

Another joke? Duterte says Catholic bishops useless...kill them

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MANILA, Philippines — President Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday intensified his verbal attacks against Catholic bishops, as if urging for their killing.

“[I]tong mga obispo ninyo, patayin ninyo. Walang silbi iyang mga gagong iyan. [VWA translates this to: These bishops, kill you. It's useless that's okay.] All they do is criticize,” Duterte said in his speech during the awarding ceremonies for the 2017 Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities (PACFMC) Malacañang.

The President again said he does not have the same God as the Catholics.

“I never said I do not believe in God. What I said is your God is stupid, mine has a lot of common sense. That’s what I told the bishops. I never said I was an atheist,” he said.

“I couldn’t have made it in life even the barest that I — before the presidency — without God,” he added.

He reiterated his earlier criticism that the Catholic Church is “the most hypocritical institution.”

Duterte has attacked the Church in his speeches, even calling it “full of shit.”

He also earlier drew the ire of the public and the Catholics for calling God “stupid” and questioning the creation theory in the Bible. /kga/ac