



ARCHDIOCESE OF AGAÑA

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Dear Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Agaña:

In promoting the unity of this Archdiocese, which is the main priority of the mandate given me by the Holy Father, I have met with almost every priest and deacon of this local Church, as well as with some Religious Superiors of the communities of consecrated women serving in Guam. I have also been convening the Presbyteral Council on a weekly basis to plan for the future of this Archdiocese.

Indeed, during a meeting of the Presbyteral Council held last June 17th, the challenges related to the unity of the Church in Guam were duly discussed and a way of moving forward was proposed and adopted, namely, the creation of four *ad hoc* committees for developing strategies regarding the following matters:

- a. **Scenario of the Archdiocese:** to propose and develop a scenario of the situation the Archdiocese should be in place at the completion of the mandate of the Apostolic Administrator.
- b. **Ongoing Formation:** to draw up a plan for the ongoing formation of the clergy and religious in the Archdiocese, at least on a short-term basis.
- c. **Proposal for Repositioning of Priests:** to forward concrete suggestions for repositioning clergy, including all Office holders that would result in a more unified Archdiocese.
- d. **Seminary Visitation:** visitations will be made to both Major Seminaries in the Archdiocese to assess their status, their formation programs, the personnel, and other matters involved in the formation of the clergy for the Archdiocese.

A list of the members of each committee and its chairperson is enclosed.

The Presbyteral Council also suggested that the Apostolic Administrator appoint Msgr. Bibi Arroyo the spokesperson for the Archdiocese both for answering questions from the media and for others making inquiries regarding the Archdiocese and that he appoint Fr. Patrick Castro, OFM Cap. a contact person and part of the support for those coming forward with allegations of having been sexually abused by a member of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Agaña.

As these committees do their work and the time comes to make important changes in the Archdiocese, I would ask your cooperation, prayers, and support so that together, as the family of God, we might move into the future with renewed faith, hope, and charity, building a deeper communion of mind and heart in the Risen Lord.

In assuring you of my sentiments of respect and esteem, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Savio Hon Tai Fai, SDB
Apostolic Administrator

Ad Hoc Committees

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***Chairperson**

I. Scenario of Situation:

1. Msgr. Bibi
2. Fr. Jeffrey San Nicolas
- *3. Fr. Adrian Cristobal**
4. Msgr. David C. Quitugua
5. Fr. Patrick Castro, OFM Cap.

II. Ongoing Formation:

1. Fr. Lito Abad
- *2. Fr. Mike Crisostomo**
3. Msgr. David I.A. Quitugua
4. Fr. Joe English, OFM Cap.
5. Fr. Gus Gumataotao, OFM Cap.

III. Proposal for Repositioning of Priests

1. Msgr. Bibi Arroyo
2. Msgr. David IA Quitugua
3. Fr. Patrick Castro, OFM Cap.
- *4. Fr. Lito Abad**
5. Fr. Tom McGrath, SJ
6. Fr. Alberto Rodriguez
7. Msgr. David C Quitugua
8. Fr. Mike Crisostomo

IV. Seminary Visitors

1. Fr. Romeo Convozar
2. Fr. Julio Cesar Sanchez
- *3. Fr. Jeffrey San Nicolas**
4. Fr. Patrick Castro, OFM Cap.
5. Fr. Tom McGrath, SJ

Two special assignments:

1. Msgr. Bibi Arroyo, Spokesperson for the Archdiocese
2. Fr. Patrick Castro, OFM Cap., support and contact person for alleged victims