was the Kroll and Associates - Domelovo saga supervised by the Senior Minister of the Akufo-Addo government, Yaw Osafo Marfo where US\$ 1 million was paid to a UK-based company for no work done. In what seems like a 'gaging of the press', Journalist Ahmed Hussein Sualey was brutally murdered; unfortunately, the church could not speak truth to power; but was meek till the current deterioration of the economy and image of the country. As a faith based organization, may you be reminded that God is a fair and just God, and believes in accountability. It's our hope and prayer that the institution of God will be motivated by what Jesus came to advocate for his children on earth and emulate his consistency, fairness, principles, empathy with no hypocrisy Etc to heal our nation.

Ghanaians should be reminded that government is to seek, serve, and promote the common good of the people, not the good of the rulers. Government as an institution must also promote and facilitate progress toward the peace and prosperity of the larger society and preserve human dignity. Again the powers vested in the Presidency is to praise where it's due and inspire order by safeguarding the rule of law. This praise could be giving special recognition to those who serve in exemplary ways or just acknowledgment for being a good citizen. To wit, the state must inspire law and order, certainly not anarchy.

From our point of view, faith-based organizations could do better to check the excesses in this current NPP administration. The Church should be able to speak up against the ills in society, speak for the voiceless and also serve as a welcoming abode for the destitute to run to. But for the church to be quite over these years for the state to degenerate to this level and suddenly find their voices is quite shocking; and we hope that they stand up to the occasion when the masses need them to speak truth to power.





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According to the Holy Book - Proverbs 29:2 “When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan”. Under the current NPP administration, 8 lives have been lost and others maimed during the last general election and the Ayawaso by-elections which we expected the faith-based organizations to rise to the occasion and condemn and demand answers from government; but unfortunately they chose to keep quite.

The Pro-Forum North America wish to state that it is the silence of groups like the Catholic Bishops Conference that has emboldened the Akuffo-Addo government to run this country amok. For all you know, they are on free range and feel they can do anything and get away with it. Now it has become like a culture so endemic that it has extended to trampling on the basic human rights of Ghanaians and corruption is now the order of the day.

As church leaders from your respective parishes, you have spoken well and it’s loud and clear as the NDC has always been articulating. “Poverty is grinding down millions of people all over the country, prices of essentials are rising daily, and people are struggling to keep families alive together. President Akufo-Addo has failed in honoring his promise to protect the public purse”.

God bless our homeland Ghana....and help us to resist the oppressors rule.

**Sign:**

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