

RESOLUTION BY THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANISATION (C.Y.O),
GHANA, AT THE END OF THE 59TH NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING (NMCM) HELD AT THE ALFONS MERTENS YOUTH CENTRE IN THE
APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF DONKORKROM FROM WEDNESDAY 24th TO
SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST, 2022.

We, the Chaplains, National and Arch/Diocesan Officers of the CYO Ghana, at the 59th NMCM held at Alfons Mertens Youth Centre in the Apostolic Vicariate of Donkorkrom from Wednesday 24th to Sunday 28th August, 2022 and having prayerfully deliberated on the theme “Fratelli Tutti and COVID-19: Pastoral Opportunities and challenges in Ghana:

We do hereby resolve:

1. To study and religiously apply the resolutions passed, intensify aspects of it that we are already practicing and report in our National Management Council Meetings.
2. As a soldier of Christ, there is the need to be in readiness at all times so that when Jesus Christ comes He meets us prepared and doing His work as commissioned by His church here on Earth.
3. To redeem the downwards trend of our numerical strength lately by drawing programs that attract the youth, provide leadership, employable skills and also to meet their spiritual and religious needs. All in our efforts of embarking on membership drive.
4. The COVID-19 pandemic brought in its wake, inventions, innovations and job creation opportunities for the safety of humanity. It behooves on us as Catholic Youth to embrace these challenges and turn them into business opportunities in our attempt to create job and wealth to make the Catholic Church and its members in Ghana self-reliant.
5. Fratelli Tutti and COVID-19 encourages us to be care givers to one another as we are all created in the image and likeness of God. (conf Gen.1:26). We also appreciate the fact that poverty, ill-health and all forms of human calamities can be-fall anyone at any time. This therefore calls on us to provide humanitarian support to one another in our homes, schools and work places in our efforts of bringing God’s Kingdom here on earth.
6. We admonish all citizens to adopt our method of work (See, Judge and Act) to be security conscious and adopt the national security slogan, ‘**See something, say something**’. We also resolve to educate our 13,000 plus registered members in the country to be more aware of the security threats in the country so as to be alert and report suspicious acts and persons in our community, homes, work- places, churches and any out-door gatherings to the appropriate authorities.

7. We encourage our membership to take advantage of the central government's poverty eradication and youth empowerment schemes such as the YOSTART Programme to better their lot economically. In our quest to merit from these opportunities, we should be guided by our Law of being Honest to eschew the cancerous corruption in the country.
8. We observed that other churches constantly confront, confuse and convert our youth into their folds. We also resolve to intensify Faith Formation of our members to better understand the Catholic faith so as not to be swayed into joining other faith and churches.

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9. To urge our Bishops' Conference who are in collaboration with the Christian Council of Ghana to continue to push for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the government to be signed on the issue of returning mission schools to the churches and encourage the establishment of new schools where management would be guided by the contemporary teachings of the church in the New Evangelization approach.
10. We also wish to identify with our church authority to continue to dialogue with the government and all stakeholders to reduce the socio-cultural vices and economic hardship in the country.

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