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THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE (GCBC) ENCOURAGES ALL CATHOLICS TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF AND PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE ONGOING POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

We bring you greetings of peace from the National Catholic Secretariat.

The 2021 Population and Housing Census (PHC) has started with the Census Night on Sunday, June 27, 2021. We, your Bishops, wish to encourage all our Catholic Faithful to avail themselves of the opportunity to be counted.

As we stated in our joint communique with the Christian Council of Ghana in May this year, the Population and Housing Census is significant for the growth and development of every nation. The data captured is important to plan the national, regional, district and local development of our nation. It will also enable us to know our Catholic population in Ghana.

We are aware of the genuine security concerns of some Ghanaians but with the assurance given by the various responsible Agencies, especially the Statistical Services of Ghana, we trust that the necessary safeguarding measures have been put in place to ensure that nobody falls victim to activities of some unscrupulous individuals who might be parading themselves as Census Officers.

We, however, urge all our Catholic Faithful and the general public to take charge of their personal security by being vigilant to ensure their safety and that of their household.

We commend the Government of Ghana and the donor partners for ensuring that this important exercise takes place despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, we wish to appeal to all Ghanaians to see the 2021 PHC as a national exercise for the common good, and its success requires the cooperation of all, despite our differences.

On this this note, we say **YOU COUNT, SO GET COUNTED!**

MOST REV. PHILIP NAAMEH
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