

## **We need drastic Change to our Political System**

Presently, there is a forthcoming 2010 election for national/local offices and it's truly a pathetic sight to see many movie stars/media personalities and/or their respective spouses, singing idols, a boxing champion and candidates with questionable character, many of whose competence and/or integrity leaves much to be desired, aspiring for congressional and/or senatorial seats. It's kind of sad that many of these candidates are so engrossed in their own personal illusions of power and grandeur, oblivious to the fact that these legislative positions do require a certain degree of intellectual/analytical capability, effective written/verbal communication skills not to mention the moral integrity/accountability to become effective law-makers. This kind of makes one wonder. Admittedly, one's status as a movie star/media personality does not necessarily disqualify one to become a Congressman or Senator. But how in the world could many of these would-be legislators who have the slightest clue/inclination as to the enormous fiscal responsibilities their respective positions entail and whose legislative or law-making capabilities/competence leaves much to be desired, realistically discuss/debate in the Congress/Senate floor, the ramifications of certain bills some of which would eventually become the law of the land? Some would be quite hesitant to do so for fear of being a laughing stock of their peers and/or the media which covers the same. It is quite obvious that they are probably more interested in their own self-centered agendas and have set their sights on the gross trappings of power/riches of their positions without fully cognizant of the fact that the very future of our country and its people lies in their hands. It is indeed sad to see that the political scene in our country is becoming too comical/theatrical for our own good and yet the worst part of it all is that there is nothing much we can do about it.

Interestingly enough, for whatever reason, the Filipino people have not learned from past mistakes and seem to be irresistibly infatuated and/or stuck with prominent movie/media personalities and/or their respective spouses and the traditional political dynasties becoming their elective officials. Indeed, unless truly viable alternative choices come into the political scene, I am afraid that the political contests of our country would remain pretty much the way it is. Which is why the idea/need to establish a political party composed of Filipinos not only in the Philippines but more so in North America, i.e., USA and Canada, as expounded by this author, seem to be more and more urgent and must be undertaken by concerned Filipinos sooner or later, one way or the other. For one thing, I believe that there are many qualified, competent and most importantly, God-fearing, morally upright candidates for legislative offices in our country who are based in the USA and/or overseas for that matter, who have a deep-down longing to retire in our beautiful country and be actively involved in the political arena. Unfortunately, their chances of winning any elective positions without the requisite popularity as a movie/media personality or as a member of a well-entrenched political dynasty/family, are nil to none. However, being the official candidate of a credible, Christian faith-based, values-driven political party with a grass-roots machinery dedicated to the transformation of our country as a righteous one, could very well serve as a springboard from which morally upright candidates could launch their respective candidacies for public office and have a semblance of a chance against the corrupt patronage system of the well-entrenched political dynasties or the popularity of the inept movie star/politicians of the land...a political party which would not be personality-

oriented but more cause-oriented in bringing about the much-needed moral integrity, accountability and servant-steward leadership so dearly lacking in our political scene today. Then and only then can we perhaps, usher in the birth of a Filipino people who, as the first and only Catholic/Christian country in the Far East could very well be, as written in 1st Peter 2:9-10... ***" a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. A people whom God has chosen to be His own to proclaim the glorious works of the One who called us out of a world of darkness and brought us into His marvelous light. Once we were no people, now we are God's people..."*** Di ba?

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