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"GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF NOT CONSULTING THEM ON THE BUILDING OF A NATIONAL CATHEDRAL”.

It has come to the notice of the Ghana Catholic Bishops’ Conference (GCBC), that a news item was aired by some media houses with the above headline: “GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF NOT CONSULTING THEM ON THE BUILDING OF A NATIONAL CATHEDRAL”.

According to the news item, the President of the GCBC and Metropolitan Archbishop of Tamale, Most Rev. Philip Naameh, was reported to have accused the Government for not consulting the GCBC on the issue of a National Cathedral.

The GCBC would like to state that nowhere in the interview granted to the Journalists, did the President of the GCBC make that accusation regarding lack of consultation towards the building of a National Cathedral. He rather sought to clarify that Archbishop Palmer-Buckle’s representation on the Board of the National Cathedral Project was in his personal capacity and not as the representative of the Conference.

He explained that though the GCBC was not invited officially to send a representative, the Bishops will continue to support the initiative of the President of the Republic, since the National Cathedral will serve as an Institution that will bring the various Christian denominations together regularly to pray, interact with one another and also promote unity among the various Christian denominations.

The Bishops’ Conference wishes to state firmly that it is not against the building of a National Cathedral and will always collaborate with government on relevant issues of national interest as indicated by the President of the Conference to the Journalists who interviewed him.

The GCBC would also like to use this medium to reassure Government that it will welcome opportunities for Church-State Partnership in favour of national development.
We take this opportunity to remind and also encourage all Journalists and media houses to ensure that the true reflection of interviews is communicated to the people of Ghana and their audience. We shall not tolerate any form of agenda that misinform and create needless disaffection for the Catholic Church and her Leadership.

Thank you.

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To: All Media Houses and the General Public