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MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE CCG IN SUPPORT OF THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE ON THE KARNIVAL KINGDOM FESTIVAL

The CCG aligns fully with the position of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference regarding the deeply concerning events that occurred during the Karnival Kingdom Festival held from 22–28 April 2026.

We join in the unequivocal condemnation of public nudity displayed during the festival, an act which not only offends public decency but also stands in violation of Ghanaian law, particularly Section 278 of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29). Such conduct undermines the moral fabric of our society and erodes the cultural values that define us as a people.

The CCG is especially troubled by reports that participants engaged in such acts received police protection. This raises serious questions about the role of state institutions entrusted with upholding law and order. We therefore support the call—also echoed by John Ntim Fordjour—for a full, transparent, and impartial investigation into the circumstances surrounding the event, including the granting of permits and the deployment of security personnel.

While we recognize the importance of cultural exchange and global engagement, we emphasize that such interactions must be grounded in respect for Ghana's laws, traditions, and societal norms. Imported cultural expressions cannot supersede the legal and moral standards that govern public life in our nation.

We further stress the need for accountability in governance. Institutions responsible for safeguarding public morality must not be seen to endorse or shield actions that contravene established laws. The integrity of our public institutions depends on their consistent and impartial enforcement of the law.

The CCG echoes the call for non-interference in any investigative processes and urges that all stakeholders allow due process to take its course without politicization.

Recommendations:

- * A thorough and independent investigation with findings made public;
- * A comprehensive review of event permitting processes, incorporating clear guidelines on public decency;
- * Accountability for any misuse of state resources, including police protection;
- * Initiation of a broad national dialogue on the boundaries of cultural expression in public spaces.

Conclusion

The events at the Karnival Kingdom Festival represent not just a lapse in judgment, but a serious challenge to the rule of law and the values we uphold as a nation. We stand with the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference in calling for urgent corrective action to ensure that such incidents are not repeated.

Signed

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